UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 FORM 10-O

(Mark One)

☑ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended May 1, 2021 \square Transition report pursuant to section 13 or 15(d) of the securities exchange act of 1934 For the transition period from _____ Commission File Number 001-10613 DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) 59-1277135 Florida (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) 11780 US Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (561) 627-7171 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of Each Class Trading Symbol(s) Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered Common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share New York Stock Exchange DY Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No 🗆 Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes x No \Box Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. □ Accelerated filer ☐ Non-accelerated filer Large accelerated filer ☐ Smaller reporting company П Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \Box Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes \square No \boxtimes There were 30,778,691 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.33 1/3 outstanding at May 24, 2021.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands, except share amounts) (Unaudited)

(ontained)	 May 1, 2021	Ja	anuary 30, 2021
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 330,615	\$	11,770
Accounts receivable, net (Note 5)	867,545		858,123
Contract assets	177,212		197,110
Inventories	71,059		70,849
Income tax receivable	3,607		1,706
Other current assets	 48,012		29,072
Total current assets	 1,498,050		1,168,630
Property and equipment, net	273,503		273,960
Operating lease right-of-use assets	67,045		63,179
Goodwill	272,485		272,485
Intangible assets, net	114,647		119,322
Other assets	37,287		46,589
Total assets	\$ 2,263,017	\$	1,944,165
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	_	<u> </u>	_
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 171,013	\$	158,966
Current portion of debt	61,522		81,722
Contract liabilities	18,833		14,101
Accrued insurance claims	43,444		41,736
Operating lease liabilities	24,967		24,769
Income taxes payable	982		6,387
Other accrued liabilities	115,318		120,809
Total current liabilities	436,079		448,490
Long-term debt	835,178		501,562
Accrued insurance claims - non-current	62,361		70,224
Operating lease liabilities - non-current	41,034		38,359
Deferred tax liabilities, net - non-current	51,448		47,650
Other liabilities	26,964		26,572
Total liabilities	 1,453,064		1,132,857
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 19)			
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share: 1,000,000 shares authorized: no shares issued and outstanding	_		_
Common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share: 150,000,000 shares authorized: 30,778,154 and 30,615,167 issued and outstanding, respectively	10,259		10,205
Additional paid-in capital	3,807		2,284
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,767)		(1,769)
Retained earnings	797,654		800,588
Total stockholders' equity	809,953		811,308
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,263,017	\$	1,944,165

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Dollars in thousands, except share amounts) (Unaudited)

	For	For the Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 202	21	April 25, 2020		
Contract revenues	<u>\$</u>	727,497 \$	814,322		
Costs of earned revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization		620,011	680,206		
General and administrative		67,011	65,887		
Depreciation and amortization		39,079	45,871		
Goodwill impairment charge			53,264		
Total		726,101	845,228		
Interest expense, net		(5,877)	(12,457)		
(Loss) gain on debt extinguishment		(62)	12,504		
Other income, net		2,717	1,118		
Loss before income taxes		(1,826)	(29,741)		
(Benefit) provision for income taxes		(2,724)	2,677		
Net income (loss)	\$	898 \$	(32,418)		
Earnings (loss) per common share:					
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$	0.03 \$	(1.03)		
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$	0.03 \$	(1.03)		
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Shares used in computing earnings (loss) per common share:					
Basic	3	0,675,625	31,603,498		
Diluted	3	1,299,469	31,603,498		

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	_	For the Three Months Ended			
	_	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020		
Net Income (loss)	\$	898	\$ (32,418)		
Foreign currency translation gains (losses), net of tax		2	(31)		
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	900	\$ (32,449)		

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

(Unaudited)

For the	Three	Months	Fnded

		May 1, 2021									
	Common Stock		Additional		Accumulated Other		Retained		Total		
	Shares		Amount		Paid-in Capital		Comprehensive Loss		Earnings		Equity
Balances as of January 30, 2021	30,615,167	\$	10,205		\$ 2,284	\$	(1,769)	\$	800,588	\$	811,308
Stock options exercised	11,169		4		362		_		_		366
Stock-based compensation	704		_		3,740		_		_		3,740
Issuance of restricted stock, net of tax withholdings	151,114		50		(2,579)		_		(3,832)		(6,361)
Other comprehensive income	_		_		_		2		_		2
Net income	_		_		_		_		898		898
Balances as of May 1, 2021	30,778,154	\$	10,259		\$ 3,807	\$	(1,767)	\$	797,654	\$	809,953

For the Three Months Ended

	April 25, 2020									
	Common Stock Shares Amount		Additional Paid-in Capital		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss		Retained Earnings		Total Equity	
Balances as of January 25, 2020	31,583,938	\$	10,528	\$	30,158	\$		\$		\$ 868,604
Cumulative effect from implementation of ASU 2016-13	_		_		_		_		(471)	(471)
Stock options exercised	15,425		5		237		_		`	242
Stock-based compensation	1,428		1		2,321		_		_	2,322
Issuance of restricted stock, net of tax withholdings	31,870		10		(336)		_		_	(326)
Equity component of the settlement of 0.75% convertible senior notes due 2021, net of taxes	_		_		(3,971)		_		_	(3,971)
Purchase of warrants	_		_		(398)		_		_	(398)
Settlement of convertible note hedges related to extinguishment of convertible debt	_		_		341		_		_	341
Other comprehensive loss	_		_		_		(31)		_	(31)
Net (loss) income									(32,418)	(32,418)
Balances as of April 25, 2020	31,632,661	\$	10,544	\$	28,352	\$	(1,812)	\$	796,810	\$ 833,894

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in thousands) (Unaudited)

	For the Th	For the Three Months Ended						
	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020						
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net income (loss)	\$ 8	98 \$	(32,418)					
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:								
Depreciation and amortization	39,0		45,871					
Non-cash lease expense	7,8		7,921					
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	3,7		(8,710)					
Stock-based compensation	3,7		2,322					
Amortization of debt discount		63	4,341					
Provision for bad debt, net	2,8		118					
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(2,8		(1,788)					
Loss (gain) on debt extinguishment		62	(12,504)					
Amortization of debt issuance costs and other	6	36	951					
Goodwill impairment charge			53,264					
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:								
Accounts receivable, net	(12,2	46)	(54,134)					
Contract assets, net	24,6	29	(13,763)					
Other current assets and inventories	(19,0	67)	(11,337)					
Other assets	2,2	22	2,019					
Income taxes receivable/payable	(7,3	06)	11,518					
Accounts payable	7,6	99	80,319					
Accrued liabilities, insurance claims, operating lease liabilities, and other liabilities	(11,1	34)	11,171					
Net cash provided by operating activities	41,5	11	85,161					
Cash flows from investing activities:	(21.0	20)	(20.701)					
Capital expenditures	(31,6		(20,701)					
Proceeds from sale of assets	3,0		2,400					
Net cash used in investing activities	(28,5	85)	(18,301)					
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Proceeds from 4.50% Senior Notes	500,0	00	_					
Proceeds from borrowings on senior credit agreement, including term loans	95,0	00	675,000					
Principal payments on senior credit agreement, including term loans	(271,8	75)	(5,625)					
Debt issuance costs	(11,2	11)						
Extinguishment of 0.75% senior notes			(167,003)					
Redemption discount on convertible debt, net of costs			20,040					
Settlement of convertible note hedges related to extinguished convertible debt		_	341					
Purchase of warrants		_	(397)					
Exercise of stock options	3	66	242					
Restricted stock tax withholdings	(6,3		(326)					
Net cash provided by financing activities	305,9		522,272					
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	318,8		589,132					
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	13,5	74	59,869					
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Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$ 332,4	19 \$	649,001					

Supplemental disclosure of other cash flow activities and non-cash investing and financing activities:

Cash paid for interest	\$ 2,592 \$	8,510
Cash paid for taxes, net	\$ 430 \$	52
Purchases of capital assets included in accounts payable or other accrued liabilities at period end	\$ 9,149 \$	2,933
Debt financing costs included in other accrued liabilities at period end	\$ 427 \$	_

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Presentation

Dycom Industries, Inc. ("Dycom" or the "Company") is a leading provider of specialty contracting services throughout the United States. These services include program management; planning; engineering and design; aerial, underground, and wireless construction; maintenance; and fulfillment services for telecommunications providers. Additionally, Dycom provides underground facility locating services for various utilities, including telecommunications providers, and other construction and maintenance services for electric and gas utilities. Dycom supplies the labor, tools, and equipment necessary to provide these services to its customers.

The Company uses a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in January. Fiscal 2021 consisted of 53 weeks of operations and fiscal year ending January 29, 2022 consists of 52 weeks of operation.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned, have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by GAAP for annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* contained in this report and the Company's audited financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021, filed with the SEC on March 5, 2021. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented have been included. This includes all normal and recurring adjustments and elimination of intercompany accounts and transactions. Operating results for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for any subsequent interim or annual period.

Segment Information. The Company operates in one reportable segment. Its services are provided by its operating segments on a decentralized basis. Each operating segment consists of a subsidiary (or in certain instances, the combination of two or more subsidiaries), the results of which are regularly reviewed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer, the chief operating decision maker. All of the Company's operating segments have been aggregated into one reportable segment based on their similar economic characteristics, nature of services and production processes, type of customers, and service distribution methods.

The economy of the United States has been severely impacted by the nation's response to a pandemic caused by a novel strain of coronavirus ("COVID-19"). Measures taken include travel restrictions, social distancing requirements, quarantines, and shelter in place orders. As a result, businesses have been closed and certain business activities curtailed for varying periods of time and in varying geographic regions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our services have generally been considered essential in nature and have not been materially interrupted. As the situation continues to evolve, we are closely monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of our business, including how it impacts our customers, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and employees, in addition to how the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our ability to provide services to our customers. The full extent of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's operational and financial performance will be determined by factors which are uncertain, unpredictable and outside of our control, including the duration of the pandemic, any worsening of the pandemic, the containment and mitigation actions taken by federal, state and local governments, and the resulting impact on the demand for our services from our customers. The situation surrounding COVID-19 remains fluid, and if disruptions do arise, they could materially adversely impact our business.

2. Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates

There have been no material changes to the Company's significant accounting policies and critical accounting estimates described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates are based on our historical experience and management's understanding of current facts and circumstances. At the time they are made, we believe that such estimates are fair when considered in conjunction with the Company's consolidated financial position and results of operations taken as a whole. However, actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

3. Accounting Standards

Recently issued accounting pronouncements are disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021. As of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, there have been no changes in the expected dates of adoption or estimated effects on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements of recently issued accounting pronouncements from those disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021. Further, there have been no additional accounting standards issued as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are applicable to the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Accounting standards adopted during the three months ended May 1, 2021 are disclosed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

Codification Improvement. In October 2020, the FASB issued ASU No. 2020-10, Codification Improvements ("ASU 2020-10"). The amendments in this ASU represent changes to clarify the Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC"), correct unintended application of guidance, or make minor improvements to the ASC that are not expected to have a significant effect on current accounting practice or create a significant administrative cost to most entities. ASU 2020-10 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2020 and interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. The amendments in this ASU should be applied retrospectively. We adopted the provisions of this ASU in the first quarter of fiscal 2022 and there was no material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Income Taxes. In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU No. 2019-12, Income Taxes - Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes (Topic 740) ("ASU 2019-12"). ASU 2019-12 simplifies the accounting for income taxes by removing certain exceptions to the general principals in Topic 740. The amendments also improve consistent application of and simplify GAAP for other areas of Topic 740 by clarifying and amending existing guidance. We adopted the provisions of this ASU in the first quarter of fiscal 2022 and there was no material effect on our consolidated financial

Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

All other new accounting pronouncements that have been issued but not yet effective are currently being evaluated and at this time are not expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operation.

4. Computation of Earnings per Common Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

		For the Three Months Ended			
	N	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020		
Net income (loss) available to common stockholders (numerator)	\$	898 \$	(32,418)		
Weighted-average number of common shares (denominator)		30,675,625	31,603,498		
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$	0.03 \$	(1.03)		
Weighted-average number of common shares		30,675,625	31,603,498		
Potential shares of common stock arising from stock options, and unvested restricted share units		623,844			
Total shares-diluted (denominator)		31,299,469	31,603,498		
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$	0.03 \$	(1.03)		
Anti-dilutive weighted shares excluded from the calculation of earnings (loss) per common share:					
Stock-based awards ⁽¹⁾		66,264	608,279		
0.75% convertible senior notes due $2021^{(2)(3)}$		601,349	3,024,082		
Warrants ^{(1) (2)}		601,349	3,024,082		
Total		1,268,962	6,656,443		

⁽¹⁾ For the three months ended April 25, 2020, all common stock equivalents related to stock options and unvested restricted share units were excluded from the diluted loss per share calculation as their effect would be anti-dilutive due to our net less for the period.

In connection with the offering of the 2021 Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with counterparties for the purpose of reducing the potential dilution to common stockholders from the conversion of the 2021 Convertible Notes and offsetting any potential cash payments in excess of the principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes. Prior to conversion, the convertible note hedge is not included for purposes of the calculation of earnings per common share as its effect would be anti-dilutive. Upon conversion, the convertible note hedge is expected to offset the dilutive effect of the 2021 Convertible Notes when the average stock price for the period is above \$96.89 per share. See Note 13, *Debt*, for additional information related to our 2021 Convertible Notes, warrant transactions, and hedge transactions.

⁽²⁾ Under the treasury stock method, the convertible senior notes will have a dilutive impact on earnings per common share if our average stock price for the period exceeds the \$96.89 per share conversion price. Our average stock price did not exceed the per share conversion price during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020; therefore, there was no dilutive impact on earnings per common share for these periods. The warrants associated with our 2021 convertible senior notes will have a dilutive impact on earnings per common share if our average stock price for the period exceeds the \$130.43 per share warrant strike price. As our average stock price did not exceed the strike price for the warrants for any of the periods presented, the underlying common shares were anti-dilutive as reflected in the table above.

⁽³⁾ In connection with the purchase of \$401.7 million of the 2021 Convertible Notes in fiscal 2021 and \$25.0 million in fiscal 2020, we unwound convertible note hedge transactions and warrants proportionately to the number of 2021 Convertible Notes, resulting in a decrease in the number of excluded weighted shares.

5. Accounts Receivable, Contract Assets, and Contract Liabilities

The following provides further details on the balance sheet accounts of accounts receivable, net; contract assets; and contract liabilities.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable, net, classified as current, consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

		y 1, 2021	January 30, 2021		
Trade accounts receivable	\$	326,582	\$	352,501	
Unbilled accounts receivable		529,150		492,324	
Retainage		16,050		14,974	
Total		871,782		859,799	
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		(4,237)		(1,676)	
Accounts receivable, net	\$	867,545	\$	858,123	

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses on uncollected balances. The allowance for doubtful accounts changed as follows (dollars in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended				
	'	May 1, 2021		April 25, 2020	
Cumulative effect from implementation of ASU 2016-13	\$		\$	471	
Allowance for doubtful accounts at beginning of period		1,676		4,582	
Provision for bad debt		2,823		118	
Amounts charged against the allowance		(262)		(5)	
Allowance for doubtful accounts at end of period	\$	4,237	\$	5,166	

Contract Assets and Contract Liabilities

Net contract assets consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	 May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Contract assets	\$ 177,212	\$ 197,110
Contract liabilities	18,833	14,101
Contract assets, net	\$ 158,379	\$ 183,009

Net contract assets were \$158.4 million and \$183.0 million as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively. The decrease primarily resulted from reduced services performed and increased billings under contracts consisting of multiple tasks. During the three months ended May 1, 2021, we performed services and recognized \$5.9 million of contract revenues related to contract liabilities that existed at January 30, 2021. See Note 6, *Other Current Assets and Other Assets*, for information on our long-term contract assets.

Customer Credit Concentration

Customers whose combined amounts of accounts receivable and contract assets, net, exceeded 10% of total combined accounts receivable and contract assets, net, as of May 1, 2021 or January 30, 2021 were as follows (dollars in millions):

		May 1, 2021			January 30, 2021				
	A	mount	% of Total		Amount	% of Total			
Verizon Communications Inc.	\$	361.5	35.1%	\$	389.9	37.4%			
Lumen Technologies ⁽¹⁾	\$	153.5	14.9%	\$	173.5	16.6%			
Comcast Corporation	\$	134.8	13.1%	\$	131.7	12.6%			

 $^{^{\}rm (1)}\mbox{Formerly}$ known as CenturyLink, Inc.

We believe that none of the customers above were experiencing financial difficulties that would materially impact the collectability of the Company's total accounts receivable and contract assets, net, as of May 1, 2021 or January 30, 2021.

6. Other Current Assets and Other Assets

Other current assets consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Prepaid expenses	\$ 31,520	\$ 14,849
Deposits and other current assets	15,004	12,817
Restricted cash	1,372	1,372
Receivables on equipment sales	116	34
Other current assets	\$ 48,012	\$ 29,072

Other assets consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Long-term contract assets	\$ 16,202	\$ 17,574
Deferred financing costs	5,631	5,205
Restricted cash	432	432
Insurance recoveries/receivables for accrued insurance claims	8,615	15,837
Other non-current deposits and assets	6,407	7,541
Other assets	\$ 37,287	\$ 46,589

Long-term contract assets represent payments made to customers pursuant to long-term agreements and are recognized as a reduction of contract revenues over the period for which the related services are provided to the customers.

See Note 10, Accrued Insurance Claims, for information on our Insurance recoveries/receivables.

7. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

Amounts of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 330,615	\$ 11,770
Restricted cash included in:		
Other current assets	1,372	1,372
Other assets (long-term)	432	432
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 332,419	\$ 13,574

8. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	Estimated Useful Lives (Years) May 1, 2021				January 30, 2021				
Land		\$	4,421	\$	3,796				
Buildings	10-35		10,274		11,169				
Leasehold improvements	1-10		17,298		17,030				
Vehicles	1-5		641,371		626,809				
Computer hardware and software	1-7		148,987		144,989				
Office furniture and equipment	1-10		13,156		13,293				
Equipment and machinery	1-10		305,587		300,143				
Total		·	1,141,094		1,117,229				
Less: accumulated depreciation			(867,591)		(843,269)				
Property and equipment, net		\$	273,503	\$	273,960				

Depreciation expense was \$34.4 million and \$40.6 million for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively.

9. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill

There was no change in the carrying amount of goodwill during the three months ended May 1, 2021. The goodwill balance consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021			January 30, 2021
Goodwill, gross	\$	521,516	\$	521,516
Accumulated impairment losses		(249,031)		(249,031)
Total	\$	272,485	\$	272,485

The Company's goodwill resides in multiple reporting units and primarily consists of expected synergies, together with the expansion of the Company's geographic presence and strengthening of its customer base from acquisitions. Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets are assessed annually for impairment, or more frequently if events occur that would indicate a potential reduction in the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. The profitability of individual reporting units may suffer periodically due to downturns in customer demand, increased costs of providing services, and the level of overall economic activity. The Company's customers may reduce capital expenditures and defer or cancel pending projects due to changes in technology, a slowing or uncertain economy, merger or acquisition activity, a decision to allocate resources to other areas of their business, or other reasons. The profitability of reporting units may also suffer if actual costs of providing services exceed the costs anticipated when the Company enters into contracts. Additionally, adverse conditions in the economy and future volatility in the equity and credit markets could impact the valuation of the Company's peoprting units. The cyclical nature of the Company's business, the high level of competition existing within its industry, and the concentration of its revenues from a limited number of customers may also cause results to vary. These factors may affect individual reporting units disproportionately, relative to the Company as a whole. As a result, the performance of one or more of the reporting units could decline, resulting in an impairment of goodwill or intangible assets.

During fiscal 2021 the economy of the United States was severely impacted by the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Measures taken include travel restrictions, social distancing requirements, quarantines, and shelter in place orders. As a result, businesses have been closed and certain business activities curtailed for varying periods of time and in varying geographic regions. During the COVID-19 pandemic, our services have generally been considered essential in nature and have not been materially interrupted. However, certain customers of one of the Company's reporting units ("Broadband") have decided to restrict our technicians from entering third party premises. Furthermore, customers have modified their protocols to increase the self-installation of customer premise equipment by their subscribers. The events following the onset of COVID-19 were expected to result in a prolonged downturn in customer demand for installation services and to have a direct, adverse impact on its revenue, operating results and cash flows. As a result, during the quarter ended April 25, 2020 the Company

recognized an impairment charge of \$53.3 million which is the amount by which the carrying amount exceeded the reporting unit's fair value.

The Company performs its annual impairment assessment as of the first day of the fourth fiscal quarter of each fiscal year. As a result of the Company's fiscal 2021 period assessment, the Company concluded that no impairment of goodwill or the indefinite-lived intangible asset was indicated at any reporting unit for any of the periods other than the first quarter of fiscal 2021. As of May 1, 2021, the Company continues to believe the remaining goodwill and the indefinite-lived intangible asset are recoverable for all of its reporting units.

Intangible Assets

Our intangible assets consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021							J	anuary 30, 2021			
	Weighted Average Remaining Useful Lives (Years)	Gross Carrying Accumulated Intangible Assets, G Amount Amortization Net		Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization	Inta	nngible Assets, Net				
Customer relationships	9.1	\$	312,017	\$	\$ 203,199	\$ 108,818	\$	312,017	\$	198,604	\$	113,413
Trade names, finite	8.2		10,350		9,221	1,129		10,350		9,141		1,209
Trade name, indefinite	_		4,700		_	4,700		4,700		_		4,700
		\$	327,067	\$	\$ 212,420	\$ 114,647	\$	327,067	\$	207,745	\$	119,322

Amortization of our customer relationship intangibles is recognized on an accelerated basis as a function of the expected economic benefit. Amortization of our other finite-lived intangibles is recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life. Amortization expense for finite-lived intangible assets was \$4.7 million and \$5.2 million for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively.

As of May 1, 2021, we believe that the carrying amounts of our intangible assets are recoverable. However, if adverse events were to occur or circumstances were to change indicating that the carrying amount of such assets may not be fully recoverable, the assets would be reviewed for impairment.

10. Accrued Insurance Claims

For claims within our insurance program, we retain the risk of loss, up to certain annual stop-loss limits, for matters related to automobile liability, general liability (including damages associated with underground facility locating services), workers' compensation, and employee group health. Losses for claims beyond our retained risk of loss are covered by insurance up to our coverage limits.

For fiscal 2021, with regard to workers' compensation losses, we retained the risk of loss up to \$1.0 million on a per occurrence basis. This retention amount is applicable to all of the states in which we operate, except with respect to workers' compensation insurance in two states in which we participate in state-sponsored insurance funds. With regard to automobile liability and general liability losses, we retained the risk of loss up \$1.0 million on a per occurrence basis for the first \$5.0 million of insurance coverage. In addition, we also retained the risk of loss for automobile and general liability for the next \$5.0 million on a per-occurrence basis with aggregate loss limits of \$11.5 million within this layer of retention.

For fiscal 2022, with regard to workers' compensation losses, our retention of risk remains the same as fiscal 2021. With regard to automobile liability and general liability losses, our retention of primary risk remains the same as fiscal 2021. In addition, we reduced our coverage limit and retained \$10.0 million risk of loss on a per occurrence basis for losses above \$30.0 million.

We are party to a stop-loss agreement for losses under our employee group health plan. For the calendar year 2020, we retained the risk of loss, on an annual basis, up to the first \$450,000 of claims per participant, as well as an annual aggregate amount for all participants of \$475,000. For the calendar year 2021, we retain the risk of loss on an annual basis, up to the first \$600,000 of claims per participant.

Amounts for total accrued insurance claims and insurance recoveries/receivables are as follows (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021			January 30, 2021
Accrued insurance claims - current	\$	43,444	\$	41,736
Accrued insurance claims - non-current		62,361		70,224
Accrued insurance claims	\$	105,805	\$	111,960
Insurance recoveries/receivables:				
Non-current (included in Other assets)	\$	8,615	\$	15,837
Insurance recoveries/receivables	\$	8,615	\$	15,837

Insurance recoveries/receivables represent the amount of accrued insurance claims that are covered by insurance as the amounts exceed the Company's loss retention. During the three months ended May 1, 2021, total insurance recoveries/receivables decreased approximately \$7.2 million primarily due to the settlement of claims that exceeded our loss retention. Accrued insurance claims decreased by a corresponding amount.

11. Leases

We lease the majority of our office facilities as well as certain equipment, all of which are accounted for as operating leases. These leases have remaining terms ranging from less than 1 year to approximately 9 years. Some leases include options to extend the lease for up to 5 years and others include options to terminate.

The following table summarizes the components of lease cost recognized in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 (dollars in thousands):

	For the Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 2021			April 25, 2020
Lease cost under long-term operating leases	\$	8,630	\$	8,813
Lease cost under short-term operating leases		5,191		8,833
Variable lease cost under short-term and long-term operating leases ⁽¹⁾		1,245		1,132
Total lease cost	\$	15,066	\$	18,778

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Variable lease cost primarily includes insurance, maintenance, and other operating expenses related to our leased office facilities.

Our operating lease liabilities related to long-term operating leases were \$66.0 million as of May 1, 2021 and \$63.1 million as of January 30, 2021. Supplemental balance sheet information related to these liabilities is as follows:

	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Weighted average remaining lease term	3.3 years	3.2 years
Weighted average discount rate	4.3 %	4.6 %

Supplemental cash flow information related to our long-term operating lease liabilities as of May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 is as follows (dollars in thousands):

		For the Three Months Ended				
		April 25, 2020				
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities	\$	10,650	\$	8,589		
Operating lease right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease liabilities	\$	11,710	\$	11,240		

As of May 1, 2021, maturities of our lease liabilities under our long-term operating leases for the next five fiscal years and thereafter are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
Remainder of 2022	\$ 21,125
2023	22,497
2024	13,706
2025	8,260
2026	3,643
Thereafter	2,304
Total lease payments	71,535
Less: imputed interest	(5,534)
Total	\$ 66,001

12. Other Accrued Liabilities

Other accrued liabilities consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1, 2021	 January 30, 2021	
Accrued payroll and related taxes	\$ 47,944	\$ 43,593	
Accrued employee benefit and incentive plan costs	10,564	32,988	
Accrued construction costs	28,988	22,972	
Other current liabilities	27,822	21,256	
Other accrued liabilities	\$ 115,318	\$ 120,809	

13. Debt

Our outstanding indebtedness consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	May 1	, 2021	January 30, 2021
Credit agreement - Revolving facility (matures April 2026)	\$	— \$	105,000
Credit agreement - Term loan facility, net (matures April 2026)		346,928	421,874
4.50% senior notes, net (mature April 2029)		492,625	_
0.75% convertible senior notes, net (mature September 2021)		57,147	56,410
		896,700	583,284
Less: current portion		(61,522)	(81,722)
Long-term debt	\$	835,178 \$	501,562

Senior Credit Agreement

On April 1, 2021, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries amended its credit agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018, with the various lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent (the "Credit Agreement"). The maturity date of the Credit Agreement was extended to April 1, 2026 and, among other things, the maximum revolver commitment was decreased to \$650.0 million from \$750.0 million and the term loan facility was decreased to \$350.0 million from \$416.3 million. The Credit Agreement includes a \$200.0 million sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$50.0 million sublimit for swingline loans.

The following table summarizes the net carrying value of the term loan as of May 1, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

		May 1, 2021
Principal amount of term loan	\$	350,000
Less: Debt issuance costs	<u></u>	(3,072)
Net carrying amount of term loan	\$	346,928

Subject to certain conditions, the Credit Agreement provides us with the ability to enter into one or more incremental facilities either by increasing the revolving commitments under the Credit Agreement and/or by establishing one or more additional term loans, up to the sum of (i) \$350.0 million and (ii) an aggregate amount such that, after giving effect to such incremental facilities on a pro forma basis (assuming that the amount of the incremental commitments are fully drawn and funded), the consolidated senior secured net leverage ratio does not exceed 2.25 to 1.00. The consolidated senior secured net leverage ratio is the ratio of our consolidated senior secured indebtedness reduced by unrestricted cash and equivalents in excess of \$25.0 million to our trailing twelvemonth consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, as defined by the Credit Agreement ("EBITDA"). Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and secured by 100% the equity interests of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the voting equity interests and 100% of the non-voting interests of our first-tier foreign subsidiaries (subject to customary exceptions).

Under the Credit Agreement, borrowings bear interest at the rates described below based upon our consolidated net leverage ratio, which is the ratio of our consolidated total funded debt reduced by unrestricted cash and equivalents in excess of \$25.0 million to our trailing twelve-month consolidated EBITDA, as defined by the Credit Agreement. In addition, we incur certain fees for unused balances and letters of credit at the rates described below, also based upon our consolidated net leverage ratio.

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Borrowings - Eurodollar Rate Loans		1.25% - 2.00% plus LIBOR ⁽¹⁾
Borrowings - Base Rate Loans		0.25% - 1.00% plus Base rate ⁽²⁾
Unused Revolver Commitment		0.20% - 0.40%
Standby Letters of Credit		1.25% - 2.00%
Commercial Letters of Credit		0.625% -1.000%

(1) To address the transition in financial markets away from LIBOR by the end of 2021, the Credit Agreement includes provisions related to the replacement of LIBOR with a LIBOR Successor Rate (as defined in the Credit Agreement), which may be a rate based on the secured overnight financing rate published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

(2) Base rate is described in our Credit Agreement as the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, (ii) the administrative agent's prime rate, and (iii) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.00% and, if such rate is less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero.

Standby letters of credit of approximately \$46.3 million and \$52.2 million, issued as part of our insurance program, were outstanding under the Credit Agreement as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively.

The weighted average interest rates and fees for balances under our Credit Agreement as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021 were as follows:

	Weighted Average	Rate End of Period
	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021
Borrowings - Term loan facilities	1.74%	1.63%
Borrowings - Revolving facility	—%	2.14%
Standby Letters of Credit	1.63%	1.50%
Unused Revolver Commitment	0.30%	0.25%

The Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a consolidated net leverage ratio of not greater than 3.50 to 1.00, as measured at the end of each fiscal quarter, and provides for certain increases to this ratio in connection with permitted acquisitions. The agreement also contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a consolidated interest coverage ratio, which is the ratio of our trailing twelve-month consolidated EBITDA to our consolidated interest expense, each as defined by the Credit Agreement, of not less than 3.00 to 1.00, as measured at the end of each fiscal quarter. At May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we were in compliance with the financial covenants of our Credit Agreement and had borrowing availability under the revolving facility of \$452.1 million and \$558.7 million, respectively, as determined by the most restrictive covenant.

4.50% Senior Notes Due 2029

On April 1, 2021, we issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.50% senior notes due 2029 (the "2029 Notes"). The 2029 Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis, jointly and severally, by all of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Agreement.

The indenture governing the 2029 Notes contains certain covenants that limit, among other things, our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to (i) incur additional debt and issue certain preferred stock, (ii) pay certain dividends on, repurchase, or make distributions in respect of, our and their capital stock or make other restricted payments, (iii) enter into agreements that place limitations on distributions from restricted subsidiaries, (iv) guarantee certain debt, (v) make certain investments, (vi) sell or exchange certain assets, (vii) enter into transactions with affiliates, (viii) create certain liens, and (ix) consolidate, merge or transfer all or substantially all of our or their assets. These covenants are subject to a number of exceptions, limitations and qualifications as set forth in the indenture governing the 2029 Notes.

The following table summarizes the net carrying value of the 2029 Notes as of May 1, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	 May 1, 2021
Principal amount of 4.50% senior notes due April 2029	\$ 500,000
Less: Debt issuance costs	 (7,375)
Net carrying amount of 2029 Notes	\$ 492,625

The following table summarizes the fair value of the 2029 Notes, net of debt issuance costs. The fair value of the 2029 Notes is based on the closing trading price per \$100 of the 2029 Notes as of the last day of trading (Level 2), which was \$101.50 as of May 1, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	 May 1, 2021
Fair value of principal amount of 2029 Notes	\$ 507,500
Less: Debt issuance costs	 (7,375)
Fair value of 2029 Notes	\$ 500,125

0.75% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2021

On September 15, 2015, we issued 0.75% convertible senior notes due September 2021 in a private placement in the principal amount of \$485.0 million (the "2021 Convertible Notes"). The 2021 Convertible Notes, governed by the terms of an indenture between the Company and a bank trustee, are unsecured obligations and do not contain any financial covenants or restrictions on the payments of dividends, the incurrence of indebtedness, or the issuance or repurchase of securities by the Company. The 2021 Convertible Notes bear interest at a rate of 0.75% per year, payable in cash semiannually in March and September, and will mature on September 15, 2021, unless earlier purchased by the Company or converted. In the event we fail to perform certain obligations under the indenture, the 2021 Convertible Notes will accrue additional interest. Certain events are considered "events of default" under the 2021 Convertible Notes, which may result in the acceleration of the maturity of the 2021 Convertible Notes, as described in the indenture. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, we purchased, through open-market transactions, \$25.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes for \$24.3 million, leaving the principal amount of \$460.0 million outstanding. After the write-off of associated debt issuance costs, the net loss on extinguishment was \$0.1 million for fiscal 2020. In fiscal 2021, we purchased \$401.7 million aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes for \$371.4 million, including interest and fees, leaving the principal amount of \$58.3 million outstanding. These 2021 Convertible Notes were purchased through privately-negotiated transactions and a tender offer. After the write-off of associated debt issuance costs, the net gain on extinguishment was \$12.0 million for fiscal 2021.

Each \$1,000 of principal of the 2021 Convertible Notes is convertible into 10.3211 shares of the Company's common stock, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$96.89 per share. The conversion rate is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, including in connection with specified fundamental changes (as defined in the indenture). In addition, holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes have the right to require the Company to repurchase all or a portion of their notes on the occurrence of a fundamental change at a price of 100% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Prior to June 15, 2021, the 2021 Convertible Notes are convertible by the 2021 Convertible Note holders under the following circumstances: (1) during any fiscal quarter commencing after October 24, 2015 (and only during such fiscal quarter) if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the 30 consecutive trading days period ending on the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the applicable conversion price on such trading day (\$125.96 assuming an applicable conversion price of \$96.89); (2) during the five consecutive business day period after any five consecutive trading day period (the "measurement period") in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of 2021 Convertible Notes for each trading day of such measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the applicable conversion rate on each such trading day; or (3) upon the occurrence of specified corporate events. On or after June 15, 2021 until the close of business on the second scheduled trading day immediately preceding the maturity date, holders may convert all or a portion of their 2021 Convertible Notes at any time regardless of the foregoing circumstances. Upon conversion, the 2021 Convertible Notes will be settled, at the Company's election, in cash, shares of the Company's common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock. The Company intends to settle the principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes with cash.

During the three months ended May 1, 2021, the closing price of the Company's common stock did not meet or exceed 130% of the applicable conversion price of the 2021 Convertible Notes for at least 20 of the last 30 consecutive trading dates of the quarter. Additionally, no other conditions allowing holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes to convert have been met as of May 1, 2021. As a result, the 2021 Convertible Notes were not convertible during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and are classified as debt.

Convertible debt instruments that may be settled in cash upon conversion are required to be accounted for as separate liability and equity components. As of the date of issuance, the carrying amount of the liability component is calculated by measuring the fair value of a similar instrument that does not have an associated convertible feature using an indicative market interest rate ("Comparable Yield"). The difference between the principal amount of the notes and the carrying amount represents a debt discount. The debt discount is amortized to interest expense using the Comparable Yield (5.5% with respect to the 2021 Convertible Notes) using the effective interest rate method over the term of the 2021 Convertible Notes. During the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, we incurred \$0.7 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, of interest expense for the non-cash amortization of the debt discount. The liability component of the 2021 Convertible Notes consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

		May 1, 2021	J	anuary 30, 2021
Liability component	·			
Principal amount of 0.75% convertible senior notes due September 2021	\$	58,264	\$	58,264
Less: Debt discount		(1,003)		(1,665)
Less: Debt issuance costs		(114)		(189)
Net carrying amount of 2021 Convertible Notes	\$	57,147	\$	56,410

The equity component of the 2021 Convertible Notes was recognized at issuance and represents the difference between the principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes and the fair value of the liability component of the 2021 Convertible Notes at issuance. The equity component approximated \$112.6 million at the time of issuance and its fair value is not remeasured as long as it continues to meet the conditions for equity classification.

The following table summarizes the fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes, net of the debt discount and debt issuance costs. The fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes is based on the closing trading price per \$100 of the 2021 Convertible Notes as of the last day of trading for the respective periods (Level 2), which was \$108.75 and \$104.50 as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively (dollars in thousands):

_	May 1, 2021		January 30, 2021
Fair value of principal amount of 2021 Convertible Notes	\$ 63	,362	\$ 60,886
Less: Debt discount and debt issuance costs	(1	,117)	(1,854)
Fair value of 2021 Convertible Notes	\$ 62	,245	\$ 59,032

Convertible Note Hedge and Warrant Transactions

In connection with the offering of the 2021 Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with counterparties for the purpose of reducing the potential dilution to common stockholders from the conversion of the 2021 Convertible Notes and offsetting any potential cash payments in excess of the principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes. In the event that shares or cash are deliverable to holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes upon conversion at limits defined in the indenture governing the 2021 Convertible Notes, counterparties to the convertible note hedge will be required to deliver to us shares of our common stock or pay cash to us in a similar amount as the value that we deliver to the holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes based on a conversion price of \$96.89 per share. At inception of the convertible note hedge transactions, up to 5.006 million of our shares could be deliverable to us upon conversion. After the Company settled a portion of the note hedge transactions during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 in connection with the purchase of \$25.0 million and \$401.7 million, respectively, of the 2021 Convertible Notes, the number of shares that could be deliverable to us upon conversion was reduced to up to 0.601 million of our shares.

We also entered into separately negotiated warrant transactions with the same counterparties as the convertible note hedge transactions whereby we sold warrants to purchase, subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments, up to 5.006 million shares of our common stock at a price of \$130.43 per share. After the Company purchased a portion of the warrants during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 in connection with the purchase of \$25.0 million and \$401.7 million, respectively, of the 2021 Convertible Notes, the remaining warrant transactions provide for up to 0.601 million shares. The warrants will not have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share unless our quarterly average share price exceeds the warrant strike price of \$130.43 per share. In this event, we expect to settle the warrant transactions on a net share basis whereby we will issue shares of our common stock.

Upon settlement of the conversion premium of the 2021 Convertible Notes, convertible note hedge, and warrants, the resulting dilutive impact of these transactions, if any, would be the number of shares necessary to settle the value of the warrant transactions above \$130.43 per share. The net amounts incurred in connection with the convertible note hedge and warrant transactions were recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheets during fiscal 2016 and are not expected to be remeasured in subsequent reporting periods.

14. Income Taxes

Our interim income tax provisions are based on the effective income tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year, adjusted for specific items that are required to be recognized in the period in which they occur. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are based on the enacted tax rate that will apply in future periods when such assets and liabilities are expected to be settled or realized.

Our effective income tax rate was 149.1% and (9.0)% for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate each period primarily due to the difference in income tax rates from state to state where work was performed, changes in unrecognized tax benefits, tax law changes, tax credits recognized, variances in non-deductible and non-taxable items, and the impact of the vesting and exercise of share-based awards during the periods. Additionally, during the three months ended April 25, 2020, our effective tax rate was impacted by a \$53.3 million goodwill impairment charge which was mostly non-deductible for income tax purposes, and the benefit from a \$2.6 million tax loss carryback technical correction under the CARES Act.

15. Other Income, Net

The components of other income, net, were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	 For the Three Months Ended		
	 May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020	
Gain on sale of fixed assets	\$ 2,852	\$ 1,788	
Discount fee expense	(489)	(792)	
Miscellaneous income, net	354	122	
Other income, net	\$ 2,717	\$ 1,118	

We participate in a vendor payment program sponsored by one of our customers. Eligible accounts receivable from this customer are included in the program and payment is received pursuant to a non-recourse sale to a bank partner. This program effectively reduces the time to collect these receivables as compared to that customer's standard payment terms. We incur a discount fee to the bank on the payments received that is reflected as discount fee expense in the table above and is included as an expense component in other income, net, in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

16. Capital Stock

Repurchases of Common Stock. On March 3, 2021 the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a new \$150 million program to repurchase shares of the Company's outstanding common stock through August 2022 in open market or private transactions. As of May 1, 2021, the full \$150 million of the new authorization was available for repurchases.

Restricted Stock Tax Withholdings. During the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, the Company withheld 74,835 shares and 12,808 shares, respectively, totaling \$6.4 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, to meet payroll tax withholdings obligations arising from the vesting of restricted share units. All shares withheld have been canceled. Shares of common stock withheld for tax withholdings do not reduce the Company's total share repurchase authority.

Upon cancellation of shares withheld for tax withholdings, the excess over par value is recorded as a reduction of additional paid-in capital until the balance is reduced to zero, with any additional excess recorded as a reduction of retained earnings. During the three months ended May 1, 2021, \$3.8 million was charged to retained earnings related to shares canceled during the period.

17. Stock-Based Awards

We have certain stock-based compensation plans under which we grant stock-based awards, including common stock, stock options, time-based restricted share units ("RSUs"), and performance-based restricted share units ("Performance RSUs") to attract, retain, and reward talented employees, officers, and directors, and to align stockholder and employee interests.

Compensation expense for stock-based awards is based on fair value at the measurement date. This expense fluctuates over time as a function of the duration of vesting periods of the stock-based awards and the Company's performance, as measured by criteria set forth in performance-based awards. Stock-based compensation expense is included in general and administrative expenses in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and the amount of expense ultimately recognized depends on the quantity of awards that actually vest. Accordingly, stock-based compensation expense may vary from period to period.

The performance criteria for the Company's performance-based equity awards utilize the Company's operating earnings (adjusted for certain amounts) as a percentage of contract revenues for the applicable four-quarter period (a "Performance Year") and its Performance Year operating cash flow level (adjusted for certain amounts). Additionally, certain awards include three-year performance measures that, if met, result in supplemental shares awarded. For Performance RSUs, the Company evaluates compensation expense quarterly and recognizes expense for performance-based awards only if it determines it is probable that performance criteria for the awards will be met.

Stock-based compensation expense and the related tax benefit recognized during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

_	For the Three Months Ended		
	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020)
Stock-based compensation	3,740	\$	2,322
Income tax effect of stock-based compensation	919	\$	573

In addition, during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 the Company realized \$2.6 million of net excess tax benefits and \$0.5 million of net tax deficiencies, respectively, related to the vesting and exercise of share-based awards.

As of May 1, 2021, we had unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options, RSUs, and target Performance RSUs (based on the Company's expected achievement of performance measures) of \$2.9 million, \$18.4 million, and \$8.6 million, respectively. This expense will be recognized over a weighted-average number of years of 3.1, 2.9, and 2.5, respectively, based on the average remaining service periods for the awards. As of May 1, 2021, we may recognize an additional \$21.6 million in compensation expense in future periods if the maximum number of Performance RSUs is earned based on certain performance measures being met.

Stock Options

The following table summarizes stock option award activity during the three months ended May 1, 2021:

	Stock Options			
	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price		
Outstanding as of January 30, 2021	344,963	\$ 49.66		
Granted	29,738	\$ 85.02		
Options exercised	(11,169)	\$ 32.77		
Canceled	_	_		
Outstanding as of May 1, 2021	363,532	\$ 53.07		
Exercisable options as of May 1, 2021	254,745	\$ 53.00		

RSUs and Performance RSUs

 $The following table summarizes \ RSU \ and \ Performance \ RSU \ award \ activity \ during \ the \ three \ months \ ended \ May \ 1, \ 2021:$

Restricted Stock

	RSUs			Performance RSUs			
	Weighted Average Grant Date Share Units Fair Value		Share Units	Wei	ghted Average Grant Date Fair Value		
Outstanding as of January 30, 2021	648,361	\$	33.29	425,344	\$	54.03	
Granted	57,732	\$	85.11	272,942	\$	85.01	
Share units vested	(155,763)	\$	33.25	(70,890)	\$	57.59	
Forfeited or canceled	(5,482)	\$	42.66	(164,410)	\$	61.47	
Outstanding as of May 1, 2021	544,848	\$	38.70	462,986	\$	69.10	

The total number of granted Performance RSUs presented above consists of 187,967 target shares and 84,975 supplemental shares. The total number of Performance RSUs outstanding as of May 1, 2021 consists of 309,825 target shares and 153,161 supplemental shares. With respect to the Company's Performance Year ended July 25, 2020, the Company canceled 88,057 target shares and 74,024 supplemental shares during the three months ended May 1, 2021 as a result of the performance period criteria being partially met.

18. Customer Concentration and Revenue Information

Geographic Location

We provide services throughout the United States.

Significant Customers

Our customer base is highly concentrated, with our top five customers accounting for approximately 68.2% and 78.5% of total contract revenues during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. Customers whose contract revenues exceeded 10% of total contract revenues during the three months ended May 1, 2021 or April 25, 2020, as well as total contract revenues from all other customers combined, were as follows (dollars in millions):

		For the Three Months Ended				
	_	May 1, 2021			April 25, 2020	
	_	Amount	% of Total	of Total Amount		% of Total
AT&T Inc.	\$	155.6	21.4%	\$	154.0	18.9%
Comcast Corporation		131.1	18.0		118.0	14.5
Verizon Communications Inc.		91.5	12.6		176.1	21.6
Lumen Technologies ⁽¹⁾		85.8	11.8		148.8	18.3
Total other customers combined		263.5	36.2		217.4	26.7
Total contract revenues	\$	727.5	100.0%	\$	814.3	100.0%

⁽¹⁾ Formerly known as CenturyLink, Inc.

See Note 5, Accounts Receivable, Contract Assets, and Contract Liabilities, for information on our customer credit concentration and collectability of trade accounts receivable and contract assets.

Customer Type

Total contract revenues by customer type during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 were as follows (dollars in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended						
	May 1, 2021			April 25, 2020		5, 2020	
	Amount		Amount % of Total		Amount	% of Total	
Telecommunications	\$	639.7	87.9%	\$	726.0	89.2%	
Underground facility locating		65.0	8.9		53.3	6.5	
Electrical and gas utilities and other		22.8	3.2		35.0	4.3	
Total contract revenues	\$	727.5	100.0%	\$	814.3	100.0%	

Remaining Performance Obligations

Master service agreements and other contractual agreements with customers contain customer-specified service requirements, such as discrete pricing for individual tasks. In most cases, our customers are not contractually committed to procure specific volumes of services under these agreements.

Services are generally performed pursuant to these agreements in accordance with individual work orders. An individual work order generally is completed within one year. As a result, our remaining performance obligations under the work orders not yet completed is not meaningful in relation to our overall revenue at any given point in time. We apply the practical expedient in Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, and do not disclose information about remaining performance obligations that have original expected durations of one year or less.

19. Commitments and Contingencies

On December 17, 2018 and May 8, 2020, shareholder derivative actions were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida against the Company, as nominal defendant, and the members of its Board of Directors (and, in the second action, the Company's Chief Financial Officer), alleging that the defendants breached fiduciary duties owed to the Company and violated the securities laws by causing the Company to issue false and misleading statements regarding the Company's financial condition and business operations, including those related to the Company's dependency on, and uncertainties related to, the permitting necessary for its large projects. On November 16, 2020, the plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint in which the plaintiffs alleged the same breaches of fiduciary duty and violations of the securities laws as were alleged in the two consolidated lawsuits when they were initially filed. The consolidated amended complaint names the Company as nominal defendant and asserts claims against seven current members of its Board of Directors and two former members of the Board. The parties to this suit have reached a preliminary agreement to settle these claims. This preliminary agreement is subject to finalization by the parties and approval by the Court. Due to the early stage of this litigation, it is not possible to estimate a range of loss that could occur if this preliminary settlement is not finalized.

On December 1, 2017, one of the Company's subsidiaries was named in a lawsuit alleging that its nonexempt employees performing utility locating services in California were not paid appropriate minimum and overtime wages, provided required breaks, reimbursed for necessary business expenses, provided with accurate wage statements, and timely pay all wages at termination of employment. The plaintiff seeks to pursue these allegations as a class action under the California Private Attorney General Act of 2004. Although the Company believes these claims are without merit it has engaged in early settlement discussions and has reached a preliminary agreement to settle these claims on a class-wide basis for an aggregate settlement value of \$2.1 million. This preliminary agreement is subject to finalization by the parties and approval by the Court. Due to the early stage of this litigation, it is not possible to estimate a range of loss that could occur if this preliminary settlement is not finalized.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016, one of the Company's subsidiaries ceased operations. This subsidiary contributed to a multiemployer pension plan, the Pension, Hospitalization and Benefit Plan of the Electrical Industry - Pension Trust Fund (the "Plan"). In October 2016, the Plan demanded payment for a claimed withdrawal liability of approximately \$13.0 million. In December 2016, the subsidiary submitted a formal request to the Plan seeking review of the Plan's withdrawal liability determination. The subsidiary disputes the claim that it is required to make payment of a withdrawal liability as demanded by the Plan as it believes that a statutory exemption under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") applies to its activities. The Plan has taken the position that the work at issue does not qualify for that statutory exemption. The subsidiary has submitted this dispute to arbitration, as required by ERISA. There can be no assurance that the Company's subsidiary will be successful in asserting the statutory exemption as a defense in the arbitration proceeding. As required by ERISA, in November 2016, this subsidiary began making payments of a withdrawal liability to the Plan in the amount of approximately \$0.1 million per month. If the subsidiary prevails in disputing the withdrawal liability, all such payments are expected to be refunded. Given the early stage of this action, it is not possible to estimate a range of loss that could result from either an adverse judgment or a settlement of this matter.

From time to time, we are party to other various claims and legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. While the resolution of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, it is the opinion of management, based on information available at this time, that the ultimate resolution of any such claims or legal proceedings will not, after considering applicable insurance coverage or other indemnities to which we may be entitled, have a material effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flow.

Commitments

Performance and Payment Bonds and Guarantees. We have obligations under performance and other surety contract bonds related to certain of our customer contracts. Performance bonds generally provide a customer with the right to obtain payment and/or performance from the issuer of the bond if we fail to perform our contractual obligations. As of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we had \$247.2 million and \$208.7 million, respectively, of outstanding performance and other surety contract bonds. In addition to performance and other surety contract bonds, as part of our insurance program we also provide surety bonds that collateralize our obligations to our insurance carriers. As of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we had \$20.9 million and \$20.9 million, respectively, of outstanding surety bonds related to our insurance obligations. Additionally, we periodically guarantee certain obligations of our subsidiaries, including obligations in connection with obtaining state contractor licenses and leasing real property and equipment.

Letters of Credit. We have issued standby letters of credit under our Credit Agreement that collateralize our obligations to our insurance carriers. As of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we had \$46.3 million and \$52.2 million, respectively, of outstanding standby letters of credit issued under the Credit Agreement.

Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. These statements are intended to qualify for the "safe harbor" from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements may relate to future events, financial performance, strategies, expectations, and the competitive environment. Words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "project," "forecast," "target," "outlook," "may," "should," "could," and similar expressions, as well as statements written in the future tense, identify forward-looking statements.

You should not consider forward-looking statements as guarantees of future performance or results. When made, forward-looking statements are based on information known to management at such time and/or management's good faith belief with respect to future events. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from those expressed in or suggested by the forward-looking statements. Important factors, assumptions, uncertainties, and risks that could cause such differences include duration and severity of a pandemic caused by COVID-19, and its ultimate impact across our business, future economic conditions and trends in the industries we serve, customer capital budgets and spending priorities, the effect of changes in tax law, projections of revenues, income or loss, or capital expenditures, our plans for future operations, growth and services, including contract backlog, our plans for future acquisitions, dispositions, or financial needs, expected benefits and synergies of businesses acquired and future opportunities for the combined businesses, anticipated outcomes of contingent events, including litigation, availability of capital, restrictions imposed by our Credit Agreement, use of our cash flow to service our debt, potential liabilities and other adverse effects arising from occupational health, safety, and other regulatory matters, potential exposure to environmental liabilities, determinations as to whether the carrying value of our assets is impaired, assumptions relating to any of the foregoing, and the other risks and uncertainties discussed within Part II, Item 1A, Risk Factors, of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as Item 1, Business, Item 1A, Risk Factors, and Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 5, 2021 and our other periodic filings with

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021 was filed with the SEC on March 5, 2021, and is available on the SEC's website at www.ecc.gov and on our websit

Introduction

We are a leading provider of specialty contracting services throughout the United States. These services include program management; planning; engineering and design; aerial, underground, and wireless construction; maintenance; and fulfillment services for telecommunications providers. Additionally, we provide underground facility locating services for various utilities, including telecommunications providers, and other construction and maintenance services for electric and gas utilities. We supply the labor, tools, and equipment necessary to provide these services to our customers.

Significant demand for broadband is driven by applications that require high speed connections as well as the everyday use of mobile data devices. To respond to this demand and other advances in technology, major industry participants are constructing or upgrading significant wireline networks across broad sections of the country. These wireline networks are generally designed to provision 1 gigabit network speeds to individual consumers and businesses, either directly or wirelessly using 5G technologies. Industry participants have stated their belief that a single high capacity fiber network can most cost effectively deliver services to both consumers and businesses, enabling multiple revenue streams from a single investment. This view is increasing the appetite for fiber deployments and we believe that the industry effort required to deploy high capacity fiber networks continues to meaningfully broaden our set of opportunities. Increasing access to high-capacity telecommunications continues to be crucial to society, especially in rural America. The wide and active participation in the completed Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") auction augurs well for

dramatically increased rural network investment supported by private capital that in the case of at least some of the participants is expected to be significantly more than the FCC subsidy.

We are providing program management, planning, engineering and design, aerial, underground, and wireless construction and fulfillment services for 1 gigabit deployments. These services are being provided across the country in numerous geographic areas to multiple customers including customers who have initiated broad fiber deployments as well as customers who have resumed broad deployments. These deployments include networks consisting entirely of wired network elements as well as converged wireless/wireline multi-use networks. Fiber network deployment opportunities are increasing in rural America as new industry participants respond to emerging societal incentives. We continue to provide integrated planning, engineering and design, procurement and construction and maintenance services to several industry participants.

Telephone companies are deploying fiber-to-the-home to enable 1 gigabit high-speed connections. Increasingly, rural electric utilities are doing the same. Cable operators are deploying fiber to small and medium businesses and enterprises. A portion of these deployments are in anticipation of the customer sales process. Deployments to expand capacity as well as new build opportunities are underway. Dramatically increased speeds to consumers are being provisioned and consumer data usage is growing, particularly upstream. Fiber deployments enabling new wireless technologies are underway in many regions of the country. Customers are consolidating supply chains creating opportunities for market share growth and increasing the long-term value of our maintenance and operations business.

The cyclical nature of the industry we serve affects demand for our services. The capital expenditure and maintenance budgets of our customers, and the related timing of approvals and seasonal spending patterns, influence our contract revenues and results of operations. Factors affecting our customers and their capital expenditure budgets include, but are not limited to, overall economic conditions, the introduction of new technologies, our customers' debt levels and capital structures, our customers' financial performance, our customers' positioning and strategic plans, and any potential effects from the COVID-19 pandemic. Other factors that may affect our customers and their capital expenditure budgets include new regulations or regulatory actions impacting our customers' businesses, merger or acquisition activity involving our customers, and the physical maintenance needs of our customers' infrastructure.

Our operations expose us to risks associated with pandemics, epidemics or other public health emergencies, such as COVID-19. Since March 2020, the economy of the United States has been severely impacted by the nation's response to COVID-19. Measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have included travel restrictions, social distancing requirements, quarantines, and shelter in place orders. As a result, businesses have been closed and certain business activities curtailed for varying periods of time and in varying geographic regions.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our services have generally been considered essential in nature and have not been materially interrupted. As the situation continues to evolve, we are closely monitoring the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all aspects of our business, including its effects on our customers, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors and employees, in addition to how the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our ability to provide services to our customers. We believe the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our operating results, cash flows and financial condition is likely to be determined by factors which are uncertain, unpredictable and outside of our control. The situation surrounding COVID-19 remains fluid, and if disruptions do arise, they could materially adversely impact our business.

In addition, the ability of our employees and our suppliers' and customers' employees to work may be significantly impacted by individuals contracting or being exposed to COVID-19, or as a result of the control measures noted above. Our customers may be directly impacted by business curtailments or weak market conditions and may not be willing to continue investments in the services we provide. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused delays, and increases the risk of further delays, in our provision of construction services due to delays in our ability to obtain permits from government agencies. For further discussion of this matter, refer to Part I. Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021.

Customer Relationships and Contractual Arrangements

We have established relationships with many leading telecommunications providers, including telephone companies, cable multiple system operators, wireless carriers, telecommunications equipment and infrastructure providers, as well as electric and gas utilities. Our customer base is highly concentrated, with our top five customers during each of the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 accounting for approximately 68.2% and 78.5%, respectively, of our total contract revenues.

The following reflects the percentage of total contract revenues from customers who contributed at least 2.5% to our total contract revenues during the three months ended May 1, 2021 or April 25, 2020:

	For the Three	Months Ended
	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020
AT&T Inc.	21.4%	18.9%
Comcast Corporation	18.0%	14.5%
Verizon Communications Inc.	12.6%	21.6%
Lumen Technologies ⁽¹⁾	11.8%	18.3%
Windstream Corporation	4.4%	5.2%
Frontier Communications Corporation	3.5%	1.5%
Charter Communications, Inc.	2.4%	2.6%

⁽¹⁾ Formerly known as CenturyLink, Inc.

In addition, another customer contributed 3.4% and 0.6% to our total contract revenues during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively.

We perform a majority of our services under master service agreements and other contracts that contain customer-specified service requirements. These agreements include discrete pricing for individual tasks. We generally possess multiple agreements with each of our significant customers. To the extent that such agreements specify exclusivity, there are often exceptions, including the ability of the customer to issue work orders valued above a specified dollar amount to other service providers, the performance of work with the customer's own employees, and the use of other service providers when jointly placing facilities with another utility. In many cases, a customer may terminate an agreement for convenience. Historically, multi-year master service agreements have been awarded primarily through a competitive bidding process; however, we occasionally are able to negotiate extensions to these agreements. We provide the remainder of our services pursuant to contracts for specific projects. These contracts may be long-term (with terms greater than one year) or short-term (with terms less than one year) and often include customary retainage provisions under which the customer may withhold 5% to 10% of the invoiced amounts pending project completion and closeout.

The following table summarizes our contract revenues from multi-year master service agreements and other long-term contracts, as a percentage of contract revenues:

	For the Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020		
Multi-year master service agreements	76.9 %	70.1 %		
Other long-term contracts	15.1	20.5		
Total long-term contracts	92.0 %	90.6 %		

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our condensed consolidated financial statements. These statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). In conformity with GAAP, the preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates and assumptions require the use of judgment as to the likelihood of various future outcomes and, as a result, actual results could differ materially from these estimates. There have been no material changes to our significant accounting policies and critical accounting estimates described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021.

Understanding Our Results of Operations

The following information is presented so that the reader may better understand certain factors impacting our results of operations and should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates within Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, as well as Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies and Estimates, in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021.

The Company uses a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the last Saturday in January. Fiscal 2021 consisted of 53 weeks of operations and fiscal year ending January 29, 2022 consists of 52 weeks of operation.

Contract Revenues. We perform the majority of our services under master service agreements and other contracts that contain customer-specified service requirements. These agreements include discrete pricing for individual tasks including, for example, the placement of underground or aerial fiber, directional boring, and fiber splicing, each based on a specific unit of measure. A contractual agreement exists when each party involved approves and commits to the agreement, the rights of the parties and payment terms are identified, the agreement has commercial substance, and collectability of consideration is probable. Our services are performed for the sole benefit of our customers, whereby the assets being created or maintained are controlled by the customer and the services we perform do not have alternative benefits for us. Contract revenue is recognized over time as services are performed and customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits we provide. Output measures such as units delivered are utilized to assess progress against specific contractual performance obligations for the majority of our services. The selection of the method to measure progress towards completion requires judgment and is based on the nature of the services to be provided. For us, the output method using units delivered best represents the measure of progress against the performance obligations incorporated within the contractual agreements. This method captures the amount of units delivered pursuant to contracts and is used only when our performance does not produce significant amounts of work in process prior to complete satisfaction of the performance obligation. For a portion of contract items, units to be completed consist of multiple tasks. For these items, the transaction price is allocated to each task based on relative standalone measurements, such as selling prices for similar tasks, or in the alternative, the cost to perform the tasks. Contract revenue is recognized as these tasks are completed as a measurement o

For certain contracts, representing less than 5% of contract revenues during each of the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, we use the cost-to-cost measure of progress. These contracts are generally projects that are completed over a period of less than twelve months. Under the cost-to-cost measure of progress, the extent of progress toward completion is measured based on the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total estimated costs. Contract costs include direct labor, direct materials, and subcontractor costs, as well as an allocation of indirect costs. Contract revenues are recorded as costs are incurred. We accrue the entire amount of a contract loss, if any, at the time the loss is determined to be probable and can be reasonably estimated.

Costs of Earned Revenues. Costs of earned revenues includes all direct costs of providing services under our contracts, including costs for direct labor provided by employees, services by independent subcontractors, operation of capital equipment (excluding depreciation), direct materials, costs of insuring our risks, and other direct costs. Under our insurance program, we retain the risk of loss, up to certain limits, for matters related to automobile liability, general liability (including damages associated with underground facility locating services), workers' compensation, and employee group health.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses primarily consist of employee compensation and related expenses, including performance-based compensation and stock-based compensation, legal, consulting and professional fees, information technology and development costs, provision for or recoveries of bad debt expense, acquisition and integration costs of businesses acquired, and other costs not directly related to the provision of our services under customer contracts. Our provision for bad debt expense is determined by evaluating specific accounts receivable and contract asset balances based on historical collection trends, the age of outstanding receivables, and the creditworthiness of our customers. We incur information technology and development costs primarily to support and enhance our operating efficiency. Our executive management team and the senior management of our subsidiaries perform substantially all of our sales and marketing functions as part of their management responsibilities.

Goodwill impairment charge. Goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets are assessed annually for impairment, or more frequently, if events occur that would indicate a potential reduction in the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. We perform our annual impairment review of goodwill at the reporting unit level. Each of our operating

segments with goodwill represents a reporting unit for the purpose of assessing impairment. If we determine the fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill or other indefinite-lived intangible assets is less than their carrying value as a result of an annual or interim test, an impairment loss is recognized and reflected in operating income or loss in the consolidated statements of operations during the period incurred

Depreciation and Amortization. Our property and equipment primarily consist of vehicles, equipment and machinery, and computer hardware and software. We depreciate property and equipment on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. In addition, we have intangible assets, including customer relationships, trade names, and non-compete intangibles, which we amortize over their estimated useful lives. We recognize amortization of customer relationship intangibles on an accelerated basis as a function of the expected economic benefit and amortization of other finite-lived intangibles on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful life.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net, consists of interest incurred on outstanding variable rate and fixed rate debt and certain other obligations. Interest expense also includes the non-cash amortization of our convertible senior notes debt discount and amortization of debt issuance costs. See Note 13, Debt, in the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements for information on the non-cash amortization of the debt discount and debt issuance costs.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net, primarily consists of gains or losses from sales of fixed assets. Other income, net also includes discount fee expense associated with the collection of accounts receivable under a customer-sponsored vendor payment program.

Seasonality and Fluctuations in Operating Results. Our contract revenues and results of operations exhibit seasonality as we perform a significant portion of our work outdoors. Consequently, adverse weather, which is more likely to occur with greater frequency, severity, and duration during the winter, as well as reduced daylight hours, impact our operations during the fiscal quarters ending in January and April. In addition, a disproportionate number of holidays fall within the fiscal quarter ending in January, which decreases the number of available workdays. Because of these factors, we are most likely to experience reduced revenue and profitability during the fiscal quarters ending in January and April compared to the fiscal quarters ending in July and October.

We may also experience variations in our profitability driven by a number of factors. These factors include variations and fluctuations in contract revenues, job specific costs, insurance claims, the allowance for doubtful accounts, accruals for contingencies, stock-based compensation expense for performance-based stock awards, the fair value of reporting units for the goodwill impairment analysis, the valuation of intangibles and other long-lived assets, gains or losses on the sale of fixed assets from the timing and levels of capital assets sold, the employer portion of payroll taxes as a result of reaching statutory limits, and our effective tax rate.

Accordingly, operating results for any fiscal period are not necessarily indicative of results we may achieve for any subsequent fiscal period.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our consolidated statements of operations for the periods indicated. Percentages represent the result of dividing each item by contract revenues (totals may not add due to rounding) (dollars in millions):

	For the Three Months Ended				
	 May 1, 2	021	April 2	5, 2020	
Contract revenues	\$ 727.5	100.0 %	\$ 814.3	100.0 %	
Expenses:	 				
Costs of earned revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization	620.0	85.2	680.2	83.5	
General and administrative	67.0	9.2	65.9	8.1	
Depreciation and amortization	39.1	5.4	45.9	5.6	
Goodwill impairment charge	_	_	53.3	6.5	
Total	 726.1	99.8	845.2	103.8	
Interest expense, net	 (5.9)	(0.8)	(12.5)	(1.5)	
(Loss) gain on debt extinguishment	(0.1)	_	12.5	1.5	
Other income, net	2.7	0.4	1.1	0.1	
(Loss) income before income taxes	 (1.8)	(0.3)	(29.7)	(3.7)	
(Benefit) provision for income taxes	(2.7)	(0.4)	2.7	0.3	
Net income (loss)	\$ 0.9	0.1 %	\$ (32.4)	(4.0)%	

Contract Revenues. Contract revenues were \$727.5 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to \$814.3 million during the three months ended April 25, 2020. Additionally, we earned \$3.9 million of contract revenues from storm restoration services during the three months ended May 1, 2021. There were no significant revenues from storm restoration services in the prior year quarter.

Excluding amounts generated from storm restoration services, contract revenues decreased by \$90.7 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 25, 2020. Contract revenues decreased by approximately \$84.6 million for a large telecommunications customer, primarily related to services for fiber deployments and by approximately \$63.3 million for a large telecommunications customer for services performed under existing contracts. In addition, contract revenues decreased by approximately \$12.9 million for services performed for a telecommunications customer in connection with rural services. Partially offsetting these decreases, contract revenues increased by \$12.7 million from a leading cable multiple system operator for construction and maintenance services and by \$1.4 million for a large telecommunications customer improving its network. All other customers had net increases in contract revenues of \$56.0 million on a combined basis during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 25, 2020.

The percentage of our contract revenues by customer type from telecommunications, underground facility locating, and electric and gas utilities and other customers, was 87.9%, 8.9%, and 3.2%, respectively, for the three months ended April 25, 2020.

Costs of Earned Revenues. Costs of earned revenues decreased to \$620.0 million, or 85.2% of contract revenues, during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to \$680.2 million, or 83.5% of contract revenues, during the three months ended April 25, 2020. The primary components of the decrease were a \$26.2 million aggregate decrease in direct labor and subcontractor costs, \$25.6 million decrease in direct materials cost, a \$6.4 million decrease in other direct costs, and a \$2.0 million decrease in equipment maintenance and fuel costs combined.

Costs of earned revenues as a percentage of contract revenues increased 1.7% during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to the three months ended April 25, 2020. As a percentage of contract revenues, labor and subcontracted labor costs increased 3.8% primarily due to the mix of work performed. Direct materials decreased 2.4%, primarily as a result of our mix of work in which we provide materials for our customers. In addition, fuel costs and equipment maintenance combined increased 0.2% as a percentage of contract revenues primarily resulting from an increase in fuel prices. Other direct costs increased 0.1% as a percentage of contract revenues during the three months ended May 1, 2021.

General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses increased to \$67.0 million, or 9.2% of contract revenues, during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to \$65.9 million, or 8.1% of contract revenues, during the three months ended April 25, 2020. The increase in total general and administrative expenses during the three months ended May 1, 2021 primarily resulted from increased stock based compensation, administrative and other costs, including bad debt expense and payroll costs.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation expense was \$34.4 million, or 4.7% of contract revenues, during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to \$40.6 million, or 5.0% of contract revenues, during the three months ended May 1, 2021 is primarily due to certain assets becoming fully depreciated or sold and reduced capital expenditures during fiscal 2021 compared to prior periods.

Amortization expense was \$4.7 million and \$5.2 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively.

Goodwill Impairment Charge. During the first quarter of fiscal 2021, we recognized a goodwill impairment charge of \$53.3 million on our Broadband reporting unit as the result of an interim impairment test.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net was \$5.9 million and \$12.5 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. Interest expense includes \$0.7 million and \$4.3 million for the non-cash amortization of the debt discount associated with 0.75% convertible senior notes due September 2021 (the "2021 Convertible Notes") during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. Excluding this amortization, interest expense, net decreased to \$5.2 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 from \$8.1 million during the three months ended April 25, 2020 as a result of lower interest rates and lower outstanding balances during the current period.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net was \$2.7 million and \$1.1 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. Gain on sale of fixed assets was \$2.9 million and \$1.8 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. The change in other income, net is primarily a function of the number of assets sold and prices obtained for those assets during each respective period. Other income, net also reflects \$0.5 million and \$0.8 million of expense during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively, associated with the non-recourse sale of accounts receivable under a customer-sponsored vendor payment program.

Income Taxes. The following table presents our income tax provision and effective income tax rate for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 (dollars in millions):

	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020	
Income tax (benefit) provision	\$ (2.7)	\$ 2.7	
Effective income tax rate	149.1 %	(9.0)%	

For the Three Months Ended

Our effective income tax rate was 149.1% and (9.0)% for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate each period primarily due to the difference in income tax rates from state to state where work was performed, changes in unrecognized tax benefits, tax law changes, tax credits recognized, variances in non-deductible and non-taxable items, and the impact of the vesting and exercise of share-based awards during the periods. Additionally, during the three months ended April 25, 2020, our effective tax rate was impacted by a \$53.3 million goodwill impairment charge which was mostly non-deductible for income tax purposes, and the benefit from a \$2.6 million tax loss carryback technical correction under the CARES Act.

Net Income (Loss). Net income was \$0.9 million for the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to net loss of \$32.4 million for the three months ended April 25, 2020.

Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted EBITDA is a Non-GAAP measure, as defined by Regulation G of the SEC. We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, gain on sale of fixed assets, stock-based compensation expense, and certain non-recurring items. Management believes Adjusted EBITDA is a helpful measure for comparing the Company's operating performance with prior periods as well as with the performance of other companies with different capital structures or tax rates. The following table provides a reconciliation of net income to Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA (dollars in thousands):

		For the Three Months Ended			
	M	May 1, 2021		April 25, 2020	
Net income (loss)	\$	898	\$	(32,418)	
Interest expense, net		5,877		12,457	
(Benefit) provision for income taxes		(2,724)		2,677	
Depreciation and amortization		39,079		45,871	
Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation & Amortization ("EBITDA")		43,130		28,587	
Gain on sale of fixed assets		(2,852)		(1,788)	
Stock-based compensation expense		3,740		2,322	
Goodwill impairment charge		_		53,264	
(Loss) gain on debt extinguishment		62		(12,504)	
Non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA	\$	44,080	\$	69,881	
Non-GAAP Adjusted FRITDA % of contract revenues		61%		86%	

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We are subject to concentrations of credit risk relating primarily to our cash and equivalents, accounts receivable, and contract assets. Cash and equivalents primarily include balances on deposit with banks and totaled \$330.6 million as of May 1, 2021 compared to \$11.8 million as of January 30, 2021. We maintain our cash and equivalents at financial institutions we believe to be of high credit quality. To date, we have not experienced any loss or lack of access to cash in our operating accounts.

In connection with the issuance of the 2021 Convertible Notes, we entered into privately-negotiated convertible note hedge transactions with certain counterparties. We are subject to counterparty risk with respect to these convertible note hedge transactions. The hedge counterparties are financial institutions, and we are subject to the risk that they might default under the convertible note hedge transactions. To mitigate that risk, we contracted with institutional counterparties who met specific requirements under our risk assessment process. Additionally, the transactions are subject to a netting arrangement, which also reduces credit risk.

Sources of Cash. Our sources of cash are operating activities, long-term debt, equity offerings, bank borrowings, proceeds from the sale of idle and surplus equipment and real property, and stock option proceeds. Cash flow from operations is primarily influenced by demand for our services and operating margins, but can also be influenced by working capital needs associated with the services that we provide. In particular, working capital needs may increase when we have growth in operations and where project costs, primarily associated with labor, subcontractors, equipment, and materials, are required to be paid before the related customer balances owed to us are invoiced and collected. Our working capital (total current assets less total current liabilities, excluding the current portion of debt) was \$1,123.5 million as of May 1, 2021 compared to \$801.9 million as of January 30, 2021.

Capital resources are used primarily to purchase equipment and maintain sufficient levels of working capital to support our contractual commitments to customers. We periodically borrow from and repay our revolving credit facility depending on our cash requirements. We currently intend to retain any earnings for use in the business and other capital allocation strategies which may include share repurchases, investment in acquisitions, and extinguishment of debt. Consequently, we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

Our level of capital expenditures can vary depending on the customer demand for our services, the replacement cycle we select for our equipment, and overall growth. We intend to fund these expenditures primarily from operating cash flows, availability under our credit agreement and cash on hand. We expect capital expenditures, net of disposals, to range from \$105.0 million to \$125.0 million during fiscal 2022 to support growth opportunities and replacement of certain fleet assets.

Sufficiency of Capital Resources. We believe that our capital resources, including existing cash balances and amounts available under our credit agreement, are sufficient to meet our financial obligations. These obligations include interest and principal payments required on the 2021 Convertible Notes, 2029 Notes, outstanding term loan facility, and revolver borrowings under our credit agreement, working capital requirements, and the normal replacement of equipment at our expected level of operations for at least the next 12 months. Our capital requirements may increase to the extent we seek to

grow by acquisitions that involve consideration other than our stock, experience difficulty or delays in collecting amounts owed to us by our customers, increase our working capital in connection with new or existing customer programs, or to the extent we repurchase our common stock, repay credit agreement borrowings, or redeem or convert the 2021 Convertible Notes. Changes in financial markets or other components of the economy could adversely impact our ability to access the capital markets, in which case we would expect to rely on a combination of available cash and our credit agreement to provide short-term funding. Management regularly monitors the financial markets and assesses general economic conditions for possible impact on our financial position. We believe our cash investment policies are prudent and expect that any volatility in the capital markets would not have a material impact on our cash investments.

Net Cash Flows. The following table presents our net cash flows for the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020 (dollars in millions):

	 For the Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 2021	April 25, 2020		
Net cash flows:	 			
Provided by operating activities	\$ 41.5	\$	85.2	
Used in investing activities	\$ (28.6)	\$	(18.3)	
Provided by financing activities	\$ 305.9	\$	522.3	

Cash Provided by Operating Activities. Depreciation and amortization, non-cash lease expense, stock-based compensation, amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs, deferred income taxes, gain on sale of fixed assets, goodwill impairment charge and gain and loss on debt extinguishment were the primary non-cash items in cash flows from operating activities during the current and prior periods.

During the three months ended May 1, 2021, net cash generated from operating activities was \$41.5 million. Changes in working capital (excluding cash) and changes in other long-term assets and liabilities used \$15.2 million of operating cash flow during the three months ended May 1, 2021. Working capital changes that used operating cash flow during the three months ended May 1, 2021 included a decrease in accrued liabilities of \$11.1 million primarily resulting from amounts paid for annual incentive compensation during April 2021 and increases in other current assets and inventories, accounts receivable, and income tax receivable of \$19.1 million, \$12.2 million and \$7.3 million, each primarily as a result of the timing of payments. Changes that provided operating cash flow during the three months ended May 1, 2021 included a decrease in contract assets, net of \$24.6 million and other assets of \$2.2 million and an increase in accounts payable of \$7.7 million.

Days sales outstanding ("DSO") is calculated based on the ending balance of total current and non-current accounts receivable (including unbilled accounts receivable), net of the allowance for doubtful accounts, and current contract assets, net of contract liabilities, divided by the average daily revenue for the most recently completed quarter. Long-term contract assets are excluded from the calculation of DSO, as these amounts represent payments made to customers pursuant to long-term agreements and are recognized as a reduction of contract revenues over the period for which the related services are provided to the customers. Including these balances in DSO is not meaningful to the average time to collect accounts receivable and current contract asset balances. Our DSO was 128 days as of May 1, 2021 compared to 125 as of April 25, 2020. The increase in our DSO was primarily a result of work performed under a large customer program. This program consists of multiple tasks which will be billed as the tasks are completed.

See Note 5, Accounts Receivable, Contract Assets, and Contract Liabilities, for further information on our customer credit concentration as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021 and Note 18, Customer Concentration and Revenue Information, for further information on our significant customers. We believe that none of our significant customers were experiencing financial difficulties that would materially impact the collectability of our total accounts receivable and contract assets, net as of May 1, 2021 or January 30, 2021.

During the three months ended April 25, 2020, net cash generated from operating activities was \$85.2 million. Changes in working capital (excluding cash) and changes in other long-term assets and liabilities provided \$25.8 million of operating cash flow during the three months ended April 25, 2020. Working capital changes that provided operating cash flow during the three months ended April 25, 2020 included an aggregate increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$91.5 million and a net decrease in income tax receivable of \$11.5 million and other assets of \$2.0 million each primarily as a result of the timing of payments. Working capital that used operating cash flow during the three months ended April 25, 2020 included increases in accounts receivable; contract assets, net; other current assets and inventories of \$54.1 million, \$13.8 million, and \$11.3 million, respectively.

Cash Used in Investing Activities. Net cash used in investing activities was \$28.6 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 compared to \$18.3 million during the three months ended April 25, 2020. During the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, capital expenditures were \$31.6 million and \$20.7 million, respectively. Capital expenditures increased during the three months ended May 1, 2021, primarily as a result of spending for new work opportunities and the replacement of certain fleet assets. These expenditures were offset in part by proceeds from the sale of assets of \$3.0 million and \$2.4 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and April 25, 2020, respectively.

Cash Provided by Financing Activities. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$305.9 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021. The primary source of cash provided by financing activities during the three months ended May 1, 2021 was the \$500.0 million principal amount of 4.50% senior notes due 2029 (the "2029 Notes") issued in a private placement in April 2021. During the three months ended May 1, 2021 we paid approximately \$11.2 million in issuance costs and third party fees and expenses related to our financing transactions. We used \$105.0 million to repay outstanding borrowings under the revolving portion of our credit agreement and approximately \$71.9 million to repay term loan borrowings. The exercise of stock options provided \$0.4 million during the three months ended May 1, 2021 and we paid \$6.4 million to tax authorities in order to meet the payroll tax withholding obligations on restricted share units that vested during the three months ended May 1, 2021.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$522.3 million during the three months ended April 25, 2020. During the three months ended April 25, 2020, borrowings under our credit agreement, net of repayments, were \$669.0 million. In connection with the purchase of \$167 million of 2021 Convertible Notes in fiscal 2021 for \$147.0 million, we unwound convertible note hedge transactions and warrants proportionately to the number of 2021 Convertible Notes. Additionally, we received \$0.2 million from the exercise of stock options during the three months ended April 25, 2020. Partially offsetting this, we withheld shares and paid \$0.3 million to tax authorities in order to meet the payroll tax withholding obligations on restricted share units that vested during the three months ended April 25, 2020.

Compliance with Credit Agreement. On April 1, 2021, the Company and certain of its subsidiaries amended its credit agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018, with the various lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent (the "Credit Agreement"). The maturity date of the Credit Agreement was extended to April 1, 2026 and, among other things, the maximum revolver commitment was decreased to \$650.0 million from \$750.0 million and the term loan facility was decreased to \$350.0 million from \$416.3 million. The Credit Agreement includes a \$200.0 million sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit and a \$50.0 million sublimit for swingline loans.

Subject to certain conditions, the Credit Agreement provides us with the ability to enter into one or more incremental facilities either by increasing the revolving commitments under the Credit Agreement and/or by establishing one or more additional term loans, up to the sum of (i) \$350.0 million and (ii) an aggregate amount such that, after giving effect to such incremental facilities on a pro forma basis (assuming that the amount of the incremental commitments are fully drawn and funded), the consolidated senior secured net leverage ratio does not exceed 2.25 to 1.00. The consolidated senior secured indebtedness reduced by unrestricted cash and equivalents in excess of \$25.0 million to our trailing twelvemonth consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, as defined by the Credit Agreement ("EBITDA"). Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and secured by 100% the equity interests of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries and 65% of the voting equity interests and 100% of the non-voting interests of our first-tier foreign subsidiaries (subject to customary exceptions).

Under our Credit Agreement, borrowings bear interest at the rates described below based upon our consolidated net leverage ratio, which is the ratio of our consolidated total funded debt reduced by unrestricted cash and equivalents in excess of \$25.0 million to our trailing twelve-month consolidated EBITDA, as defined by our Credit Agreement. In addition, we incur certain fees for unused balances and letters of credit at the rates described below, also based upon our consolidated net leverage ratio.

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Borrowings - Eurodollar Rate Loans			1.25% - 2.00% plus LIBOR
Borrowings - Base Rate Loans			0.25% - 1.00% plus administrative agent's base rate(1)
Unused Revolver Commitment			0.20% - 0.40%
Standby Letters of Credit			1.25% - 2.00%
Commercial Letters of Credit			0.625% - 1.000%

(1) The administrative agent's base rate is described in the Credit Agreement as the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, (ii) the administrative agent's prime rate, and (iii) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.00% and if such rate is less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero.

Standby letters of credit of approximately \$46.3 million and \$52.2 million, issued as part of our insurance program, were outstanding under the Credit Agreement as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively.

The weighted average interest rates and fees for balances under our Credit Agreement as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021 were as follows:

	weighten Average	Weighted Average Rate End of Period		
	May 1, 2021	January 30, 2021		
Borrowings - Term loan facilities	1.74%	1.63%		
Borrowings - Revolving facility	—%	2.14%		
Standby Letters of Credit	1.63%	1.50%		
Unused Revolver Commitment	0.30%	0.25%		

The Credit Agreement contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a consolidated net leverage ratio of not greater than 3.50 to 1.00, as measured at the end of each fiscal quarter, and provides for certain increases to this ratio in connection with permitted acquisitions. The agreement also contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a consolidated interest coverage ratio, which is the ratio of our trailing twelve-month consolidated EBITDA to our consolidated interest expense, each as defined by the Credit Agreement, of not less than 3.00 to 1.00, as measured at the end of each fiscal quarter. At May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we were in compliance with the financial covenants of our Credit Agreement and had borrowing availability under the revolving facility of \$452.1 million and \$558.7 million, respectively, as determined by the most restrictive covenant.

Contractual Obligations. The following table sets forth our outstanding contractual obligations as of May 1, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	Less than 1 Year	Years 1 – 3	Years 3 – 5	Years	Total
4.50% senior notes due April 2029	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
0.75% convertible senior notes due September 2021	58,264	_	_	_	58,264
Credit agreement – revolving facility	_	_	_	_	_
Credit agreement – term loan facilities	4,375	35,000	310,625	_	350,000
Fixed interest payments on long-term debt ⁽¹⁾	22,718	45,000	45,000	567,500	680,218
Obligations under long-term operating leases ⁽²⁾	27,626	32,260	9,917	1,733	71,536
Obligations under short-term operating leases ⁽³⁾	1,192	_	_	_	1,192
Employment agreements	16,522	6,937	1,176	_	24,635
Deferral of tax payments ⁽⁴⁾	17,783	18,712	_	_	36,495
Purchase and other contractual obligations ⁽⁵⁾	77,498	1,900	_	_	79,398
Total	\$ 225,978	\$ 139,809	\$ 366,718	\$ 1,069,233	\$ 1,801,738

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We have excluded contractual obligations under the multi-employer defined pension plans that cover certain of our employees, as these obligations are determined based on our future union employee payrolls, which cannot be reliably determined as of May 1, 2021.

Our condensed consolidated balance sheet as of May 1, 2021 includes a long-term liability of approximately \$62.4 million for accrued insurance claims. This liability has been excluded from the table above as the timing of payments is uncertain.

The liability for unrecognized tax benefits for uncertain tax positions was approximately \$6.3 million and \$5.9 million as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively, and is included in other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. This amount has been excluded from the contractual obligations table because we are unable to reasonably estimate the timing of the resolution of the underlying tax positions with the relevant tax authorities.

Performance and Payment Bonds and Guarantees. We have obligations under performance and other surety contract bonds related to certain of our customer contracts. Performance bonds generally provide a customer with the right to obtain payment and/or performance from the issuer of the bond if we fail to perform our contractual obligations. As of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021 we had \$247.2 million and \$208.7 million of outstanding performance and other surety contract bonds, respectively. The estimated cost to complete projects secured by our outstanding performance and other surety contract bonds, as part of our insurance program we also provide surety bonds that collateralize our obligations to our insurance carriers. As of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, we had \$20.9 million and \$20.9 million, respectively, of outstanding surety bonds related to our insurance obligations. Additionally, we periodically guarantee certain obligations of our subsidiaries, including obligations in connection with obtaining state contractor licenses and leasing real property and equipment.

⁽¹⁾ Includes interest payments on our \$58.3 million principal amount of 0.75% 2021 Convertible Notes outstanding, our \$500.0 million principal amount of 4.50% 2029 Notes outstanding, and excludes interest payments on our variable rate debt. Variable rate debt as of May 1, 2021 consisted of \$350.0 million outstanding under our term loan facilities.

 $^{^{(2)}}$ Amounts represent undiscounted lease obligations under long-term operating leases.

⁽³⁾ Amounts represent lease obligations under short-term operating leases that are not recorded on our consolidated balance sheet as of May 1, 2021.

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts represent deferral of payroll tax payments, 50% of which are due by December 31, 2021 and the remainder of which are due by December 31, 2022, as permitted by the CARES Act.

⁽⁵⁾ We have committed capital for the expansion of our vehicle fleet in order to accommodate manufacturer lead times. As of May 1, 2021, purchase and other contractual obligations includes approximately \$74.7 million for issued orders with delivery dates scheduled to occur over the next 12 months.

Letters of Credit. We have standby letters of credit issued under our Credit Agreement as part of our insurance program. These letters of credit collateralize obligations to our insurance carriers in connection with the settlement of potential claims. In connection with these collateral obligations, we had \$46.3 million and \$52.2 million outstanding standby letters of credit issued under our Credit Agreement as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively.

Backlog. Our backlog is an estimate of the uncompleted portion of services to be performed under contractual agreements with our customers and totaled \$6.528 billion and \$6.810 billion at May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively. We expect to complete 42.1% of the May 1, 2021 total backlog during the next twelve months. Our backlog represents an estimate of services to be performed pursuant to master service agreements and other contractual agreements over the terms of those contracts. These estimates are based on contract terms and evaluations regarding the timing of the services to be provided. In the case of master service agreements, backlog is estimated based on the work performed in the preceding twelve month period, when available. When estimating backlog for newly initiated master service agreements and other long and short-term contracts, we also consider the anticipated scope of the contract and information received from the customer during the procurement process. A significant majority of our backlog comprises services under master service agreements and other long-term contracts.

In many instances, our customers are not contractually committed to procure specific volumes of services under a contract. Contract revenue estimates reflected in our backlog can be subject to change due to a number of factors, including contract cancellations or changes in the amount of work we expect to be performed at the time the estimate of backlog is developed. In addition, contract revenues reflected in our backlog may be realized in different periods from those previously reported due to these factors as well as project accelerations or delays due to various reasons, including, but not limited to, changes in customer spending priorities, scheduling changes, commercial issues such as permitting, engineering revisions, job site conditions, adverse weather, and the potential adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount or timing of our backlog can also be impacted by the merger or acquisition activity of our customers. Many of our contracts may be cancelled by our customers, or work previously awarded to us pursuant to these contracts may be cancelled, regardless of whether or not we are in default. The amount of backlog related to uncompleted projects in which a provision for estimated losses was recorded is not material.

Backlog is not a measure defined by United States generally accepted accounting principles; however, it is a common measurement used in our industry. Our methodology for determining backlog may not be comparable to the methodologies used by others.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Interest Rate and Market Price Risk. We are exposed to market risks related to interest rates on our cash and equivalents and interest rates and market price sensitivity on our debt obligations. We monitor the effects of market fluctuations on interest rates and manage interest rate risks by investing in short-term cash equivalents that bear market rates of interest and by maintaining a mix of fixed and variable rate debt obligations.

Our Credit Agreement permits borrowings at a variable rate of interest. On May 1, 2021, we had variable rate debt outstanding under our Credit Agreement of \$350.0 million under our term loan facilities. Interest related to these borrowings fluctuates based on LIBOR or the administrative agent's base rate. The administrative agent's base rate is described in the Credit Agreement as the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, (ii) the administrative agent's prime rate, and (iii) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.00% and, if such rate is less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero. At the current level of borrowings, for every 50 basis point change in the interest rate, interest expense associated with such borrowings would correspondingly change by approximately \$1.8 million annually.

On April 1, 2021, we issued \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.50% senior notes due 2029 (the "2029 Notes"). The 2029 Notes are guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis, jointly and severally, by all of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee the Credit Agreement.

The fair value of the fixed rate 2029 Notes will change with changes in market interest rates. Generally, the fair value of the fixed rate 2029 Notes will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. The following table summarizes the carrying amount and fair value of the 2029 Notes, net of debt issuance costs. The fair value of the 2029 Notes is based on the closing trading price per \$100 of the 2029 Notes as of the last day of trading (Level 2), which was \$101.50 as of May 1, 2021 (dollars in thousands):

	M	ay 1, 2021
Principal amount of 4.50% senior notes due April 2029	\$	500,000
Less: Debt issuance costs		(7,375)
Net carrying amount of 2029 Notes	\$	492,625

	<u></u>	May 1, 2021
Fair value of principal amount of 2029 Notes	\$	507,500
Less: Debt issuance costs		(7,375)
Fair value of 2029 Notes	\$	500,125

A hypothetical 50 basis point change in the market interest rates in effect would result in an increase or decrease in the fair value of the 2029 Notes of approximately \$16.3 million, calculated on a discounted cash flow basis as of May 1, 2021.

In September 2015, we issued \$485.0 million principal amount of convertible senior notes (the "2021 Convertible Notes"), which bear a fixed rate of interest of 0.75%. During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, we purchased, through open-market transactions, \$25.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes for \$24.3 million, leaving the principal amount of \$460.0 million outstanding. After the write-off of associated debt issuance costs, the net loss on extinguishment was \$0.1 million for fiscal 2020. In fiscal 2021, we purchased \$401.7 million aggregate principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes for \$371.4 million, including interest and fees, leaving the principal amount of \$58.3 million outstanding. These 2021 Convertible Notes were purchased through privately-negotiated transactions and a tender offer. After the write-off of associated debt issuance costs, the net gain on extinguishment was \$12.0 million for fiscal 2021.

The fair value of the fixed rate 2021 Convertible Notes will change with changes in market interest rates. Generally, the fair value of the fixed rate 2021 Convertible Notes will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise. In addition, the fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes is affected by the price and volatility of our common stock and will generally increase or decrease as the market price of our common stock changes.

The following table summarizes the carrying amount and fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes, net of the debt discount and debt issuance costs. The fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes is based on the closing trading price per \$100 of the 2021 Convertible Notes as of the last day of trading for the respective periods (Level 2), which was \$108.75 and \$104.50 as of May 1, 2021 and January 30, 2021, respectively (dollars in thousands):

 May 1, 2021	J	anuary 30, 2021
\$ 58,264	\$	58,264
(1,117)		(1,854)
\$ 57,147	\$	56,410
\$ 63,362	\$	60,886
(1,117)		(1,854)
\$ 62,245	\$	59,032
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A hypothetical 50 basis point change in the market interest rates in effect would result in an increase or decrease in the fair value of the 2021 Convertible Notes of approximately \$0.1 million, calculated on a discounted cash flow basis as of May 1, 2021.

In connection with the offering of the 2021 Convertible Notes, we entered into convertible note hedge transactions with counterparties for the purpose of reducing the potential dilution to common stockholders from the conversion of the 2021 Convertible Notes and offsetting any potential cash payments in excess of the principal amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes. In the event that shares or cash are deliverable to holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes upon conversion at limits defined in the indenture governing the 2021 Convertible Notes, counterparties to the convertible note hedge will be required to deliver to us shares of our common stock or pay cash to us in a similar amount as the value that we deliver to the holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes based on a conversion price of \$96.89 per share. At inception of the convertible note hedge transactions, up to 5.006 million of our shares could be deliverable to us upon conversion. After the Company settled a portion of the note hedge transactions during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 in connection with the purchase of \$25.0 million and \$401.7 million, respectively, of the 2021 Convertible Notes, the number of shares that could be deliverable to us upon conversion was reduced to up to 0.601 million of our shares.

We also entered into separately negotiated warrant transactions with the same counterparties as the convertible note hedge transactions whereby we sold warrants to purchase, subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments, up to 5.006 million shares of our common stock at a price of \$130.43 per share. After the Company purchased a portion of the warrants during fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 in connection with the purchase of \$25.0 million and \$401.7 million, respectively, of the 2021 Convertible Notes, the remaining warrant transactions provide for up to 0.601 million shares. The warrants will not have a dilutive effect on our earnings per share unless our quarterly average share price exceeds the warrant strike price of \$130.43 per share. In this event, we expect to settle the warrant transactions on a net share basis whereby we will issue shares of our common stock.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) as of May 1, 2021, the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of May 1, 2021, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, in a manner that allows timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

Refer to Note 19, Commitments and Contingencies, in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Our business is subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties. These risks are described elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2021. The risks identified in such reports have not changed in any material respect.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

- (a) During the three months ended May 1, 2021, the Company did not sell any equity securities that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) The following table summarizes the Company's purchase of its common stock during the three months ended May 1, 2021:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased Average Price Paid Per Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs	
January 31, 2021 - February 27, 2021	_	\$ —	_	(1)	
February 28, 2021 - March 27, 2021	_	\$ —	_	(1)	
March 28, 2021 - May 1, 2021	_	\$ —	_	(1)	

⁽¹⁾ Repurchases of Common Stock. On March 3, 2021 the Company announced that its Board of Directors had authorized a new \$150 million program to repurchase shares of the Company's outstanding common stock through August 2022 in open market or private transactions. As of May 1, 2021, the full \$150 million of the new authorization was available for repurchases.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibits furnished pursuant to the requirements of Form 10-Q:

Exhibit Number

<u>4.1</u>	Indenture, dated as of April 1, 2021, among Dycom Industries, Inc., the subsidiary guarantors and U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Dycom
	Industries Inc's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 2, 2021)

First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and First Amendment to Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated as of April 1, 2021, among Dycom Industries, Inc., as the Borrower, the subsidiaries of Dycom identified therein, certain lenders named therein, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer, and other parties named therein (incorporated by reference to Dycom Industries, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 2, 2021).

31.1 + Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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The following materials from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 1, 2021 formatted in Inline XBRL: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations; (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity; (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity; (v) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and (vi) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The cover page from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended May 1, 2021, formatted in Inline XBRL (included as Exhibit 101) 101 +

Filed herewith Furnished herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.

Registrant

Date: May 26, 2021

Date:

/s/ Steven E. Nielsen

Steven E. Nielsen President and Chief Executive Officer Name: Title:

May 26, 2021 /s/ H. Andrew DeFerrari

Name: Title:

H. Andrew DeFerrari Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

INDENTURE

Dated as of April 1, 2021

among

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.

the Guarantors listed herein

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee

4.50% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2029

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EXHIBITS

Exhibit A	Form of Note
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This INDENTURE, dated as of April 1, 2021, is among Dycom Industries, Inc. (the "<u>Issuer</u>"), a Florida corporation, the Guarantors (as defined herein) listed on the signature pages hereto, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized the creation of an issue of \$500,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's 4.50% senior notes due 2029 (the "Initial Notes");

WHEREAS, the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the due and punctual payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes (as defined herein) and the performance and observation of each covenant and agreement under this Indenture to be performed or observed will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantors; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer and each of the Guarantors has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture;

NOW, THEREFORE, each party hereto agrees as follows for the benefit of the other parties and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders.

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1.01. Definitions.

"144A Global Note" means a Global Note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee that will be issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A.

"Acquired Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified Person,

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged or consolidated with or into or wound up into or became a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, including Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging or consolidating with or into, winding up into or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, or
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Additional Notes" means additional Notes (other than the Initial Notes) issued from time to time under this Indenture in accordance with Sections 2.01, 2.02 and 4.09 hereof.

"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified

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Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise.

"Agents" means any Registrar or Paying Agent.

"Applicable Premium" means, with respect to any Note on any applicable Redemption Date, the greater of:

- (1) 1.0% of the then-outstanding principal amount of such Note; and
- (2) the excess, if any, of
- (a) the present value at such Redemption Date of (i) the redemption price of the Note on April 15, 2024 (such redemption price being set forth in the table set forth in Section 3.07(b) hereof) plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the Note through April 15, 2024 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest to the Redemption Date), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such Redemption Date plus 50 basis points; over
 - (b) the then-outstanding principal amount of such Note.

The Issuer shall calculate the Applicable Premium. For the avoidance of doubt, calculation of the Applicable Premium shall not be an obligation or duty of the Trustee.

"Applicable Procedures" means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for, redemption of, or notice with respect to beneficial interests in any Global Note or the redemption or repurchase of any Global Note, the rules and procedures of the Depositary, Euroclear and/or Clearstream that apply to such transfer, exchange, redemption or repurchase.

"Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, conveyance, transfer or other disposition, whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of property or assets (including by way of a Sale and Lease-Back Transaction) of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (each referred to in this definition as a "disposition"); or
- (2) the issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries issued in compliance with Section 4.09 hereof), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions;

in each case, other than:

(a) any disposition of Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities or obsolete, non-core, surplus, damaged, unnecessary, unsuitable or worn out equipment, inventory or other property in the ordinary course of business or any disposition of inventory or goods (or

other assets) held for sale or no longer used or useful, or economically practical to maintain in the conduct of the business of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (b) the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer in a manner permitted pursuant to the provisions described under Section 5.01 hereof or any disposition that constitutes a Change of Control pursuant to this Indenture;
- (c) the making of any Restricted Payment that is permitted to be made, and is made, under Section 4.07 hereof or any Permitted Investment;
- (d) any disposition of property or assets or issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary in any transaction or series of related transactions with an aggregate fair market value of less than \$75.0 million;
- (e) any disposition of property or assets by a Restricted Subsidiary, or the issuance of securities by a Restricted Subsidiary, in either case, to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary, or by the Issuer to a Restricted Subsidiary;
- (f) to the extent allowable under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or comparable law or regulation, any exchange of like property (excluding any boot thereon) for use in a Similar Business;
- (g) the lease, assignment, sub-lease, license or sub-license of any real or personal property in the ordinary course of business;
- (h) any issuance or sale of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary (or a Restricted Subsidiary which owns an Unrestricted Subsidiary so long as such Restricted Subsidiary owns no assets other than the Equity Interests of such Unrestricted Subsidiary);
- (i) any foreclosure, condemnation, expropriation, forced dispositions, eminent domain or any similar action with respect to assets or the granting of Liens not prohibited by this Indenture;
- (j) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, or Receivables Assets or related assets, or any disposition of the Equity Interests in a Subsidiary, all or substantially all of the assets of which are Receivables Assets, in each case, in connection with any Qualified Receivables Facility or the disposition of an account receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof;
- (k) any Designated Sale and Lease-Back Transaction and any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, including Sale and Lease-Back Transactions and asset securitizations permitted by this Indenture;
- (I) the sale, discount or other disposition of inventory, accounts receivable, notes receivable or other assets in the ordinary course of business or the conversion of accounts receivable to notes receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof;

- (m) the licensing or sub-licensing of, or the assignment of, intellectual property, software or other general intangibles in the ordinary course of business;
- (n) any surrender or waiver of contract rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract rights or other litigation claims in the ordinary course of business;
- (o) the entry into, amendment, exercise, termination or settlement (in whole or in part) of Hedging Obligations or any Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, Capped Call Transaction or Warrant Transaction;
- (p) sales, transfers and other dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture arrangements and similar binding arrangements;
- (q) the lapse, abandonment or disposition of intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business, which rights, in the reasonable good faith determination of the Issuer, are not material to the conduct of the business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole:
- (r) the issuance of director qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required by applicable law;
- (s) the granting of a Lien that is permitted under Section 4.12 hereof or any Permitted Lien:
- (t) any transfer of property subject to a casualty event upon receipt of the net cash proceeds of such casualty event;
 - (u) any disposition to a Captive Insurance Subsidiary; and
- (v) the disposition of any assets (including Equity Interests) (i) acquired in a transaction after the Issue Date, which assets are not used or useful in the core or principal business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or (ii) made in connection with the approval of any applicable antitrust authority or otherwise necessary or advisable in the good faith determination of the Issuer to consummate any acquisition; provided that the net cash proceeds are applied in accordance with Section 4.10(b) hereof.
- "Bank Products" means any facilities or services related to cash management, including treasury, depository, overdraft, credit or debit card, purchase card, electronic funds transfer and other cash management arrangements.
- "<u>Bankruptcy Law</u>" means Title 11, U.S. Code, as amended, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.
 - "Business Day" means each day which is not a Legal Holiday.
 - "Capital Stock" means:
 - (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"<u>Capitalized Lease Obligation</u>" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at such time be required to be capitalized and reflected as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Capitalized Software Expenditures" means, for any period, the aggregate of all expenditures (whether paid in cash or accrued as liabilities) by a Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries during such period in respect of licensed or purchased software or internally developed software and software enhancements that, in conformity with GAAP, are or are required to be reflected as capitalized costs on any consolidated balance sheet of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Capped Call Transactions" means one or more call options (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Issuer's Equity Interests purchased by the Issuer (or a Restricted Subsidiary) in connection with the issuance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness with a strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) initially equal to the conversion price or exchange price (howsoever defined) of the related Convertible Bond Indebtedness (subject to rounding) (whether settled in shares, cash or a combination thereof) and limiting the amount deliverable to the Issuer (or a Restricted Subsidiary) upon exercise thereof based on a cap or upper strike price (howsoever defined).

"Captive Insurance Subsidiary" means (i) any Subsidiary of the Issuer operating for the purpose of (a) insuring the businesses, operations or properties owned or operated by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries, including their future, present or former employees, directors, officers, managers, members, partners, independent contractors or consultants, and related benefits and/or (b) conducting any activities or business incidental thereto (it being understood and agreed that activities which are relevant or appropriate to qualify as an insurance company for U.S. federal or state tax purposes shall be considered "activities or business incidental thereto") or (ii) any Subsidiary of any such insurance subsidiary operating for the same purpose described in clause (i) above.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) (a) pounds sterling, euros, Canadian dollars, or any national currency of any participating member state of the EMU; and

- (b) local currencies of any other jurisdiction held by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries from time to time in the ordinary course of business;
- (3) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the U.S. government or any government of any member of the European Union or any agency or instrumentality thereof the securities of which are unconditionally guaranteed as a full-faith-and-credit obligation of such government with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition;
- (4) certificates of deposit, time deposits and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year and overnight bank deposits, in each case with any domestic or foreign commercial bank having capital and surplus of not less than \$250.0 million in the case of U.S. banks and \$100.0 million (or the U.S. dollar equivalent as of the date of determination) in the case of non-U.S. banks;
- (5) repurchase obligations for underlying securities of any of the types described in clauses (3), (4), (7) and (8) of this definition entered into with any financial institution or recognized securities dealer meeting the qualifications specified in clause (4) of this definition:
- (6) commercial paper and variable- or fixed-rate notes having one of the three highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency) and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation thereof and Indebtedness or Preferred Stock issued by Persons with a rating of "A" or higher from S&P or "A2" or higher from Moody's with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition;
- (7) marketable short-term money market and similar securities having one of the three highest ratings obtainable from either Moody's or S&P, respectively (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency) and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation or acquisition thereof and any money market deposit account issued or offered by any lender party to any Credit Facilities or with any U.S. commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$250.0 million;
- (8) readily marketable direct obligations issued, or securities issued and fully guaranteed, by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States or the European Union or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof having an Investment Grade Rating from either Moody's or S&P (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency) with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition;
- (9) readily marketable direct obligations issued, or securities issued and fully guaranteed, by any foreign government or any political subdivision or public instrumentality thereof, in each case having an Investment Grade Rating from either

Moody's or S&P (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency) with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition;

- (10) Investments with average maturities of 12 months or less from the date of acquisition in money market funds given one of the three highest ratings by S&P or Moody's (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized statistical rating agency); and
- (11) investment funds that invest primarily in securities of the types described in clauses (1) through (10) of this definition.

In the case of Investments by any Foreign Subsidiary or Investments made in a country outside the United States, Cash Equivalents shall also include (a) assets and investments of the type and, to the extent applicable, maturity described in clauses (1) through (8) and clauses (10) and (11) of this definition of foreign obligors, which Investments or obligors (or the parents of such obligors) have ratings described in such clauses or equivalent ratings from comparable foreign rating agencies and (b) other short-term investments utilized by Foreign Subsidiaries in accordance with normal investment practices for cash management in investments analogous to the foregoing investments in clauses (1) through (11) of this definition and in this paragraph.

In addition, in the case of Investments by any Captive Insurance Subsidiary, Cash Equivalents shall also include (a) such Investments with average maturities of 12 months or less from the date of acquisition in issuers rated BBB- (or the equivalent thereof) or better by S&P or Baa3 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by Moody's, in each case at the time of such Investment and (b) any Investment with a maturity of more than 12 months that would otherwise constitute Cash Equivalents of the kind described in any of clauses (1) through (11) of this definition or clause (a) of this paragraph, if the maturity of such Investment was 12 months or less; provided that the effective maturity of such Investment does not exceed 15 years.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Cash Equivalents shall include amounts denominated in currencies other than those set forth in clauses (1) and (2) of this definition; provided that such amounts are converted into any currency listed in clauses (1) and (2) as promptly as practicable and in any event within ten Business Days following the receipt of such amounts.

At any time at which the value, calculated in accordance with GAAP, of all investments of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries that were deemed, when made, to be Cash Equivalents in accordance with clauses (1) through (11) of this definition exceeds the Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, "Cash Equivalents" shall also mean any investment (a "Qualifying Investment") that satisfies the following two conditions: (x) the Qualifying Investment is of a type described in clauses (1) through (10) of the first paragraph of this definition, but has an effective maturity (whether by reason of final maturity, a put option or, in the case of an asset-backed security, an average life) of five years and one month or less from the date of such Qualifying Investment (notwithstanding any provision contained in such clauses (1) through (10) requiring a shorter maturity); and (y) the weighted average effective maturity of such Qualifying Investment and all other investments that were made as Qualifying

Investments in accordance with this paragraph does not exceed two years from the date of such Oualifying Investment.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

- (1) the sale, lease or transfer, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any Person; or
- (2) the Issuer becomes aware (by way of a report or any other filing pursuant to Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act, proxy, vote, written notice or otherwise) of the acquisition by any person or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, or any successor provision), including any group acting for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of securities (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) under the Exchange Act), in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, by way of merger, consolidation or other business combination or purchase of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act, or any successor provision) of more than 50.0% of the voting power of the Voting Stock of the Issuer;

provided, however, that (1) a transaction in which the Issuer becomes a Subsidiary of another Person (other than a Person that is an individual, such Person that is not an individual, the "Other Person") shall not constitute a Change of Control if (a) the shareholders "beneficially owning" 100.0% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Issuer immediately prior to such transaction "beneficially own" (as such term is defined in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, at least a majority of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Issuer, immediately following the consummation of such transaction, and no "person" or "group" (as such terms are defined above) "beneficially owns" (as such term is defined above) more than 50.0% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Issuer immediately following such transaction if such "person" or "group" (as such terms are defined above) did not "beneficially own" (as such term is defined above) more than 50.0% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Issuer prior to such transaction or (b) immediately following the consummation of such transaction, no "person" or "group" (as such terms are defined above), other than the Other Person (but including the holders of the Equity Interests of the Other Person), "beneficially owns" (as such term is defined above), directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, more than 50.0% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of the Issuer or the Other Person; (2) the transfer of assets between or among the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Issuer in accordance with the terms of this Indenture shall not itself constitute a Change of Control; and (3) a "person" or "group" (as such terms are defined above) shall not be deemed to "beneficially own" (as such term is defined above) securities subject to a stock purchase agreement, merger agreement or similar agreement (or any voting or option agreement related thereto) until the consummation of the transactions contemplated by such agreement.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking S.A. or any successor securities clearing agency.

"consolidated" with respect to any Person refers to such Person consolidated with its Restricted Subsidiaries, and excludes from such consolidation any Unrestricted Subsidiary as if such Unrestricted Subsidiary were not an Affiliate of such Person.

"Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense, including the amortization of intangibles, deferred financing fees or costs and Capitalized Software Expenditures of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication:

(1) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income (including, but not limited to, (a) all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit or bankers acceptances accounted for as interest expense, (b) the interest component of Capitalized Lease Obligations, and (c) net payments, if any, made (less net payments, if any, received), pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations with respect to Indebtedness, and excluding (r) amortization of debt discount and premium, (s) any expense resulting from the discounting of any Indebtedness in connection with the application of purchase accounting in connection with any acquisition, (t) penalties and interest relating to taxes, (u) any "additional interest" owing pursuant to any registration rights agreement with respect to securities, (v) amortization of deferred financing fees, debt issuance costs, commissions, fees and expenses, (w) any expensing of bridge, commitment and other financing fees, (x) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges (including any interest expense) related to any Qualified Receivables Facility, (y) any accretion of accrued interest on discounted liabilities) and (z) any other non-cash interest expense; less

(2) interest income for such period.

For purposes of this definition, interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by such Person to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that, without duplication,

(1) any after-tax effect of extraordinary, infrequent non-recurring or unusual gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) or expenses (including relating to any multi-year strategic initiatives), Transaction Expenses, severance, relocation costs

and curtailments or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefit plans shall be excluded.

- (2) the Net Income for such period shall not include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles and changes as a result of the adoption or modification of accounting policies during such period,
- (3) any net after-tax gain or loss on discontinued operations not held for sale, or disposal of disposed or abandoned operations shall be excluded,
- (4) any after-tax effect of gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) attributable to asset dispositions or abandonments or the sale or other disposition of any Equity Interests of any Person other than in the ordinary course of business shall be excluded,
- (5) the Net Income for such period of any Person that is not a Subsidiary, or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, shall be excluded; <u>provided</u> that the Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer shall be increased by the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments actually paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period,
- (6) the effects of adjustments in the inventory, property and equipment, software, goodwill, other intangible assets, in-process research and development, deferred revenue, accrued liabilities, and debt line items in such Person's consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP resulting from the application of purchase accounting in relation to any consummated acquisition or the amortization or write-off of any amounts thereof, net of taxes, shall be excluded,
- (7) any after-tax effect of income (loss) from the early repurchase, redemption or other extinguishment or amendment of (i) Indebtedness, (ii) interest rate Hedging Obligations, or (iii) any Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, Capped Call Transaction or Warrant Transaction shall be excluded.
- (8) any impairment charge or asset write-off or write-down, including impairment charges or asset write-offs or write-downs related to intangible assets, long-lived assets, investments in debt and equity securities or as a result of a change in law or regulation, in each case, pursuant to GAAP, and the amortization of intangibles arising pursuant to GAAP shall be excluded,
- (9) any non-cash compensation charge or expense, including any such charge arising from any grant of stock appreciation or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units or other rights shall be excluded,
- (10) any fees and expenses incurred during such period, or any amortization thereof for such period, in connection with any acquisition, Investment, Asset Sale, issuance or repayment of Indebtedness, issuance of Equity Interests, refinancing transaction or amendment or modification of any debt instrument (in each case, including

any such transaction consummated prior to the Issue Date and any such transaction undertaken but not completed) and any charges or non-recurring merger costs incurred during such period as a result of any such transaction shall be excluded, and

(11) accruals and reserves that are established within twelve months after the Issue Date that are so required to be established as a result of the Transactions (or within twelve months after the closing of any acquisition that are so required to be established as a result of such acquisition) in accordance with GAAP, shall be excluded.

In addition, to the extent not already included in the Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Consolidated Net Income shall include the amount of proceeds received from business interruption insurance and reimbursements of any expense or charge that is covered by indemnification or other reimbursement provisions in connection with any Permitted Investment or any sale, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of assets permitted under this Indenture.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the purpose of Section 4.07 hereof only (other than clause (3)(E) of Section 4.07(a) hereof), there shall be excluded from Consolidated Net Income any income arising from any sale or other disposition of Restricted Investments made by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any repurchase or redemption of Restricted Investments from the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any repayment of loans or advance that constitutes a Restricted Investment by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, any sale of the Equity Interests of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any distribution or dividend from an Unrestricted Subsidiary, in each case, only to the extent such amounts increase the amount of Restricted Payments permitted under clause (3)(E) of Section 4.07(a) hereof.

"Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (1) Consolidated Total Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries that is secured by Liens on the property of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of determination, less the aggregate amount of Cash Equivalents held by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries at such date, to (2) the Issuer's EBITDA for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of determination, in each case with such <u>proforma</u> adjustments to Consolidated Total Indebtedness, Cash Equivalents and EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the <u>proforma</u> adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Total Debt Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (1) Consolidated Total Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of determination, less the aggregate amount of Cash Equivalents held by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries at such date, to (2) the Issuer's EBITDA for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of determination, in each case with such <u>pro forma</u> adjustments to Consolidated Total Indebtedness, Cash Equivalents and EBITDA as are appropriate and

consistent with the \underline{pro} \underline{forma} adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Total Indebtedness" means, as at any date of determination, an amount equal to the sum of (1) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis consisting of Indebtedness for borrowed money, Obligations in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations and debt obligations evidenced by promissory notes and similar instruments (and excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any letter of credit, except to the extent of unreimbursed amounts thereunder, Hedging Obligations and all obligations relating to Qualified Receivables Facilities), in each case, determined in accordance with GAAP (but excluding the effects of any discounting of Indebtedness resulting from the application of purchase accounting in connection with any acquisition) and (2) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Disqualified Stock of the Issuer and all Preferred Stock of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Preferred Stock held by the Issuer or a Guarantor) on a consolidated basis, with the amount of such Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock equal to the greater of their respective voluntary or involuntary liquidation preferences and maximum fixed repurchase prices, in each case determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Contingent Obligations" means, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any leases, dividends or other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness ("primary obligations") of any other Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent.

- (1) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor,
 - (2) to advance or supply funds
 - (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation, or
 - (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, or
- (3) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

"Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions" means one or more call options (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Issuer's Equity Interests purchased by the Issuer (or a Restricted Subsidiary) requiring the counterparty thereto to deliver to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary shares of common stock of the Issuer, the cash value of such shares or a combination thereof from time to time upon exercise of such option in connection with the issuance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness with a strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) initially equal to the conversion or exchange price (howsoever defined) of the related Convertible Bond Indebtedness (subject to rounding).

"Convertible Bond Indebtedness" means Indebtedness having a feature which entitles the holder thereof to convert or exchange all or a portion of such Indebtedness into or by reference to Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer; and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes the Convertible Notes.

"Convertible Notes" means the Issuer's 0.75% Convertible Senior Notes due 2021 issued on September 15, 2015.

"Corporate Trust Office" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 12.01 hereof or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Holders and the Issuer.

"Credit Facilities" means, with respect to the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, one or more debt facilities, including the Senior Credit Facility, or other financing arrangements (including commercial paper facilities or indentures) providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, letters of credit, capital market financings, receivables financings or other borrowings or other extensions of credit, including any notes, mortgages, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and any amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, renewals, restatements or refundings thereof, in whole or in part, and any indentures or credit facilities or commercial paper facilities that replace, refund, supplement or refinance any part of the loans, notes, other credit facilities or commitments thereunder, including any such replacement, refunding, supplemental or refinancing facility, arrangement or indenture that increases the amount permitted to be borrowed thereunder or alters the maturity thereof (provided that such increase in borrowings or issuances is permitted under Section 4.09 hereof) or adds Restricted Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder and whether by the same or any other agent, trustee, lender or group of lenders or other holders.

"Custodian" means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Notes, each in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

"<u>Default</u>" means any event that is, or with the passage of time, the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Derivative Instrument" with respect to a Person, means any contract, instrument or other right to receive payment or delivery of cash or other assets to which such Person or any Affiliate of such Person that is acting in concert with such Person in connection with such Person's investment in the notes (other than a Screened Affiliate) is a party (whether or not requiring further performance by such Person), the value and/or cash flows of which (or any material portion thereof) are materially affected by the value and/or performance of the notes and/or the creditworthiness of the Performance References.

"Definitive Note" means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.06(c) hereof, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, except that such Note shall not bear the Global Note Legend and shall not have the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto.

"<u>Depositary</u>" means, with respect to the Global Notes representing the Notes, any Person specified in Section 2.03 hereof as the Depositary with respect to the Notes, and any and all successors thereto appointed as Depositary hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

"Designated Non-cash Consideration" means the fair market value of non-cash consideration received by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an Asset Sale that is so designated as Designated Non-cash Consideration pursuant to an Officer's Certificate, setting forth the basis of such valuation less the amount of Cash Equivalents received in connection with a subsequent sale of or collection on such Designated Non-cash Consideration.

"<u>Designated Preferred Stock</u>" means Preferred Stock of the Issuer (other than Disqualified Stock) that is issued for cash (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries) and is so designated as Designated Preferred Stock, pursuant to an Officer's Certificate, executed on or about the issuance date thereof, the cash proceeds of which are excluded from the calculation set forth in clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof.

"<u>Designated Sale and Lease-Back Transaction</u>" means one or more Sale and Lease-Back Transactions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$30.0 million at any time outstanding.

"Disqualified Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which, by its terms, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is putable or exchangeable, or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely as a result of a change of control or asset sale) pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely as a result of a change of control or asset sale), in whole or in part, in each case prior to the date 91 days after the earlier of the maturity date of the Notes or the date the Notes are no longer outstanding; provided that, if such Capital Stock is issued to any plan for the benefit of employees of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations; provided further that any Capital Stock held by any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer, any of its Subsidiaries, or any other entity in which the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary has an Investment and is designated in good faith as an "affiliate" by the board of directors of the Issuer (or the compensation committee thereof) that is redeemable or subject to repurchase, in each case pursuant to any stock subscription or stockholders' agreement, management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Issuer or its Subsidiaries.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person other than a Foreign Subsidiary.

"EBITDA" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period

- (1) increased (without duplication) by the following, in each case to the extent deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period:
 - (a) provision for taxes based on income, profits or capital gains, including federal, foreign and state income tax, franchise, excise and similar taxes, and foreign withholding taxes of such Person paid or accrued during such period deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; plus
 - (b) Fixed Charges of such Person for such period (including (x) net losses on Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments entered into for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk, (y) bank fees and (z) costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities, plus amounts excluded from Consolidated Interest Expense as set forth in clauses (1)(r) through (z) in the definition thereof) to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; plus
 - (c) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense of such Person for such period to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; <u>plus</u>
 - (d) any expenses or charges (other than depreciation or amortization expense) related to any Equity Offering, Permitted Investment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization, the incurrence or extinguishment of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred by this Indenture (including a refinancing thereof) (whether or not successful) or the entry into, amendment, exercise, termination or settlement (in whole or in part) of any Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, Capped Call Transaction or Warrant Transaction permitted by this Indenture, including, but not limited to, (i) such fees, expenses or charges related to the offering of the Notes, the Convertible Notes, any Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, Capped Call Transaction or Warrant Transaction, or the Senior Credit Facility and (ii) any amendment or other modification of the Notes, the Convertible Notes or the Senior Credit Facility and, in each case, deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income; plus
 - (e) the amount of any restructuring charges, integration costs or other business optimization expenses, costs associated with establishing new facilities or reserves deducted (and not added back) in such period in computing Consolidated Net Income, including any one-time costs incurred in connection with acquisitions after the Issue Date, and costs related to the closure and/or consolidation of facilities; plus
 - (f) any other non-cash losses or charges, including any write offs or write downs reducing Consolidated Net Income for such period (<u>provided</u> that if any such non-cash losses or charges represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash

items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be subtracted from EBITDA to such extent, and excluding amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period); plus

- (g) the amount of any minority interest expense consisting of Subsidiary income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-Wholly Owned Subsidiary deducted (and not added back) in such period in computing Consolidated Net Income; <u>plus</u>
- (h) interest income or investment earnings on retiree medical and intellectual property, royalty, or license receivables; <u>plus</u>
- (i) the amount of net cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies projected by the Issuer in good faith to be realized as a result of specified actions taken, committed to be taken or expected in good faith to be taken no later than 24 months after the end of such period (calculated on a proforma basis as though such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies had been realized on the first day of such period for which EBITDA is being determined and as if such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies were realized during the entirety of such period), net of the amount of actual benefits realized during such period from such actions; provided that such cost savings are reasonably identifiable and factually supportable; provided further that the aggregate amount of such net cost savings, operating expense reductions, and synergies added back pursuant to this clause (i) for any applicable measurement period shall not exceed 25.0% of EBITDA for such period calculated immediately before giving effect to the add back in this clause (i); plus
- (j) the amount of loss on sale of receivables, Receivables Assets and related assets to the Receivables Subsidiary in connection with a Qualified Receivables Facility; plus
- (k) any costs or expense incurred by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement, to the extent that such cost or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of the Issuer or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Equity Interests of the Issuer (other than Disqualified Stock) solely to the extent that such net cash proceeds are excluded from the calculation set forth in clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof; plus
- (I) cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenditures) not representing EBITDA or Net Income in any period to the extent non-cash gains relating to such income were deducted in the calculation of EBITDA pursuant to clause (2) below for any previous period and not added back; plus

- (m) any net loss from discontinued operations not held for sale, or disposed or abandoned operations;
- (2) decreased (without duplication) by the following, in each case to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period:
 - (a) non-cash gains increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period, excluding any non-cash gains to the extent they represent the reversal of an accrual or reserve for a potential cash item that reduced EBITDA in any prior period and any non-cash gains with respect to cash actually received in a prior period so long as such cash did not increase EBITDA in such prior period; plus
 - (b) any net income from discontinued operations not held for sale, or disposed or abandoned operations.

Whenever a percentage of EBITDA is being used in this Indenture to determine the amount of any basket, carve-out or exception or any component thereof, EBITDA means the EBITDA of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis for the most recently ended four fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date as of which the determination is made, with such pro forma adjustments as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"EMU" means economic and monetary union as contemplated in the Treaty on European Union.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all options, warrants, restricted stock units or other rights to acquire Capital Stock, but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock, and excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, Convertible Bond Indebtedness, Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions, and Warrant Transactions.

"Equity Offering" means any public or private sale of common stock or Preferred Stock of the Issuer (excluding Disqualified Stock), other than:

- (1) public offerings with respect to the Issuer's common stock registered on Form S-4 or Form S-8;
 - (2) issuances to any Subsidiary of the Issuer; and
 - (3) any such public or private sale that constitutes an Excluded Contribution.
 - "Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank SA/NV or any successor clearing agency.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

"Excluded Contribution" means net cash proceeds, marketable securities or Oualified Proceeds received by the Issuer from

- (1) contributions to its common equity capital, and
- (2) the sale (other than to a Subsidiary of the Issuer or to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement of the Issuer) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock and Designated Preferred Stock) of the Issuer,

in each case, designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an Officer's Certificate executed on or about the date such capital contributions are made or the date such Equity Interests are sold, as the case may be, which are excluded from the calculation set forth in clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof.

"fair market value" means, with respect to any asset or liability, the fair market value of such asset or liability as determined by the Issuer in good faith.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the ratio of EBITDA of such Person for such period to the Fixed Charges of such Person for such period. In the event that the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary incurs, assumes, guarantees, redeems, repays, retires or extinguishes any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness incurred or repaid under any revolving credit facility unless such Indebtedness has been permanently repaid and has not been replaced) or issues or redeems Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is being calculated but prior to or simultaneously with the event for which the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is made (the "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculated Date"), then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving proforma effect to such incurrence, assumption, guarantee, redemption, repayment, retirement or extinguishment of Indebtedness, or such issuance or redemption of Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period.

For purposes of making the computation described in the prior paragraph of this definition, Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations and disposed operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP) that have been made by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries during the four-quarter reference period or subsequent to such reference period and on or prior to or simultaneously with the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculation Date shall be calculated on a <u>pro forma</u> basis assuming that all such Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations and disposed operations (and the change in any associated fixed charge obligations and the change in EBITDA resulting therefrom) had occurred on the first day of the four-quarter reference period. If since the beginning of such period any Person that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged with or into the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries since the beginning of such period shall have made any Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation or disposed operation that would have required adjustment pursuant to this definition, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving <u>pro forma</u> effect thereto for such period as if such Investment,

acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation or disposed operation had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period.

For purposes of this definition, whenever pro forma effect is to be given to any Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation or disposed operation and the amount of income or earnings relating thereto, the pro forma calculations shall be made in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Issuer (and may include, for the avoidance of doubt, cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies resulting from such Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation or disposed operation which is being given pro forma effect that have been or are expected to be realized). If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given pro forma effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculation Date had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Hedging Obligations applicable to such Indebtedness). Interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Issuer to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP. For purposes of making the computations discussed in this definition, interest on any Indebtedness under a revolving credit facility computed on a pro forma basis shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the applicable period except as set forth in the first paragraph of this definition. Interest on Indebtedness that may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Issuer may designate.

"<u>Fixed Charges</u>" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of, without duplication:

- (1) Consolidated Interest Expense of such Person for such period;
- (2) all cash dividends or other distributions paid (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Preferred Stock during such period; and
- (3) all cash dividends or other distributions paid (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Disqualified Stock during such period.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person that is not organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia and any Restricted Subsidiary of such Foreign Subsidiary.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, which are in effect on the Issue Date, but without giving effect to Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02 and Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 842 and related interpretations.

"Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(ii) hereof, which is required to be placed on all Global Notes issued under this Indenture.

"Global Notes" means, individually and collectively, each of the Restricted Global Notes and the Unrestricted Global Notes, substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, issued in accordance with Sections 2.01, 2.06(b) or 2.06(d) hereof.

"guarantee" means a guarantee (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business), direct or indirect, in any manner (including letters of credit and reimbursement agreements in respect thereof), of all or any part of any Indebtedness or other obligations.

"<u>Guarantee</u>" means the guarantee by any Guarantor of the Issuer's Obligations under this Indenture and the Notes.

"<u>Guarantor</u>" means each Person that Guarantees the Notes in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

"Hedging Obligations" means, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person under any interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement, interest rate collar agreement, commodity swap agreement, commodity cap agreement, commodity collar agreement, foreign exchange contract, currency swap agreement or similar agreement providing for the transfer or mitigation of interest rate, commodity price or currency risks either generally or under specific contingencies, which excludes, for the avoidance of doubt, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions, Capped Call Transactions and Warrant Transactions, and any arrangements or agreements related thereto, and accelerated share repurchase contract, forward share purchase contract or similar contract with respect to the purchase by the Issuer of its Equity Interests.

"<u>Holder</u>" means the Person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar's books.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication:

- (1) any indebtedness (including principal and premium) of such Person, whether or not contingent:
 - (a) in respect of borrowed money;
 - (b) evidenced by bonds (excluding performance, payment and other surety bonds incurred in the ordinary course of business), notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances (or, without duplication, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
 - (c) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (including Capitalized Lease Obligations), except (i) any such balance that constitutes an obligation in respect of a commercial letter of credit, a trade payable or similar obligation to a trade creditor, in each case accrued in the ordinary course of business and (ii) any earn-out obligations until such obligation

becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP and is not paid after becoming due and payable; or

(d) representing any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP;

- (2) to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation by such Person to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, any obligation of the type referred to in clause (1) above of a third Person (whether or not such item would appear upon the balance sheet of such obligor or guarantor), other than by endorsement of a negotiable instrument for collection in the ordinary course of business; and
- (3) to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation of the type referred to in clause (1) above of a third Person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such first Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such first Person;

provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall be deemed not to include (a) Contingent Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (b) any operating lease or operating lease liability, (c) obligations under or in respect of Qualified Receivables Facilities or Sale and Lease-Back Transactions (except any resulting Capitalized Lease Obligations), or (d) any Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, Capped Call Transaction or Warrant Transaction; provided further that Indebtedness shall be calculated without giving effect to the effects of Accounting Standards Codification topic 815 and related interpretations to the extent such effects would otherwise increase or decrease an amount of Indebtedness for any purpose under this Indenture as a result of accounting for any embedded derivatives created by the terms of such Indebtedness.

"Indenture" means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Independent Financial Advisor" means an accounting, appraisal, investment banking firm or consultant of nationally recognized standing and is, in the good-faith judgment of the Issuer, qualified to perform the task for which it has been engaged.

"Indirect Participant" means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Note through a Participant.

"Initial Notes" is defined in the recitals hereto.

"Initial Purchaser" means any of BofA Securities, Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Truist Securities, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BMO Capital Markets Corp., Capital One Securities, Inc., Citizens Capital Markets, Inc., MUFG Securities Americas Inc., Fifth Third Securities, Inc., PNC Capital Markets LLC or TD Securities (USA) LLC.

"Interest Payment Date" means April 15 and October 15 of each year to stated maturity.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's or BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or an equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency or nationally recognized statistical rating agency.

"Investment Grade Securities" means:

- securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents);
- (2) debt securities or debt instruments with an Investment Grade Rating, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among the Issuer and its Subsidiaries;
- (3) investments in any fund that invests exclusively in investments of the type described in clauses (1) and (2), which fund may also hold immaterial amounts of cash from time to time pending investment or distribution; and
- (4) corresponding instruments in countries other than the United States customarily utilized for high quality investments.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of loans (including guarantees), advances or capital contributions (excluding accounts receivable, trade credit, advances and extensions of credit to customers and vendors, and commission, travel and similar advances to officers, employees, directors and consultants, in each case made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities issued by any other Person and investments that are required by GAAP to be classified on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes) of the Issuer in the same manner as the other investments included in this definition to the extent such transactions involve the transfer of cash or other property. In no event shall a guarantee of an operating lease or other business contract of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary be deemed an Investment. For purposes of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" and Section 4.07 hereof:

- (1) "Investments" shall include the portion (proportionate to the Issuer's equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets of a Subsidiary of the Issuer at the time that such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided that, upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, the Issuer shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent "Investment" in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to:
 - (a) the Issuer's "Investment" in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; less
 - (b) the portion (proportionate to the Issuer's Equity Interest in such Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; and

(2) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be valued at its fair market value at the time of such transfer.

The amount of any Investment outstanding at any time shall be the original cost of such Investment, reduced by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount received in cash by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such Investment.

"Issue Date" means April 1, 2021.

"Issuer" means Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation, and any successor Person, in accordance with Section 5.02 hereof.

"Issuer Order" means a written request or order signed on behalf of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer, who must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer of the Issuer, and delivered to the Trustee.

"<u>Legal Holiday</u>" means a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banking institutions are not required to be open in the State of New York or, to the extent applicable, in the place of payment.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien (statutory or otherwise), pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction; provided that in no event shall an operating lease be deemed to constitute a Lien.

"Long Derivative Instrument" means a Derivative Instrument (i) the value of which generally increases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally decrease, with positive changes to the Performance References and/or (ii) the value of which generally decreases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally increase, with negative changes to the Performance References.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale, including any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any Designated Non-cash Consideration received in any Asset Sale, net of the direct costs relating to such Asset Sale and the sale or disposition of such Designated Non-cash Consideration, including legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and brokerage and sales commissions, any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof, taxes paid or payable as a result thereof (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements), amounts required to be applied to the repayment

of principal, premium, if any, and interest on Senior Indebtedness required or amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien on such assets (other than required by clause (1) of Section 4.10(b) hereof) to be paid as a result of such transaction and any deduction of appropriate amounts to be provided by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as a reserve in accordance with GAAP against any liabilities associated with the asset disposed of in such transaction and retained by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries after such sale or other disposition thereof, including pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and liabilities related to environmental matters or against any indemnification obligations associated with such transaction. Net Cash Proceeds shall not include any cash payments held in escrow until such time as such amounts are released from escrow.

"Net Income" means, with respect to any Person, the net income (loss) of such Person, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of Preferred Stock dividends.

"Net Short" means, with respect to a Holder or beneficial owner, as of a date of determination, either (i) the value of its Short Derivative Instruments exceeds the sum of the (x) the value of its Notes plus (y) the value of its Long Derivative Instruments as of such date of determination or (ii) it is reasonably expected that such would have been the case were a Failure to Pay or Bankruptcy Credit Event (each as defined in the 2014 ISDA Credit Derivatives Definitions) to have occurred with respect to the Issuer or any Guarantor immediately prior to such date of determination.

"Non-U.S. Person" means a Person who is not a U.S. Person.

"Notes" means the Initial Notes and more particularly means any Note authenticated and delivered under this Indenture. For all purposes of this Indenture, the term "Notes" shall also include any Additional Notes that may be issued under a supplemental indenture. The Notes shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest (including any interest accruing subsequent to the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, whether or not such interest is an allowed claim under applicable state, federal or foreign law), penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements (including reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit and banker's acceptances), damages and other liabilities, and guarantees of payment of such principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities, payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Offering Memorandum" means the confidential offering memorandum, dated March 25, 2021, relating to the sale of the Initial Notes.

"Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or Vice President, the Treasurer or the Secretary of the Issuer or any other officer of the Issuer designated by any of the foregoing individuals.

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed on behalf of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer, who must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer of the Issuer, that meets the requirements set forth in this Indenture.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion from legal counsel which is acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer.

"<u>Performance References</u>" means the Issuer and/or any one or more of the Guarantors.

"Participant" means, with respect to the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depositary, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

"Permitted Asset Swap" means the substantially concurrent purchase and sale or exchange of Related Business Assets or a combination of Related Business Assets and Cash Equivalents between the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and another Person; provided that any Cash Equivalents received must be applied in accordance with Section 4.10 hereof.

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment in the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including in the notes and Guarantees and the Convertible Notes and any other Indebtedness or Capital Stock of the Issuer and any Restricted Subsidiary that does not otherwise constitute a Restricted Payment;
 - (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities;
- (3) any Investment by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in a Person (including, to the extent constituting an Investment, in assets of a Person that represent substantially all of its assets or a division, business unit or product line) if as a result of such Investment:
 - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; or
 - (b) such Person, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, is merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets (or such division, business unit or product line) to, or is liquidated into, the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary,

and, in each case, any Investment held by such Person; <u>provided</u> that such Investment was not acquired by such Person in contemplation of such acquisition, merger, consolidation or transfer:

(4) any Investment in securities or other assets not constituting Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities and received in connection with an Asset Sale made

pursuant to the provisions described under Section 4.10 hereof or any other disposition of assets not constituting an Asset Sale;

- (5) any Investment existing on the Issue Date or made pursuant to binding commitments in effect on the Issue Date or an Investment consisting of any modification, replacement, renewal, reinvestment or extension of any such Investment or binding commitment existing on the Issue Date; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any such Investment may be increased in such modification, replacement, renewal, reinvestment or extension only (a) as required by the terms of such Investment or binding commitment as in existence on the Issue Date or (b) as otherwise permitted under this Indenture;
 - (6) any Investment acquired by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:
 - (a) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by the Issuer or any such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization or recapitalization of the issuer of such other Investment or accounts receivable (including any trade creditor or customer);
 - (b) as a result of the settlement, compromise or resolution of litigation, arbitration or other disputes with Persons who are not Affiliates;
 - (c) in settlement of delinquent obligations of, or other disputes with, customers, trade debtors, licensors, licensees and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business; or
 - (d) as a result of a foreclosure by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default;
- (7) Hedging Obligations permitted under clause (10) of Section 4.09(b) hereof and, to the extent constituting Investments, Investments in Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions, Capped Call Transactions and Warrant Transactions;
- (8) any Investment in a Similar Business having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (8), that are at the time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$50.0 million and 15.0% of EBITDA (in each case, determined on the date such Investment is made, with the fair market value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); provided, however, that, if any Investment pursuant to this clause (8) is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (1) above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this clause (8);
- (9) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (9) that are at the time outstanding, without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash or marketable securities (until

such proceeds are converted to Cash Equivalents), not to exceed the greater of \$50.0 million and 15.0% of EBITDA at the time of such Investment (with the fair market value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value);

- (10) Investments the payment for which consists of Equity Interests (exclusive of Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer; <u>provided</u> that such Equity Interests will not increase the amount available for Restricted Payments under clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof;
- (11) guarantees of Indebtedness not prohibited by Section 4.09 hereof; performance guarantees in the ordinary course of business and the creation of Liens on the assets of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in compliance with Section 4.12 hereof;
- (12) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted and made in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.11(b) hereof (except transactions described in clauses (2), (4) and (6) of Section 4.11(b) hereof);
- (13) Investments consisting of purchases and acquisitions of inventory, supplies, material, equipment or other assets or services or the licensing or contribution of intellectual property pursuant to joint marketing arrangements with other Persons;
- (14) Investments having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (14) that are at the time outstanding (without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash or marketable securities), not to exceed the greater of \$140.0 million and 40.0% of EBITDA at the time of such Investment (with the fair market value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); provided, however, that, if any Investment pursuant to this clause (14) is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to clause (1) above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this clause (14);
- (15) Investments in or relating to a Receivables Subsidiary or Receivables Assets that, in the good-faith determination of the Issuer are necessary or advisable to effect any Qualified Receivables Facility or any repurchase obligation in connection therewith;
- (16) advances to, or guarantees of Indebtedness of, officers, directors, employees or members of management not in excess of \$15.0 million outstanding at any time, in the aggregate;
- (17) Ioans and advances to officers, directors, employees, members of management and consultants for business-related travel expenses, moving expenses and other similar expenses or payroll advances, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practices or to fund such Person's purchase of Equity Interests of the Issuer;

- (18) advances, loans or extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:
- (19) Investments in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice consisting of Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) Article 3 endorsements for collection of deposit, Article 4 customary trade arrangements with customers and in accounts, contract rights and chattel paper, notes receivable and similar items arising or acquired from the sale of inventory;
- (20) Investments in joint ventures of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (20) that are at the time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 20.0% of EBITDA (in each case, determined on the date such Investment is made, with the fair market value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value);
- (21) any Investment in or by any Captive Insurance Subsidiary in connection with the provision of insurance to the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries, which Investment is made in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice of such Captive Insurance Subsidiary, or by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or that is required or approved by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or its business, as applicable;
- (22) any assignment of intellectual property from the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary to any Unrestricted Subsidiary if, at the time of such assignment, such intellectual property has not been registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Copyright Office or any other governmental authority in the United States or any other jurisdiction; and
 - (23) Investments made or received in order to facilitate the Transactions.

For purposes of determining compliance with this definition, in the event that a proposed Investment (or a portion thereof) meets the criteria of clauses (1) through (23) above, the Issuer will be entitled to divide or classify or later divide or reclassify (based on circumstances existing on the date of such reclassification) such Investment (or a portion thereof) between such clauses (1) through (23) in any manner that otherwise complies with this definition.

"Permitted Liens" means, with respect to any Person:

(1) pledges or deposits by such Person under workmen's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, employers' health tax and other social security laws or similar legislation, or other insurance-related obligations or indemnification obligations to (including obligations in respect of letters of credit or bank guarantees for the benefit of) insurance carriers in the ordinary course of business or good-faith pledges or deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness), sales or leases to which such Person is a party, or pledges or deposits to secure public or

statutory obligations of such Person or pledges or deposits of cash or government bonds to secure surety appeal or customs bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for contested taxes or import duties or for the payment of rent, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business;

- (2) Liens imposed by law, such as landlords', carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's, construction contractors or other like Liens, in each case for sums not yet overdue for a period of more than 90 days or if more than 90 days overdue, are unfiled and no other action has been taken to enforce such Lien or are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or other Liens arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (3) Liens for taxes, assessments, charges or other governmental levies not yet overdue for a period of more than 30 days or payable or subject to penalties for nonpayment or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate actions diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (4) Liens to secure self-insurance and obligations in respect of performance, surety, bid, indemnity, warranty, release, appeal, or similar bonds and performance and completion guarantees and similar obligations of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or to secure obligations in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments related thereto or otherwise in the ordinary course of business, and to secure obligations arising under any indemnity agreement relating thereto, in each case, in the ordinary course of its business or consistent with past practice;
- (5) minor survey exceptions, minor encumbrances, ground leases, easements or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, servitudes, sewers, electric lines, drains, cable television, telegraph and telephone lines and other similar purposes, or zoning, building codes or other restrictions (including minor defects and irregularities in title and similar encumbrances) as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental, to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not incurred in connection with Indebtedness and which do not in the aggregate materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of such Person;
- (6) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to clause (4) or (23) of Section 4.09(b) hereof; <u>provided</u> that (a) Liens securing Obligations related to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock permitted to be incurred or issued pursuant to clause (4) of Section 4.09(b) hereof extend only to the assets, the acquisition, construction, repair, replacement or improvement of which is financed thereby, and any replacements thereof, additions and accessions thereto and any income or profits thereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that individual financings or assets provided by one lender or group of lenders may be cross collateralized to other financings of assets by such lender or group of lenders; and (b) Liens securing Obligations related to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock permitted to be incurred or issued

pursuant to clause (23) of Section 4.09(b) hereof extend only to the assets of such Foreign Subsidiaries:

- (7) Liens existing on the Issue Date (other than under the Senior Credit Facility);
- (8) Liens on property or shares of stock or other assets of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming such a Subsidiary; <u>provided further</u> that such Liens may not extend to any other property or other assets owned by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds or products of such property or shares of stock or improvements thereon or replacements thereof);
- (9) Liens on property or other assets at the time the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary acquired the property or such other assets, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition, merger or consolidation; provided further that the Liens may not extend to any other property owned by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds or products of such property or assets or improvements thereon or replacements thereof);
- (10) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary permitted to be incurred in accordance with Section 4.09 hereof:
- (11) Liens securing (i) Hedging Obligations and (ii) obligations in respect of Bank Products, in each case, permitted to be incurred in accordance with Section 4.09 hereof;
- (12) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and the proceeds thereof securing such Person's obligations in respect of documentary letters of credit or bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;
- (13) leases, subleases, licenses or sublicenses granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not interfere in any material respect with the business of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (14) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) financing statement filings or similar or analogous financing statements in any jurisdiction regarding operating leases, consignment, asset sales, or factoring arrangements entered into by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business or purported Liens evidenced by the filing of precautionary Uniform Commercial Code financing statements or similar or analogous financing statements in any jurisdiction or similar public filings;
 - (15) Liens in favor of the Issuer or any Guarantor;

- (16) Liens on equipment of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries granted in the ordinary course of business to clients of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:
- (17) Liens on accounts receivable, Receivables Assets and related assets incurred in connection with a Qualified Receivables Facility and precautionary Liens on Receivables Assets against the transferor of such Receivables Assets;
- (18) Liens to secure any modification, refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (or successive refinancings, refundings, extensions, renewals or replacements) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and this clause (18); provided that (a) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property that secured the original Lien (plus improvements on, and replacements of, such property and the products and proceeds thereof), and (b) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (i) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness described under such clauses (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11) at the time the original Lien became a Permitted Lien under this Indenture, and (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums, related to such refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement;
- (19) deposits made or other security in the ordinary course of business to secure liability to insurance carriers;
- (20) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under clause (5) of Section 6.01 hereof;
- (21) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with the importation of goods in the ordinary course of business;
- (22) Liens (i) of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) on items in the course of collection, (ii) attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodity brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business, and (iii) in favor of banking institutions arising as a matter of law or under general terms and conditions encumbering deposits (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry;
- (23) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under Section 4.09 hereof;
- (24) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

- (25) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (i) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (ii) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries or (iii) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into with customers of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (26) Liens securing obligations owed by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary to any lender under the Senior Credit Facility or any Affiliate of such a lender in respect of any Bank Products;
- (27) Liens on cash and Cash Equivalents deposited to repay, repurchase or otherwise discharge Indebtedness;
- (28) any encumbrance or restriction (including put and call arrangements) with respect to capital stock of any joint venture or similar arrangement pursuant to any joint venture or similar agreement;
- (29) Liens on the Equity Interests and Indebtedness of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or a Receivables Subsidiary that secure Indebtedness or other obligations of such Unrestricted Subsidiary, or Receivables Subsidiary, respectively;
- (30) (i) Liens on cash advances in favor of the seller of any property to be acquired in an Investment permitted under this Indenture to be applied against the purchase price for such Investment and (ii) customary restrictions or dispositions of assets to be disposed of pursuant to merger agreements, stock or asset purchase agreements and similar agreements;
- (31) any interest or title of a lessor, sub-lessor, licensor or sub-licensor secured by a lessor's, sub-lessor's, licensor's or sub-licensor's interest under leases or licenses entered into by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (32) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for the sale or purchase of goods entered into by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (33) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted by this Indenture;
- (34) ground leases in respect of real property on which facilities owned or leased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries are located;
- (35) Liens on insurance policies and the proceeds thereof securing the financing of the premiums with respect thereto;

- (36) any zoning or similar law or right reserved to or vested in any governmental authority to control or regulate the use of any real property;
- (37) Liens on assets securing any Indebtedness owed to any Captive Insurance Subsidiary by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (38) Liens on deposits provided in respect of cash collateral to secure letters of credit issued under Credit Facilities; and
- (39) other Liens securing obligations which do not exceed, in aggregate principal amount outstanding, the greater of \$100.0 million and 30.0% of EBITDA, measured at the time of incurrence.

For purposes of this definition, the term "Indebtedness" shall be deemed to include interest on such Indebtedness.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity.

"Preferred Stock" means any Equity Interest with preferential rights of payment of dividends or upon liquidation, dissolution, or winding up.

"Private Placement Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(i) hereof to be placed on all Notes issued under this Indenture, except where otherwise permitted by the provisions of this Indenture.

"QIB" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Proceeds" means the fair market value of assets that are used or useful in, or Capital Stock of any Person engaged in, a Similar Business.

"Qualified Receivables Facility" means any of one or more receivables, payables, factoring or securitization financing or facilities as amended, supplemented, modified, extended, renewed, restated, or refunded from time to time, the Obligations of which are non-recourse (except for customary representations, warranties, covenants, repurchase obligations and indemnities made in connection with such facilities, including, without limitation, those based on a breach of obligations under the relevant purchase agreement or the agreement underlying any Receivables Assets, incorrect or misleading representations and warranties, Receivables Assets failing to meet any eligibility criteria, failure by an insurer of Receivables Assets to honor claims, titled defects, illegality, false misleading or incomplete information, exclusion of cover under any insurance in respect of any Receivables Assets, dilution, third party claims, or Receivables Assets becoming subject to any asserted defense, off-set or counterclaim) to the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) pursuant to which the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries sells, conveys or otherwise transfers or grants a security interest in its accounts receivable or Receivables Assets or assets related thereto to either (a) a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or (b) a Receivables Subsidiary.

"Rating Agencies" means Moody's and S&P or if Moody's or S&P or each shall not make a rating on the Notes publicly available, a nationally recognized statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, selected by the Issuer which shall be substituted for Moody's or S&P or each, as the case may be.

"Receivables Assets" means the accounts receivable, royalty, or other revenue streams, and other rights to receive payment arising from a sale or lease of goods or services and any assets related thereto (including, but not limited to, all collateral securing such receivable, all contracts and all guarantees or other obligations in respect of such receivable, proceeds collected on such receivable and other assets which are customarily transferred or in respect of which security interest are customarily granted in connection with receivables financing, asset based lending, asset backed lending or asset securitization transactions and any related hedging obligations, in each case, whether now existing or arising in the future.

"Receivables Fees" means distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts, set-off or netting with respect to any participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Receivables Subsidiary in connection with, any Qualified Receivables Facility.

"Receivables Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary formed for the purpose of, and that solely engages in, one or more Qualified Receivables Facilities and other activities reasonably related thereto.

"Record Date" for the interest payable on any applicable Interest Payment Date means the April 1 and October 1 (whether or not a Business Day) immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Regulation S" means Regulation S promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note" means a Regulation S Temporary Global Note or Regulation S Permanent Global Note, as applicable.

"Regulation S Permanent Global Note" means a permanent Global Note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note upon expiration of the Restricted Period.

"Regulation S Temporary Global Note" means a temporary Global Note substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto bearing the Global Note Legend, the Private Placement Legend and the Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee, issued in a denomination equal to the outstanding principal amount of the Notes initially sold in reliance on Rule 903.

"Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend" means the legend set forth in Section 2.06(g)(iii) hereof.

"Related Business Assets" means assets (other than Cash Equivalents) used or useful in a Similar Business; <u>provided</u> that any assets received by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in exchange for assets transferred by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary shall not be deemed to be Related Business Assets if they consist of securities of a Person, unless upon receipt of the securities of such Person, such Person would become a Restricted Subsidiary.

"Responsible Officer" means, when used with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the corporate trust department of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of such Person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and who shall have direct responsibility for the administration of this Indenture.

"Restricted Definitive Note" means a Definitive Note bearing, or that is required to bear, the Private Placement Legend.

"Restricted Global Note" means a Global Note bearing, or that is required to bear, the Private Placement Legend.

"Restricted Investment" means an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"Restricted Period" means, in respect of any Note issued under Regulation S, the 40-day distribution compliance period as defined in Regulation S applicable to such Note.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means, at any time, any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Issuer (including any Foreign Subsidiary) that is not at such time an Unrestricted Subsidiary; provided that, upon an Unrestricted Subsidiary ceasing to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary, such Subsidiary shall be included in the definition of "Restricted Subsidiary."

"Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A" means Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 903" means Rule 903 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"Rule 904" means Rule 904 promulgated under the Securities Act.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's, a division of S&P Global Inc., and any successor to its rating agency business.

"Sale and Lease-Back Transaction" means any arrangement providing for the renting or leasing by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of any real or tangible personal property, which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary to a third Person in contemplation of such renting or leasing.

"Screened Affiliate" means any Affiliate of a Holder (i) that makes investment decisions independently from such Holder and any other Affiliate of such Holder that is not a Screened Affiliate, (ii) that has in place customary information screens between it and such

Holder and any other Affiliate of such Holder that is not a Screened Affiliate and such screens prohibit the sharing of information with respect to the Issuer, any Guarantor or any of their Subsidiaries, (iii) whose investment policies are not directed by such Holder or any other Affiliate of such Holder that is acting in concert with such Holder in connection with its investment in the Notes, and (iv) whose investment decisions are not influenced by the investment decisions of such Holder or any other Affiliate of such Holder that is acting in concert with such Holders in connection with its investment in the Notes.

"SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Secured Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries secured by a Lien.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder.

"Senior Credit Facility" means (i) the Credit Facilities under that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018, by and among the Issuer, the subsidiaries of the Issuer party thereto from time to time, the lenders party thereto from time to time, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer, and the other Credit Documents (as defined therein), including, without limitation, any guarantees, collateral documents, notes, instruments, joinders and other agreements executed and delivered in connection therewith, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified by the Senior Credit Facility Amendment (as defined herein) dated on or about the Issue Date, and from time to time by any further amendments, supplements, modifications, extensions, renewals, restatements, refundings, or refinancings thereof, and (ii) any indentures or credit facilities or commercial paper facilities with banks or other institutional lenders or investors that replace, refund, or refinance any part of the loans, notes, other credit facilities, or commitments thereunder, including any such replacement, refunding, or refinancing facility or indenture that increases the amount borrowable thereunder or alters the maturity thereof; provided that such increase in borrowings is permitted under Section 4.09 hereof.

"Senior Indebtedness" means:

- (1) all Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility, the Convertible Notes, and related guarantees or the Notes and related Guarantees (including interest accruing on or after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or similar proceeding or for reorganization of the Issuer or any Guarantor (at the rate provided for in the documentation with respect thereto, regardless of whether or not a claim for post-filing interest is allowed in such proceedings)), and any and all other fees, expense reimbursement obligations, indemnification amounts, penalties, and other amounts (whether existing on the Issue Date or thereafter created or incurred) and all obligations of the Issuer or any Guarantor to reimburse any bank or other Person in respect of amounts paid under letters of credit, acceptances or other similar instruments;
- (2) all (x) Hedging Obligations (and guarantees thereof) owing to a Lender (as defined in the Senior Credit Facility) or any Affiliate of such Lender (or any Person that was a Lender or an Affiliate of such Lender at the time the applicable agreement giving

rise to such Hedging Obligation was entered into) and (y) obligations in respect of Bank Products; <u>provided</u> that such Hedging Obligations and obligations in respect of Bank Products, as the case may be, are permitted to be incurred under the terms of this Indenture:

- (3) any other Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor permitted to be incurred under the terms of this Indenture, unless the instrument under which such Indebtedness is incurred expressly provides that it is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or any related Guarantee; and
- (4) all Obligations with respect to the items listed in the preceding clauses (1), (2) and (3);

provided that Senior Indebtedness shall not include:

- (a) any obligation of such Person to the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (b) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing by such Person:
- (c) any accounts payable or other liability to trade creditors arising in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) any Indebtedness or other Obligation of such Person which is subordinate or junior in any respect to any other Indebtedness or other Obligation of such Person; or
- (e) that portion of any Indebtedness which at the time of incurrence is incurred in violation of this Indenture.

"Short Derivative Instrument" means a Derivative Instrument (i) the value of which generally decreases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally increase, with positive changes to the Performance References and/or (ii) the value of which generally increases, and/or the payment or delivery obligations under which generally decrease, with negative changes to the Performance References.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated under the Securities Act, as such regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

"Similar Business" means (1) any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries on the Issue Date and any reasonable extension thereof or (2) any business or other activities that are reasonably similar, related, complementary, incidental or ancillary to, or a reasonable extension, development or expansion of, the businesses in which the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries are engaged or propose to be engaged on the Issue Date.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means:

- (1) any Indebtedness of the Issuer which is by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the Notes, and
- (2) any Indebtedness of any Guarantor which is by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantee of such entity.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association, or other business entity (other than a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity) of which more than 50.0% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time of determination owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person or a combination thereof; and
- (2) any partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or similar entity of which
 - (x) more than 50.0% of the capital accounts, distribution rights, total equity and voting interests or general or limited partnership interests, as applicable, are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person or a combination thereof whether in the form of membership, general, special or limited partnership interest or otherwise, and
 - (y) such Person or any Restricted Subsidiary of such Person is a controlling general partner or otherwise controls such entity.

"Subsidiary Guarantor" means each Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer that Guarantees the Notes.

"<u>Transaction Expenses</u>" means any fees or expenses incurred or paid by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with the Transactions.

"Transactions" means the issuance of the Notes on the Issue Date, the amendment of the Senior Credit Facility (the "Senior Credit Facility Amendment") as described under "Summary—Concurrent Amendment of Our Senior Credit Facility and Refinancing" in the Offering Memorandum and the application of the use of proceeds from the offering of the Initial Notes as described under "Use of Proceeds" in the Offering Memorandum, including the repayment of amounts outstanding under the term loan portion of Senior Credit Facility, repayment of outstanding borrowings under the revolving portion of the Senior Credit Facility and repayment of the Convertible Notes at maturity as described therein and the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith, and other transactions in connection therewith or incidental thereto.

"Treasury Rate" means, as of any applicable Redemption Date, the yield to maturity as of such Redemption Date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) which has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to such Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from such Redemption Date to April 15, 2024; provided, however, that if the period from such Redemption Date to April 15, 2024 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used. In connection with the calculation of the Applicable Premium for purposes of the deposit of funds for Legal Defeasance, Covenant Defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the date of notice of redemption shall be substituted for the first and second occurrence of "Redemption Date" in this definition.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbbb).

"<u>Uniform Commercial Code</u>" means the New York Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time.

"Unrestricted Definitive Note" means one or more Definitive Notes that do not bear and are not required to bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Global Note" means a permanent Global Note, substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, that bears the Global Note Legend and that has the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary, representing Notes that do not bear the Private Placement Legend.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means:

- (1) any Subsidiary of the Issuer which at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary (as designated by the Issuer, as provided below); and
 - (2) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The Issuer may designate any Subsidiary of the Issuer (including any existing Subsidiary and any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary) to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Equity Interests or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on, any property of, the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer (other than solely any Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated); provided that

- (1) such designation complies with Section 4.07 hereof; and
- (2) each of:
 - (a) the Subsidiary to be so designated; and

(b) its Subsidiaries has not at the time of designation, and does not thereafter, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender has recourse to any of the assets of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary.

The Issuer may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that, immediately after giving effect to such designation, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either:

- (1) the Issuer could incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Test described in Section 4.09(a) hereof; or
- (2) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries would be equal to or greater than such ratio for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such designation, in each case on a <u>pro</u> <u>forma</u> basis taking into account such designation.

Any such designation by the Issuer shall be notified by the Issuer to the Trustee by promptly filing with the Trustee a copy of the resolution of the board of directors of the Issuer or any committee thereof giving effect to such designation and an Officer's Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

- "U.S. Government Obligations" means securities that are:
- (1) direct obligations of the United States of America for the timely payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or
- (2) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America.

which, in each case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank (as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act) as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligations or a specific payment of principal of or interest on any such U.S. Government Obligations held by such custodian for the account of the holder of such depository receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligations or the specific payment of principal of or interest on the U.S. Government Obligations evidenced by such depository receipt.

"<u>U.S. Person</u>" means a U.S. person as defined in Rule 902(k) under the Securities Act.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Warrant Transactions" means one or more call options, warrants or rights to purchase (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Issuer's common stock, which for the avoidance of doubt may be settled by a delivery of shares of the Issuer's common stock or cash, written by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary substantially contemporaneously with the purchase by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary of Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and having an initial strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) greater than the strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) of such Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions.

"<u>Weighted Average Life to Maturity</u>" means, when applied to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, at any date, the quotient obtained by dividing:

(1) the sum of the products of the number of years from the date of determination to the date of each successive scheduled principal payment of such Indebtedness or redemption or similar payment with respect to such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock multiplied by the amount of such payment; by

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(2) the sum of all such payments.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary" of any Person means a Subsidiary of such Person, 100.0% of the outstanding Equity Interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required by applicable law) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

SECTION 1.02. Other Definitions.

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SECTION 1.03. Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
 - (c) "or" is not exclusive;
 - (d) "including" means including without limitation;
 - (e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;

- (f) "shall" and "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;
- (g) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- (h) references to sections of, or rules under, the Securities Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;
- (i) unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Article," "Section" or "clause" refers to an Article, Section or clause, as the case may be, of this Indenture;
- (j) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not any particular Article, Section, clause or other subdivision:
- (k) the principal amount of any non-interest bearing or other discount security at any date shall be the principal amount thereof that would be shown on a balance sheet of the Issuer dated such date prepared in accordance with GAAP;
 - (I) words used herein implying any gender shall apply to both genders;
- (m) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including"; the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding" and the word "through" means "to and including";
- (n) (i) the principal amount of any Preferred Stock at any time shall be (A) the maximum liquidation value of such Preferred Stock at such time or (B) the maximum mandatory redemption; and (ii) the "maximum fixed repurchase price" of any Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock that does not have a fixed repurchase price shall be calculated in accordance with the terms of such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock as if such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock were purchased on any date on which Consolidated Total Indebtedness shall be required to be determined pursuant to this Indenture, and if such price is based upon, or measured by, the fair market value of such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, such fair market value shall be determined in good faith by the Issuer; and
- (0) the phrase "in writing" as used herein shall be deemed to include PDFs, e-mails and other electronic means of transmission, unless otherwise indicated.

SECTION 1.04. Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or the holding by any Person of a Note, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 7.01 hereof)

conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 1.04.

- (b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by or on behalf of any legal entity other than an individual, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute proof of the authority of the Person executing the same. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient.
 - (c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.
- (d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Note shall bind every future Holder of the same Note and the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.
- (e) The Issuer may set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of Holders entitled to give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or take any other act, or to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent authorized or permitted to be given or taken by Holders. Unless otherwise specified, if not set by the Issuer prior to the first solicitation of a Holder made by any Person in respect of any such action, or in the case of any such vote, prior to such vote, any such record date shall be the later of 10 days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished to the Trustee prior to such solicitation.
- (f) Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled to take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Note may do so with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Note or by one or more duly appointed agents, each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any part of such principal amount. Any notice given or action taken by a Holder or its agents with regard to different parts of such principal amount pursuant to this Section 1.04(f) shall have the same effect as if given or taken by separate Holders of each such different part.
- (g) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Holder, including DTC, may make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders, and DTC may provide its proxy to the beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Note through such depositary's standing instructions and customary practices.
- (h) The Issuer may fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Persons who are beneficial owners of interests in any Global Note held by DTC entitled under the

procedures of such depositary to make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders. If such a record date is fixed, the Holders on such record date or their duly appointed proxy or proxies, and only such Persons, shall be entitled to make, give or take such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action, whether or not such Holders remain Holders after such record date. No such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action shall be valid or effective if made, given or taken more than 90 days after such record date.

SECTION 1.05. Measuring Compliance.

- (a) With respect to any (x) Investment or acquisition, in each case, for which the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may not terminate its obligations (or may not do so without incurring significant expense) due to a lack of financing for such Investment or acquisition (whether by merger, consolidation or other business combination or the acquisition of Capital Stock or otherwise), as applicable, and (y) repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness with respect to which an irrevocable notice of repayment (or similar irrevocable notice), which may be conditional, has been delivered, in each case, for purposes of determining:
 - (i) whether any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) that is being incurred in connection with such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred in compliance with Section 4.09 hereof;
 - (ii) whether any Lien being incurred in connection with such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness or to secure any such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred in accordance with Section 4.12 hereof or the definition of "Permitted Liens":
 - (iii) whether any other transaction undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in connection with such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness complies with the covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or the Notes; and
 - (iv) any calculation of the ratios, including Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Consolidated Total Debt Ratio, Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio, Consolidated Net Income or EBITDA and, whether a Default or Event of Default exists in connection with the foregoing,

at the option of the Issuer, the date the definitive agreement for such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness is entered into or irrevocable notice, which may be conditional, of such repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness is given to the holders of such Indebtedness (each, a "<u>Transaction Agreement Date</u>") may be used as the applicable date of determination, as the case may be, in each case with such <u>pro forma</u> adjustments as are appropriate and consistent with the <u>pro forma</u> adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of "EBITDA."

- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer elects to use the Transaction Agreement Date as the applicable date of determination in accordance with the foregoing, (1) any fluctuation or change in the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Consolidated Total Debt Ratio, Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio, Consolidated Net Income or EBITDA of the Issuer from the Transaction Agreement Date to the date of consummation of such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness, will not be taken into account for purposes of determining whether (x) any Indebtedness or Lien that is being incurred in connection with such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred or (y) any other transaction undertaken in connection with such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness complies with the covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or the Notes, and (2) until such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness is consummated or such definitive agreement is terminated, such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness and all transactions proposed to be undertaken in connection therewith (including the incurrence of Indebtedness and Liens) will be given pro forma effect when determining compliance of other transactions (including the incurrence of Indebtedness and Liens unrelated to such Investment, acquisition or repayment, repurchase or refinancing of Indebtedness) that are consummated after the Transaction Agreement Date and on or prior to the date of such consummation or termination.
- (c) The compliance with any requirement relating to the absence of a Default or Event of Default may be determined as of the Transaction Agreement Date and not as of any later date as would otherwise be required under this Indenture.
- (d) For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment but giving effect to any returns or distributions of capital or repayment of principal actually received in cash by such Person with respect thereto.
- (e) In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Indenture, in the case of any Indebtedness or obligations incurred to refinance Indebtedness or obligations initially incurred or secured in reliance on Section 4.09(b) or Section 4.12 measured by reference to a percentage of EBITDA at the time of incurrence, if such refinancing would cause the percentage of EBITDA restriction to be exceeded if calculated based on the percentage of EBITDA on the date of such refinancing, such percentage of EBITDA restriction shall not be deemed to be exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness or obligation does not exceed the principal amount of such Indebtedness or obligation being refinanced, plus accrued and unpaid interest, dividends, premiums (including tender premiums), defeasance costs, underwriting discounts, fees, costs and expenses (including original issue discount, upfront fees or similar fees) in connection with such refinancing.
- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, so long as an action was taken (or not taken) in reliance upon a basket or ratio that was calculated or determined in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Issuer based upon financial information available to such officer at such time and such action (or inaction) was permitted hereunder at the time of such calculation or determination, any subsequent restatement, modification or adjustments made to such financial information (including any restatement,

modification or adjustment that would have caused such basket or ratio to be exceeded as a result of such action or inaction) shall not result in any Default or Event of Default.

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event an item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (or any portion thereof) is incurred or issued, any Lien is incurred or other transaction is undertaken in reliance on a ratio basket based on the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio or Consolidated Total Debt Ratio, such ratio(s) shall be calculated with respect to such incurrence, issuance or other transaction without giving effect to amounts being utilized under any other basket (other than a ratio basket based on the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio or Consolidated Total Debt Ratio) on the same date. Each item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock that is incurred or issued, each Lien incurred and each other transaction undertaken will be deemed to have been incurred, issued or taken first, to the extent available, pursuant to the relevant Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio or Consolidated Total Debt Ratio test.

ARTICLE II THE NOTES

SECTION 2.01. Form and Dating; Terms.

- (a) <u>General</u>. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rules or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- (b) Global Notes. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified in the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto and each shall provide that it shall represent up to the aggregate principal amount of Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as applicable, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06 hereof. None of the Trustee or any Agent shall have any responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note, any agent member or other member of, or a participant in, DTC or other person with respect to the accuracy of the records of DTC or any nominee or participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the notes or with respect to the delivery to any agent member or other participant, member, beneficial owner or other person (other than DTC) of any notice or the payment of any amount or delivery of any notes (or other security or property) under or with

respect to such notes. All notices and communications to be given to the holders and all payments to be made to holders in respect of the notes shall be given or made only to the registered holders (which shall be DTC or its nominee in the case of a global note). The rights of beneficial owners in any global note shall be exercised only through DTC, subject to its applicable rules and procedures. The Trustee and Agents may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by DTC with respect to its agent members and other members, participants and any beneficial owners.

(c) <u>Temporary Global Notes.</u> Notes offered and sold in reliance on Regulation S shall be issued initially in the form of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note, which shall be deposited on behalf of the purchasers of the Notes represented thereby with the Trustee, as Custodian for the Depositary and registered in the name of the Depositary or the nominee of the Depositary for the accounts of the designated agents holding on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee as hereinafter provided.

Following the termination of the Restricted Period, beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may be exchanged for beneficial interests in the Regulation S Permanent Global Note upon certification in a form reasonably acceptable to the Issuer that those interests are owned by (i) non-U.S. Persons or (ii) U.S. Persons who acquired those interests pursuant to another exemption from, or in transactions not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee and the Depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, in connection with transfers of interest as hereinafter provided.

- (d) <u>Terms</u>. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuer, the Guarantors from time to time party hereto and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.
- (e) <u>Euroclear and Clearstream Applicable Procedures</u>. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream Banking" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note and the Regulation S Permanent Global Note that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream.

The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. Subject to compliance with Section 4.09 hereof, the Issuer may issue Additional Notes from time to time ranking <u>pari passu</u> with the Initial Notes without notice to or consent of the Holders, and such Additional Notes shall be consolidated with and form a single class with the Initial Notes and shall have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the Initial Notes, except that interest may accrue on the Additional Notes from

their date of issuance (or such other date specified by the Issuer); <u>provided</u> that if any Additional Notes are not fungible with the Initial Notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes, such Additional Notes will have a separate CUSIP or ISIN, as applicable, from the Initial Notes. Any Additional Notes may be issued with the benefit of an indenture supplemental to this Indenture.

SECTION 2.02. <u>Execution and Authentication</u>. At least one Officer of the Issuer shall execute the Notes on behalf of the Issuer by manual, facsimile or electronic (including "PDF") signature.

If an Officer of the Issuer whose signature is on a Note no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note, the Note shall nevertheless be valid.

A Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto, as the case may be, by the manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Note has been duly authenticated and delivered under this Indenture.

On the Issue Date, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Issuer Order (an "<u>Authentication Order</u>"), authenticate and deliver the Initial Notes. In addition, at any time, from time to time, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate and deliver any Additional Notes.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Issuer.

SECTION 2.03. Registrar and Paying Agent. The Issuer shall maintain (i) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the "Registrar") and (ii) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for payment (the "Paying Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register of the Notes (the "Note Register") and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuer may appoint one or more co-registrars, one or more additional paying agents and one or more transfer agents. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar and the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agents. For avoidance of doubt, there shall be only one Note Register.

The Issuer shall maintain a Registrar and Paying Agent in the Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, the State of New York.

The Issuer initially appoints the Trustee as Paying Agent. The Issuer may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to any Holder. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuer fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall,

to the extent that it is capable, act as such. The Issuer or any of its Domestic Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuer initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("<u>DTC</u>") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes representing the Notes. The Issuer initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar for the Notes and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

If and to the extent that the Notes are listed on an exchange and the rules of such exchange so require, the Issuer shall satisfy any requirement of such exchange as to paying agents, registrars and transfer agents and will comply with any notice requirements required under such exchange in connection with any change of paying agent, registrar or transfer agent.

SECTION 2.04. Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust. The Issuer shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuer in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuer at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuer or a Subsidiary) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuer or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Issuer, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Holder Lists</u>. The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuer shall furnish, or cause the Registrar to furnish, to the Trustee at least two Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders.

SECTION 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

(a) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in this Section 2.06, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to the Depositary, another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor thereto or a nominee of such successor thereto. A beneficial interest in a Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note unless (A) the Depositary (x) notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Note or (y) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, a successor depositary is not appointed within 120 days, (B) there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Notes, or (C) the Issuer, in its sole discretion, determines that all Global Notes should be exchanged for Definitive Notes. Upon the occurrence of any of the events described in clauses (A) through (C) above, Definitive Notes delivered in exchange for any Global Note or beneficial interests therein will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on

behalf of the Depositary, in accordance with its customary procedures. Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.07 and 2.10 hereof. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06 or Section 2.07 or 2.10 hereof, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Note, except for Definitive Notes issued subsequent to any of the events described in clauses (A) or (B) above and pursuant to Section 2.06(c) hereof. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(a); provided, however, beneficial interests in a Global Note may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.06(b) or (c) hereof.

- (b) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes.</u> The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through the Depositary in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:
 - (i) Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; provided that, prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person other than pursuant to Rule 144A. Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).
 - (ii) All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) hereof, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either (A) (1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase or (B) (1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above; provided that in no event shall Definitive Notes be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in a Regulation S Temporary

Global Note prior to (x) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (y) the receipt by the Registrar of any certifications required pursuant to this Indenture. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes contained in this Indenture and the Notes, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount of the relevant Global Note(s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof.

- (iii) Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof and the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in a 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof; or
 - (B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof.
- (iv) Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof and:
 - (A) such Notes are sold or exchanged pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act; or
 - (B) the Registrar receives the following:
 - (1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or
 - (2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such holder in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (B), if the Issuer so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuer to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer

contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

If any such transfer is effected pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuer shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of beneficial interests transferred pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) above.

Beneficial interests in an Unrestricted Global Note cannot be exchanged for, or transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of, a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note.

- (c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.
- (i) <u>Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes.</u>
 If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon the occurrence of any of the events described in clauses (A) through (C) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
 - (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;
 - (B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
 - (C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;
 - (D) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;
 - (E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or

(F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof, and the Issuer shall execute and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and mail to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the applicable principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall mail such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(i) (except for transfers pursuant to clause (F) above) shall bear the Private Placement Legend and shall be subject to all restrictions on transfer contained therein.

- (ii) Beneficial Interests in Regulation S Temporary Global Note to Definitive Notes. Notwithstanding Sections 2.06(c)(i)(A) and (C) hereof, a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Temporary Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the receipt by the Registrar of any certifications required pursuant to Rule 903(b)(3)(ii)(B), except in the case of a transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.
- (iii) <u>Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes.</u> A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only upon the occurrence of any of the events described in clauses (A) through (C) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and if the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or
 - (B) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subclause (iii), if the Issuer so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable

to the Issuer to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

- (iv) Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note, then, upon the occurrence of any of the events described in clauses (A) through (C) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof, and the Issuer shall execute and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and mail to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the applicable principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iv) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from or through the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall mail such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iv) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.
 - (d) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests.</u>
- (i) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:
 - (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;
 - (B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
 - (C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

- (D) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(a) thereof;
- (E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(b) thereof; or
- (F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3)(c) thereof,

the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of, in the case of clause (A) above, the applicable Restricted Global Note, in the case of clause (B) above, the applicable 144A Global Note, and in the case of clause (C) above, the applicable Regulation S Global Note.

- (ii) Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global
 Notes. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial
 interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a
 Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted
 Global Note only if the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or
 - (B) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subclause (ii), if the Issuer so requests or if the Applicable Procedures so require, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuer to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

Upon satisfaction of the conditions of any of the subparagraphs in this Section 2.06(d)(ii), the Trustee shall cancel the Restricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of the Unrestricted Global Note.

(iii) <u>Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global</u>
Notes. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a

beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Note to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to subparagraph (ii) or (iii) above at a time when an Unrestricted Global Note has not yet been issued, the Issuer shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Definitive Notes so transferred.

- (e) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes.</u> Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer or exchange in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In the event that the requesting Holder does not transfer the entire principal amount of Notes represented by any such Definitive Note, the Registrar shall cancel or cause to be canceled such Definitive Note and the Issuer (who will have been informed of such cancelation) shall execute and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the requesting Holder and any transferee Definitive Notes in the appropriate principal amounts to reflect such transfer. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e):
 - (i) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes.</u> Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:
 - (A) if the transfer will be made to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, then the transferor must deliver a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;
 - (B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; or
 - (C) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications required by item (3) thereof, if applicable.
 - (ii) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes.</u> Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive

Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

- (A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of $\underline{\text{Exhibit C}}$ hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or
- (B) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4) thereof;

and, in each such case set forth in this subclause (ii), if the Issuer so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Issuer to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

(iii) <u>Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes.</u> A Holder of Unrestricted Definitive Notes may transfer such Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Unrestricted Definitive Notes pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(f) [Reserved]

(g) <u>Legends</u>. The following legends shall appear on the face of all Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of this Indenture:

(i) Private Placement Legend.

(A) Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and each Definitive Note (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS NOTE AND THE GUARANTEES THEREOF HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF, THE HOLDER (1) REPRESENTS THAT (A) IT IS A "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) OR (B) IT IS NOT A U.S. PERSON AND IS ACQUIRING THIS NOTE IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (2) AGREES THAT IT

WILL NOT, PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE HOLDING PERIOD APPLICABLE TO SALES OF THE NOTES UNDER RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (OR ANY SUCCESSOR PROVISION), OFFER, RESELL, PLEDGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS NOTE EXCEPT (A) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY SUBSIDIARY THEREOF, (B) FOR SO LONG AS THE NOTES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RESALE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A, TO A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (D) PURSUANT TO THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (IF AVAILABLE), (E) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (F) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT, AND (3) AGREES THAT IT WILL DELIVER TO EACH PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTE IS TRANSFERRED A NOTICE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE EFFECT OF THIS LEGEND. AS USED HEREIN, THE TERMS "OFFSHORE TRANSACTION," "UNITED STATES," AND "U.S. PERSON" HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM BY REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS NOTE OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN, THE HOLDER WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENTED AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (1) (A) SUCH HOLDER IS NOT, AND IS NOT ACTING ON BEHALF OF, A PLAN AND (B) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THIS NOTE OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN CONSTITUTES THE ASSETS OF ANY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT OR ACCOUNT OR PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE"), OR PROVISIONS UNDER ANY OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. OR OTHER LAWS, RULES OR REGULATIONS THAT ARE SIMILAR TO SUCH PROVISIONS OF ERISA OR THE CODE (COLLECTIVELY. "SIMILAR LAWS"), OR AN ENTITY WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED TO INCLUDE "PLAN ASSETS" (WITHIN THE MEANING OF 29 C.F.R. SECTION 2510.3-101 AS MODIFIED BY SECTION 3(42) OF ERISA) OF A PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT, OR (2) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THIS NOTE OR ANY INTEREST HEREIN WILL NOT RESULT IN A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A SIMILAR VIOLATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS."

Except as permitted by subparagraph (B) below, each Global Note and

Definitive Note issued in a transaction exempt from registration pursuant to Regulation S shall also bear the legend in substantially the following form:

"THIS NOTE (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION ORIGINALLY EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ALL APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. TERMS USED ABOVE HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT."

- (B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraph (b)(iv), (c)(iii), (c)(iv), (d)(ii), (d)(iii), (e)(ii) or (e)(iii) of this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.
- (ii) Global Note Legend. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form (with appropriate changes in the last sentence if DTC is not the Depositary):

"THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(h) OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUER. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM. THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION

("DTC"), NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN."

(iii) Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend. The Regulation S Temporary Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"THE RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THIS REGULATION S TEMPORARY GLOBAL NOTE, AND THE CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING ITS EXCHANGE FOR DEFINITIVE NOTES, ARE AS SPECIFIED IN THE INDENTURE (AS DEFINED HEREIN)."

- (h) Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased or cancelled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and cancelled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.
 - (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.
 - (i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02.
 - (ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.07, 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.10, 4.14 and 9.04 hereof).

- (iii) Neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption or tendered (and not withdrawn) for repurchase in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed or tendered in part; <u>provided</u> that new Notes will only be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.
- (iv) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.
 - (v) Neither the Registrar nor the Issuer shall be required:
 - (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the delivery of a notice of redemption of the Notes to be redeemed under Section 3.03 hereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such delivery;
 - (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part;
 - (C) to register the transfer or exchange of a Note between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; or
 - (D) to register the transfer or exchange of any Notes tendered (and not withdrawn) for repurchase in connection with a Change of Control Offer or an Asset Sale Offer.
- (vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuer and any agent of the foregoing may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Note and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Issuer or any agent of the foregoing shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- (vii) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency designated pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof, the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more replacement Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount.
- (viii) At the option of the Holder, subject to Section 2.06(a) hereof, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Global Notes or Definitive Notes are so surrendered for exchange, the Issuer shall execute, and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the

Trustee shall authenticate and mail, the replacement Global Notes and Definitive Notes which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 hereof.

- (ix) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile or electronic delivery.
- (x) Neither the Trustee nor any Agent shall have any obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any note (including any transfers between or among Participants or Indirect Participants in any global note) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by, the terms of this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

SECTION 2.07. Replacement Notes. If any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee, the Registrar or the Issuer and the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the ownership and destruction, loss or theft of any Note, the Issuer shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuer, an indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuer to protect the Issuer, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Issuer and the Trustee may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.07, in case any mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Note has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Note, pay such Note.

Every replacement Note is a contractual obligation of the Issuer and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder. The provisions of this Section 2.07 shall be exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

SECTION 2.08. <u>Outstanding Notes</u>. The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes authenticated by the Trustee except for those cancelled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest in a Global Note effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof and those described in this Section 2.08 as not outstanding. Except as set forth in Section 2.09 hereof, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Issuer, a Guarantor or an Affiliate of the Issuer or a Guarantor holds the Note.

If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.07 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a protected purchaser (as defined in Section 8-303 of the Uniform Commercial Code).

If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.01 hereof, it ceases to be outstanding and interest on it ceases to accrue.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Issuer, a Guarantor or an Affiliate of the Issuer or a Guarantor) holds, on a Redemption Date or maturity date, money sufficient to pay Notes (or portions thereof) payable on that date, then on and after that date such Notes (or portions thereof) shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding (including for accounting purposes) and shall cease to accrue interest.

SECTION 2.09. <u>Treasury Notes</u>. In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent, Notes owned by the Issuer, a Guarantor or by any Affiliate of the Issuer or a Guarantor, shall be considered as though not outstanding, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such direction, waiver or consent, only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee actually knows are so owned shall be so disregarded. Notes so owned which have been pledged in good faith shall not be disregarded if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to deliver any such direction, waiver or consent with respect to the Notes and that the pledgee is not the Issuer, a Guarantor or any Affiliate of the Issuer or a Guarantor.

SECTION 2.10. <u>Temporary Notes</u>. Until certificates representing Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate temporary Notes. Temporary Notes shall be substantially in the form of certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Notes. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer shall prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate definitive Notes in exchange for temporary Notes.

Holders and beneficial holders, as the case may be, of temporary Notes shall be entitled to all of the benefits accorded to Holders, or beneficial holders, respectively, of Notes under this Indenture.

SECTION 2.11. <u>Cancellation</u>. The Issuer at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee or, at the direction of the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall dispose of cancelled Notes in accordance with its customary procedures. Certification of the disposition of all cancelled Notes shall be delivered to the Issuer. The Issuer may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 2.12. <u>Defaulted Interest</u>. If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Issuer shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of

such defaulted interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such defaulted interest as provided in this Section 2.12. The Trustee shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and payment date; provided that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuer of any such special record date. At least 15 days before any such special record date, the Issuer (or, upon the written request of the Issuer, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) shall send electronically, mail or cause to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, or otherwise deliver in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, a notice at his or her address as it appears in the Note Register that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.12 and for greater certainty, each Note delivered under this Indenture upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Note shall carry the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Note.

SECTION 2.13. <u>CUSIP Numbers and ISINs</u>. The Issuer in issuing the Notes may use CUSIP numbers and ISINs (in each case, if then generally in use) and, if so, the Trustee shall use CUSIP numbers and ISINs in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; <u>provided</u> that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption or exchange and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Notes, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Issuer will as promptly as practicable notify the Trustee in writing of any change in the CUSIP numbers and ISINs.

ARTICLE III REDEMPTION

SECTION 3.01. Notices to Trustee. If the Issuer elects to redeem Notes pursuant to Section 3.07 hereof, it shall furnish to the Trustee, at least five Business Days (unless the Trustee shall agree to a shorter notice period) before notice of redemption is required to be delivered to Holders pursuant to Section 3.03 hereof, an Officer's Certificate setting forth (i) the paragraph or subparagraph of such Note and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur, (ii) the Redemption Date, (iii) the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed and (iv) the redemption price.

SECTION 3.02. <u>Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed</u>. If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange, if any, on which the Notes are listed, or if the Notes are not so listed or such exchange prescribes no method of selection, on a <u>pro rata</u> basis, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and otherwise in such manner as complies with the Applicable Procedures. Neither the Trustee nor the applicable Registrar shall be liable for any selections made by it in accordance with this paragraph (including the procedures of the relevant depositaries).

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuer in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. Notes and portions of Notes selected shall be in amounts of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof; no Notes of less than \$2,000 can be redeemed in part, except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder, even if not a principal amount of at least \$2,000, shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

SECTION 3.03. Notice of Redemption. Subject to Sections 3.07(e) and 3.09 hereof, the Issuer shall send electronically, mail or cause to be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, notices of redemption at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes at such Holder's registered address or otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, except that redemption notices may be delivered more than 60 days prior to a Redemption Date if the notice is issued in connection with a conditional redemption or Article VIII or Article XI hereof. For Notes held on behalf of DTC, notices may be given by delivery of the relevant notices to DTC for communication to entitled account holders in substitution for the aforementioned delivery.

The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the Redemption Date;
- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) if any Note is to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount of that Note that is to be redeemed and that, after the Redemption Date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original Note representing the same indebtedness to the extent not redeemed will be issued in the name of the Holder of the Notes upon cancellation of the original Note;
 - (d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
- (f) that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;
- (g) the paragraph or subparagraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed;
- (h) the CUSIP number and ISIN, if any, printed on the Notes being redeemed and that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of any such CUSIP number and ISIN that is listed in such notice or printed on the Notes; and
 - (i) any condition to such redemption.

At the Issuer's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Issuer's name and at its expense; <u>provided</u> that the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee, at least five Business Days before notice of redemption is required to be delivered electronically, mailed or caused to be mailed to Holders pursuant to this Section 3.03 (unless a shorter notice shall be agreed to by the Trustee), an Officer's Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph and setting forth the form of such notice.

SECTION 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is given in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the Redemption Date at the redemption price (except as provided for in Section 3.07(e) hereof). The notice, if given in a manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice as provided herein or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note designated for redemption in whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Note. Subject to Sections 3.05 and 3.07(e) hereof, on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on Notes or portions of Notes called for redemption.

SECTION 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

- (a) Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date, the Issuer shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed on that Redemption Date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Issuer any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuer in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.
- (b) If the Issuer complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph (a), on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after a Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such Record Date. If any Note called for redemption is not paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Issuer to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the Redemption Date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest accrued to the Redemption Date not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case, at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof.

SECTION 3.06. Notes Redeemed in Part. Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuer shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Issuer a new Note equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Note surrendered; provided that each new Note will be in a minimum principal amount of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. It is understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, only an Authentication Order and not an Opinion of Counsel or Officer's Certificate of the Issuer is required for the Trustee to authenticate such new Note.

SECTION 3.07. Optional Redemption.

- (a) At any time prior to April 15, 2024, the Issuer may on one or more occasions redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption (each date on which a redemption occurs, a "Redemption Date"), subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date.
- (b) On and after April 15, 2024, the Issuer may on one or more occasions redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, at the applicable redemption price (expressed as percentages of principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on April 15 of each of the years indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	102.250%
2025	101.125%
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

- (c) In addition, prior to April 15, 2024, the Issuer may, at its option, and on one or more occasions, redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes issued under this Indenture (including any Additional Notes issued under this Indenture after the Issue Date) at a redemption price equal to 104.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date, with funds in an aggregate amount equal to the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings of the Issuer; provided that (1) at least 50% of (A) the aggregate principal amount of Notes originally issued under this Indenture on the Issue Date plus (B) the aggregate principal amount of any Additional Notes issued under this Indenture after the Issue Date remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of each such redemption; and (2) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of closing of each such Equity Offering.
- (d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with any Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer, if Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer and the Issuer, or any third party making such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer in lieu of the Issuer, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, all of the Holders will be deemed to have consented to such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer and accordingly, the Issuer or such third party will have the right upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' prior notice (provided that such notice is not

given more than 30 days following such purchase date) to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a price equal to the price offered to each other Holder in such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer plus, to the extent not included in the Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer payment, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date subject to the rights of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date.

(e) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 hereof. Notice of any redemption or purchase, whether in connection with an Equity Offering, other transaction or otherwise, may be given prior to the completion thereof, and any such notice may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. If a redemption or purchase is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the Redemption Date or purchase date may be delayed until such time (including more than 60 days after the date the notice was sent) as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) or such redemption or purchase may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied by the Redemption Date or purchase date, or by the Redemption Date or purchase date as so delayed. In addition, the Issuer may provide in such notice that payment of the redemption price or purchase price and performance of the Issuers' obligations with respect to such redemption or purchase may be performed by another Person.

SECTION 3.08. <u>Mandatory Redemption</u>. The Issuer shall not be required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.

SECTION 3.09. Offers to Repurchase by Application of Excess Proceeds.

- (a) In the event that, pursuant to Section 4.10 hereof, the Issuer shall be required to commence an Asset Sale Offer, it shall follow the procedures specified below.
- (b) The Asset Sale Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days following its commencement and no longer, except to the extent that a longer period is required by applicable law (the "Offer Period"). No later than five Business Days after the termination of the Offer Period (the "Purchase Date"), the Issuer shall apply all Excess Proceeds (the "Offer Amount") to the purchase of Notes and, if required, Pari Passu Indebtedness (on a pro rata basis, if applicable, with adjustments as necessary so that no Note or Pari Passu Indebtedness will be repurchased in part in an unauthorized denomination), or, if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered in response to the Asset Sale Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made.
- (c) If the Purchase Date is on or after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the Purchase Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such Record Date.

- (d) Upon the commencement of an Asset Sale Offer, the Issuer shall send electronically or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, a notice to each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer. The Asset Sale Offer shall be made to all Holders and holders of Pari Passu Indebtedness. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Asset Sale Offer, shall state:
 - (i) that the Asset Sale Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.09 and Section 4.10 hereof and the length of time the Asset Sale Offer shall remain open;
 - (ii) the Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Purchase Date;
 - (iii) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest:
 - (iv) that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer shall cease to accrue interest after the Purchase Date:
 - (v) that any Holder electing to have less than all of the aggregate principal amount of its Notes purchased pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer may elect to have Notes purchased in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof;
 - (vi) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Asset Sale Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Note completed, or transfer such Note by book-entry transfer, to the Issuer, a depositary, if appointed by the Issuer, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least two Business Days before the Purchase Date;
 - (vii) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Issuer, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the close of business on the fourth Business Day prior to the expiration date of the Offer Period, a facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing his election to have such Note purchased;
 - (viii) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness surrendered by the holders thereof exceeds the Offer Amount, the Issuer shall purchase such Notes and such Pari Passu Indebtedness on a <u>pro rata</u> basis based on the accreted value or principal amount of the Notes or such Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered (with such adjustments as may be deemed appropriate by the Issuer so that only Notes in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof will be purchased); and
 - (ix) that Holders whose Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or

transferred by book-entry transfer); <u>provided</u> that the unpurchased portion of any Note must be equal to at least \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof.

- (e) On or before the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall, to the extent lawful, (1) accept for payment, on a <u>pro rata</u> basis as described in clause (d)(viii) of this Section 3.09, the Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof validly tendered pursuant to the Asset Sale Offer, or if less than the Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered and (2) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof so tendered.
- (f) The Issuer, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes properly tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Issuer for purchase, and the Issuer shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate and mail or deliver (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) such new Note to such Holder (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, no Opinion of Counsel or Officer's Certificate of the Issuer is required for the Trustee to authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note) in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered; provided that new Notes will only be issued in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Issuer to the Holder thereof. The Issuer shall publicly announce the results of the Asset Sale Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Purchase Date.
- (g) Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Purchase Date, the Issuer shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the purchase price of and accrued and unpaid interest on all Notes to be purchased on that Purchase Date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Issuer any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuer in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the purchase price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

Other than as specifically provided in this Section 3.09 or Section 4.10 hereof, any purchase pursuant to this Section 3.09 shall be made pursuant to the applicable provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 hereof, and references therein to "redeem," "redemption" and similar words shall be deemed to refer to "purchase," "repurchase" and similar words, as applicable.

ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

SECTION 4.01. <u>Payment of Notes</u>. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes on the dates and in the manner provided in the Notes. Principal, premium, if any, and interest shall be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Issuer, a Guarantor or an Affiliate of the Issuer or a Guarantor, holds as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the due date money deposited by the Issuer in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

The Issuer shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the rate equal to the then applicable interest rate on the Notes to the extent lawful; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

SECTION 4.02. <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>. The Issuer shall maintain the offices or agencies (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) required under Section 2.03 where Notes may be presented for payment or surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the Iocation, and any change in the Iocation, of such office or agency.

The Issuer may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Notes may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Issuer of its obligation to maintain such offices or agencies as required by Section 2.03 for such purposes. The Issuer shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency. The Issuer hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office as one such office or agency of the Issuer in accordance with Section 2.03 hereof.

SECTION 4.03. Reports and Other Information.

- (a) Whether or not the Issuer is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, so long as the Notes are outstanding, the Issuer will furnish to the Holders or cause the Trustee to furnish to the Holders or post on its website or file with the SEC for public availability:
 - (1) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year (or such other period then in effect under the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act with respect to the filing of an Annual Report on Form 10-K by a non-accelerated filer), an annual report as would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 10-K if the Issuer were required to file such reports;
 - (2) within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year (or such other period then in effect under the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act with respect to the filing of a Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q by a non-accelerated filer), a quarterly report as would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 10-Q if the Issuer were required to file such reports; and
 - (3) as soon as practicable (and in any event no later than five days after the period then in effect under the rules and regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act with respect to the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K) after the occurrence of an event required to be therein reported, a current report as would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Issuer were required to file such reports;

provided, however, that, if the last day of any such period is not a Business Day, such report will be due on the next succeeding Business Day. All such reports will be prepared in all material respects in accordance with all of the rules and regulations of the SEC applicable to such reports, except that such reports (x) will not be required to include (i) financial information that would be required by Rules 3-10 and 3-16 of Regulation S-X and related interpretations, (ii) information required by Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K or Regulation G under the Securities Act (in each case with respect to any non-GAAP financial measures contained therein) and (iii) information required by Item 402 or 601 of Regulation S-K and related interpretations (such information described in clauses (i) through (iii), the "Excluded Information") and (y) will not be subject to the Trust Indenture Act.

The Issuer will maintain a public or non-public website on which Holders, prospective investors and securities analysts are given access to the annual and quarterly financial information described above. If the website containing the financial reports is not available to the public, the Issuer will direct Holders, prospective investors and securities analysts on its publicly available website to contact the Issuer to obtain access to the non-public website.

- (b) If the Issuer files reports with the SEC in accordance with Section 13 of 15(d) of the Exchange Act, whether voluntarily or otherwise, in compliance with the filing periods specified in Section 4.03(a) hereof, then the Issuer shall be deemed to comply with this Section 4.03. For the avoidance of doubt, such reports need not include the Excluded Information.
- (c) To the extent not satisfied by the foregoing, the Issuer will agree that, for so long as any Notes are outstanding, it will furnish to Holders, securities analysts and prospective investors in the Notes, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Issuer will not be deemed to have failed to comply with any of its obligations under this Section 4.03 for purposes of clause (3) under Section 6.01 hereof until 120 days after the date any report is due under this Section 4.03, and failure to comply with this Section 4.03 shall be automatically cured when the Issuer provides all required reports to the Holders (including, without limitation, to the Trustee for delivery to the Holders) or files all required reports with the SEC.

The Trustee shall have no responsibility to determine whether any reports have been filed by the Issuer or posted on the Issuer's website.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Issuer's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

SECTION 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

(a) The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year ending after the Issue Date (or 120 days after the first fiscal year ending after the Issue

Date), a certificate from its principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer stating that a review of the activities of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officer with a view to determining whether the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled their obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge, on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled in all material respects each and every condition and covenant contained in this Indenture and no Default has occurred and is continuing with respect to any of the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions in this Indenture (or, if a Default shall have occurred and is continuing, describing all such Defaults of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto).

(b) When any Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture, or if the Trustee or the holder of any other evidence of Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Subsidiary gives any notice or takes any other action with respect to a claimed Default, the Issuer shall promptly (which shall be no more than 20 Business Days after becoming aware of such Default) deliver to the Trustee by registered or certified mail or by facsimile transmission an Officer's Certificate specifying such event and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto, unless such Default has been cured.

SECTION 4.05. <u>Taxes</u>. The Issuer shall pay or discharge, and shall cause each of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay or discharge, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, lawful assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate actions or where the failure to effect such payment or discharge is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of the Notes.

SECTION 4.06. Stay, Extension and Usury Laws. The Issuer and each of the Guarantors covenant (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) that they shall not at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Issuer and each of the Guarantors (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waive all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenant that they shall not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

SECTION 4.07. Limitation on Restricted Payments.

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:
 - (I) declare or pay any dividend or make any payment or distribution on account of the Issuer's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests, including any dividend, payment or distribution payable in connection with any merger or consolidation other than:

- (A) dividends or distributions by the Issuer payable solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer or in options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Equity Interests of the Issuer; or
- (B) dividends or distributions by a Restricted Subsidiary so long as, in the case of any dividend or distribution payable on or in respect of any class or series of securities issued by a Restricted Subsidiary other than a Wholly Owned Subsidiary, the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary receives at least its <u>pro rata</u> share of such dividend or distribution in accordance with its Equity Interests in such class or series of securities;
- (II) purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of the Issuer, including in connection with any merger or consolidation, in each case, held by Persons other than the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Issuer;
- (III) make any principal payment on, or redeem, repurchase, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, in each case, prior to any scheduled repayment, sinking fund payment or maturity, any Subordinated Indebtedness, other than:
 - (A) Indebtedness permitted under clauses (7), (8) and (9) of Section 4.09(b) hereof; or
 - (B) the payment, redemption, repurchase, defeasance, acquisition or retirement of Subordinated Indebtedness in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of payment, redemption, repurchase, defeasance, acquisition or retirement; or
 - (IV) make any Restricted Investment

(all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (I) through (IV) in this Section 4.07(a) (other than any exceptions thereto) being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"), unless, at the time of such Restricted Payment:

- (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof;
- (2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a <u>pro forma</u> basis, the Issuer could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Test set forth in Section 4.09(a) hereof; and
- (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date (including Restricted Payments permitted by clause (1) of, but excluding all other Restricted Payments permitted by, Section 4.07(b) hereof), is less than the sum of (without duplication):

- (A) 50% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Issuer for the period (taken as one accounting period) beginning on January 31, 2021 to the end of the Issuer's most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment (which amount may not be less than zero); plus
- (B) 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received by the Issuer after the Issue Date (other than net cash proceeds to the extent such net cash proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness or issue Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock pursuant to clause (12) of Section 4.09(b) hereof) from the issue or sale of:
 - (i) Equity Interests of the Issuer, including Treasury Capital Stock, but excluding cash proceeds and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received from the sale of:
 - (x) Equity Interests to any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of the Issuer's Subsidiaries after the Issue Date to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with clause (4) of Section 4.07(b) hereof; and
 - (y) Designated Preferred Stock; or
 - (ii) Indebtedness of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary that has been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests of the Issuer;

<u>provided</u> that this clause (B) shall not include the proceeds from (W) Refunding Capital Stock applied in accordance with clause (2) of Section 4.07(b) hereof,
 (X) Equity Interests or convertible debt securities of the Issuer sold to a Restricted Subsidiary, (Y) Disqualified Stock or debt securities that have been converted into Disqualified Stock or (Z) Excluded Contributions; <u>plus</u>

- (C) the aggregate amount by which Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary is reduced on the Issuer's consolidated balance sheet on or after the Issue Date upon the conversion or exchange into Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer of any Indebtedness issued or sold on or prior to the Issue Date that is convertible or exchangeable for Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer; plus
- (D) 100% of the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property contributed to the capital of the Issuer after the Issue Date (other than (i) net cash proceeds to the extent such net cash proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness or issue Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock pursuant to clause (12) of Section 4.09(b) hereof, (ii)

contributions by a Restricted Subsidiary and (iii) any Excluded Contributions); plus

- (E) 100% of the aggregate amount received in cash and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received by means of:
 - (i) the sale or other disposition (other than to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary) of, or other returns on Investments from, Restricted Investments made by the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries and repurchases and redemptions of such Restricted Investments from the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries and repayments of Ioans or advances, and releases of guarantees, which constitute Restricted Investments by the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than, in each case, to the extent that the Restricted Investment was made pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.07(b) hereof), in each case, after the Issue Date; or
 - (ii) the sale (other than to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary) of the Equity Interests of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or a distribution from an Unrestricted Subsidiary (other than, in each case, to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.07(b) hereof or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment made after the Issue Date) or a dividend from an Unrestricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date; plus
- (F) in the case of the redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or the merger or consolidation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary into the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary or the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, the fair market value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary (or the assets transferred), at the time of the redesignation of such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or at the time of such merger, consolidation or transfer of assets (other than, in each case, to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to clause (10) of Section 4.07(b) hereof or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment made after the Issue Date); plus
 - (G) \$125.0 million.
- (b) The provisions of Section 4.07(a) hereof will not prohibit:
- (1) the payment of any dividend or distribution or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof or the giving of the redemption notice, if at the date of declaration or the giving of such notice such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) (a) the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of any Equity Interests ("Treasury Capital Stock") or Subordinated Indebtedness of the Issuer, in

exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the sale (within 90 days of such redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition or other Restricted Payment) (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of, Equity Interests of the Issuer (other than any Disqualified Stock) ("Refunding Capital Stock"), (b) if, immediately prior to the retirement of Treasury Capital Stock, the declaration and payment of dividends thereon was permitted under clause (6) of this Section 4.07(b), the declaration and payment of dividends on the Refunding Capital Stock in an aggregate amount per year no greater than the aggregate amount of dividends per annum that were declarable and payable on such Treasury Capital Stock immediately prior to such retirement, and (c) the declaration and payment of accrued dividends on Treasury Capital Stock out of the proceeds of a sale of Refunding Capital Stock (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary or to an employee stock ownership plan or any trust established by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary) made within 90 days of such sale;

- (3) the prepayment, defeasance, redemption, repurchase, exchange or other acquisition or retirement of (A) Subordinated Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the sale (made within 90 days of such prepayment, defeasance, redemption, repurchase, exchange, acquisition or retirement) of, new Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, or (B) Disqualified Stock of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the sale (made within 90 days of such prepayment, defeasance, redemption, repurchase, exchange, acquisition or retirement) of, Disqualified Stock of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor, which, in each case, is incurred or issued, as applicable, in compliance with Section 4.09 hereof so long as:
 - (A) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such new Indebtedness or the liquidation preference of such new Disqualified Stock does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus any accrued and unpaid interest on, the Subordinated Indebtedness or the liquidation preference of, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends on, the Disqualified Stock being so prepaid, defeased, redeemed, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired, plus the amount of any premium (including tender premiums) required to be paid under the terms of the instrument governing the Subordinated Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock being so prepaid, defeased, redeemed, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired, defeasance costs and any fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith;
 - (B) such new Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock is subordinated to the Notes or the applicable Guarantee at least to the same extent as such Subordinated Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock so prepaid, defeased, redeemed, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired;
 - (C) such new Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock has a final scheduled maturity date equal to or later than the final scheduled maturity date of the Subordinated Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock being so prepaid, defeased, redeemed, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired (or, if earlier, the date that is 91 days after the maturity date of the Notes); and

- (D) such new Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Subordinated Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock being so prepaid, defeased, redeemed, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired (or, if earlier, the date that is 91 days after the maturity date of the Notes);
- (4) a Restricted Payment to pay for the repurchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer held by any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries (and including, for the avoidance of doubt, any principal and interest on any notes issued by the Issuer in connection with such repurchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition and any tax related thereto); provided that the aggregate Restricted Payments made under this clause (4) do not exceed in any fiscal year \$20.0 million (with unused amounts in any fiscal year being carried over to succeeding fiscal years subject to a maximum (without giving effect to the following proviso) of \$40.0 million in any fiscal year); provided further that such amount in any fiscal year may be increased by an amount not to exceed:
 - (A) the net cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer to any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries that occurs after the Issue Date, to the extent the net cash proceeds from the sale of such Equity Interests have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments by virtue of clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof; plus
 - (B) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date; plus
 - (C) the amount of any cash bonuses otherwise payable to employees, officers, directors, members of management or consultants of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries that are foregone in return for receipt of Equity Interests; less
 - (D) the amount of any Restricted Payments previously made with the cash proceeds described in clauses (A), (B) and (C) of this clause (4);

and <u>provided further</u> that cancellation of Indebtedness owing to the Issuer from any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of the Issuer's Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with a repurchase of Equity Interests of the Issuer will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this Section 4.07 or any other provision of this Indenture;

- (5) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any class or series of Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary issued in accordance with Section 4.09 hereof to the extent such dividends are included in the definition of "Fixed Charges";
- (6) (A) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) issued by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date; or
 - (B) the declaration and payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock in excess of the dividends declarable and payable thereon pursuant to clause (2) of this Section 4.07(b);

<u>provided</u>, in the case of each of (A) and (B) of this clause (6), that for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock or the declaration of such dividends on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock, after giving effect to such issuance or declaration on a <u>pro</u> <u>forma</u> basis, the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis would have had a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 2.00 to 1.00:

- (7) (a) payments made or expected to be made by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of withholding or similar taxes payable upon exercise or settlement, as the case may be, of Equity Interests by any future, present or former employee, officer, director, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries; and (b) repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon exercise or settlement, as the case may be, of options, warrants or similar instruments if such Equity Interests represent a portion of the exercise price thereof or required withholding or similar taxes;
- (8) so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, dividends or distributions on, or the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of the Issuer's common stock in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75.0 million in any fiscal year (with unused amounts in any fiscal year being carried over to succeeding fiscal years subject to a maximum of \$150.0 million in any fiscal year);
- (9) Restricted Payments in an amount equal to the amount of Excluded Contributions:
- (10) other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount, taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (10) that are at the time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$175.0 million and 50.0% of EBITDA at such time:
 - (11) distributions or payments of Receivables Fees;

- (12) any Restricted Payment made in connection with or to fund the Transactions (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the repayment of the outstanding Convertible Notes, whether at maturity or otherwise) and the fees and expenses related thereto;
- (13) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Subordinated Indebtedness pursuant to the provisions similar to those described under Section 4.10 and Section 4.14 hereof; <u>provided</u> that all Notes validly tendered by Holders of such Notes in connection with a Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer, as applicable, have been repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired for value;
- (14) the distribution, by dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the primary assets of which are Cash Equivalents);
- (15) (i) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition for value of Equity Interests deemed to occur in connection with paying cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares in connection with any dividend, distribution, split, reverse split, merger, consolidation, amalgamation or other business combination, in each case, to the extent not prohibited by this Indenture and (ii) cash payments to employees, officers, directors, members of management or consultants in respect of phantom stock to the extent considered a Restricted Payment;
- (16) the making of any Restricted Payment if, at the time of the making of such payment and after giving <u>pro</u> <u>forma</u> effect thereto (including to the incurrence of any Indebtedness to finance such payment), the Consolidated Total Debt Ratio would not exceed 3.25 to 1.00; and
- (17) the entry into, amendment, exercise, termination or settlement (in whole or in part) of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction and any payments or deliveries in connection with any of the foregoing.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.07, in the event that a proposed Restricted Payment (or a portion thereof) meets the criteria of clauses (1) through (17) of this Section 4.07(b) or is entitled to be made pursuant to Section 4.07(a) hereof, the Issuer will be entitled to classify or later reclassify (based on circumstances existing on the date of such reclassification) such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) between such clauses (1) through (17) and Section 4.07(a) hereof in a manner that otherwise complies with this Section 4.07.

(c) As of the Issue Date, all of the Issuer's Subsidiaries will be Restricted Subsidiaries. The Issuer shall not permit any Unrestricted Subsidiary to become a Restricted Subsidiary except pursuant to the penultimate sentence of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary." For purposes of designating any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, all outstanding Investments by the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries (except to the extent repaid) in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be Restricted Payments in an amount determined as set forth in the penultimate sentence of the definition of "Investments." Such designation will be permitted only if a Restricted Payment in such amount would be permitted at such time, whether pursuant to Section 4.07(a) hereof or under clause (9), (10) or

(16) of Section 4.07(b) hereof, or pursuant to the definition of "Permitted Investments," and, if such Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to any of the covenants set forth in this Indenture.

SECTION 4.08. <u>Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted</u> Subsidiaries.

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction on the ability of any such Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor to:
 - (1) (A) pay a dividend or make any other distribution to the Issuer or any Guarantor on its Capital Stock or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or
 - (B) pay any Indebtedness owed to the Issuer or any Guarantor;
 - (2) make any loan or advance to the Issuer or any Guarantor; or
 - (3) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to the Issuer or any Guarantor.
- (b) The restrictions in Section 4.08(a) hereof shall not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:
 - (1) contractual encumbrances or restrictions in effect on the Issue Date, including pursuant to the Senior Credit Facility, and Hedging Obligations;
 - (2) this Indenture, the Notes and the guarantees thereof;
 - (3) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business and Capitalized Lease Obligations that impose restrictions of the nature discussed in clause (3) of Section 4.08(a) hereof on the property so acquired;
 - (4) applicable law or any applicable rule, regulation or order;
 - (5) any agreement or other instrument of a Person acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into or wound up into the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or of an Unrestricted Subsidiary that is designated as a Restricted Subsidiary, or that is assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case, that is in existence at the time of such transaction (but, in any such case, not created in contemplation thereof), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person and its Subsidiaries, or the property or assets of the Person and its Subsidiaries, so acquired, designated or assumed;
 - (6) any contract or agreement for the sale of assets, including any customary restriction with respect to a Subsidiary of the Issuer pursuant to an agreement that has

been entered into for the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Subsidiary;

- (7) Secured Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09 hereof and Section 4.12 hereof that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets securing such Indebtedness;
- (8) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (9) other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock permitted to be incurred or issued subsequent to the Issue Date pursuant to Section 4.09 hereof and either (A) the provisions relating to such encumbrance or restriction contained in such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, as determined by the Issuer in good faith, than the provisions contained in the Senior Credit Facility as in effect on the Issue Date or (B) any such encumbrance or restriction contained in such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock will not materially affect the Issuer's ability to make principal or interest payments on the Notes when due, as determined by the Issuer in good faith;
- (10) customary provisions in any operating agreement, joint venture agreement, asset sale agreement or other similar agreement or other similar arrangements;
- (11) customary provisions contained in leases, sub-leases, licenses, sub-licenses or similar agreements, including with respect to intellectual property, in each case, entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (12) any encumbrance or restriction of the type referred to in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.08(a) hereof imposed by any amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing of any of the contracts, instruments or obligations referred to in clauses (1) through (11) and (13) through (15) of this Section 4.08(b); provided that such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing is, in the good faith judgment of the Issuer, not materially more restrictive taken as a whole with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those prior to such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing;
- (13) restrictions created in connection with any Qualified Receivables Facility that, in the good faith determination of the Issuer, are necessary or advisable to effect such Qualified Receivables Facility;
- (14) restrictions or conditions contained in any trading, netting, operating, construction, service, supply, purchase, sale or other agreement to which the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party entered into in the ordinary course of business; provided that such agreement prohibits the encumbrance of solely the property or assets of the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary that are subject to such agreement, the payment rights arising thereunder or the proceeds thereof and does not extend to any

other asset or property of the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary or the assets or property of another Restricted Subsidiary;

- (15) restrictions contained in agreements (other than Indebtedness) arising in the ordinary course of business; <u>provided</u> that such restrictions do not prohibit (except upon an event of default thereunder) the payment of dividends in an amount sufficient, as determined by the Issuer in good faith, to make principal or interest payments on the Notes when due; and
- (16) restrictions under agreements evidencing or governing or otherwise relating to Indebtedness of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors; provided that such restrictions apply only with respect to the assets of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors.

SECTION 4.09. <u>Limitation on Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of</u> Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock.

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, quarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise (collectively, "incur" and collectively, an "incurrence"), with respect to any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness), and the Issuer will not issue any shares of Disqualified Stock and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue any shares of Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock; provided that the Issuer may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) or issue shares of Disqualified Stock, and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness), issue shares of Disqualified Stock and issue shares of Preferred Stock, if the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio on a consolidated basis for the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries' most recently ended four fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date on which such additional Indebtedness is incurred or such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is issued would have been at least 2.00 to 1.00 (the "Fixed Charge Coverage Test"), determined on a pro forma basis (including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom), as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock had been issued, as the case may be, and the application of proceeds therefrom had occurred at the beginning of such four-quarter period; provided further that the amount of Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock that may be incurred or issued, as applicable, pursuant to the foregoing by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors shall not (together with any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof) exceed the greater of \$135.0 million and 35.0% of EBITDA.
 - (b) The provisions of Section 4.09(a) hereof shall not apply to:
 - (1) the incurrence of Indebtedness under Credit Facilities by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and the issuance and creation of letters of credit and bankers' acceptances thereunder (with letters of credit and bankers' acceptances being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the face amount thereof); provided that either (x) immediately after giving effect to any such incurrence or issuance, the then-outstanding aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness incurred or issued under this clause (1)(x),

together with any Refinancing Indebtedness under clause (1)(y) below in respect thereof, does not exceed the greater of (a) \$1,350.0 million and (b) the maximum amount of Indebtedness such that, after giving pro forma effect to such incurrence (in a manner consistent with the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio), the Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio of the Issuer does not exceed 3.50 to 1.00 (provided that, for purposes of determining the amount of Indebtedness that may be incurred pursuant to this subclause (b), all Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this subclause (b) shall be deemed to be secured for purposes of the definition of "Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio"); or (y) such Indebtedness constitutes Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of Indebtedness incurred under clause (1)(x) above or this clause (1)(y), and that no Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor may guarantee such Refinancing Indebtedness;

- (2) the incurrence by the Issuer and any Guarantor of Indebtedness represented by the Notes (including any Guarantee) (other than any Additional Notes);
- (3) Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries in existence on the Issue Date, including the Convertible Notes (other than Indebtedness described in clauses (1) and (2) of this Section 4.09(b));
- (4) Indebtedness (including Capitalized Lease Obligations) incurred or Disqualified Stock issued by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and Preferred Stock issued by any Restricted Subsidiary, to finance the acquisition, construction, repair, replacement or improvement of property (real or personal), equipment or other fixed or capital assets; <u>provided</u> that such Indebtedness exists at the date of the applicable acquisition, construction, repair, replacement or improvement or is created within 365 days thereafter; <u>provided further</u> that the aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding pursuant to this clause (4) does not exceed the greater of \$125.0 million and 35.0% of EBITDA;
- (5) Indebtedness incurred by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries with respect to letters of credit, bank guarantees, bankers' acceptances, warehouse receipts or similar instruments issued or created in the ordinary course of business, including letters of credit in respect of workers' compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance or other Indebtedness with respect to reimbursement-type obligations regarding workers' compensation claims;
- (6) Indebtedness arising from agreements of the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earn-outs or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, assets or a Subsidiary, other than guarantees of Indebtedness incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition;
- (7) Indebtedness of the Issuer to a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes; <u>provided further</u> that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event that results in any such

Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such Indebtedness (except to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or any pledge of such Indebtedness constituting a Permitted Lien (but not foreclosure thereon)) shall be deemed, in each case, to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause (7);

- (8) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary; provided that, if a Guarantor incurs such Indebtedness to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantee of such Guarantor; provided further that any subsequent transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event that results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of such Indebtedness (except to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or any pledge of such Indebtedness constituting a Permitted Lien (but not foreclosure thereon)) shall be deemed, in each case, to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause (8);
- (9) shares of Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event that results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such shares of Preferred Stock (except to the Issuer or another Restricted Subsidiary or any pledge of such Preferred Stock constituting a Permitted Lien (but not foreclosure thereon)) shall be deemed in each case to be an issuance of such shares of Preferred Stock not permitted by this clause (9);
- (10) Hedging Obligations (excluding Hedging Obligations entered into for speculative purposes) for the purpose of limiting interest rate risk with respect to any Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to this Section 4.09, exchange rate risk or commodity pricing risk;
- (11) obligations in respect of self-insurance and obligations in respect of performance, bid, warranty, indemnity, release, appeal and surety bonds and performance and completion guarantees and similar obligations provided by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or obligations in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments related thereto, and obligations arising under any indemnity agreement relating thereto, in each case, in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice or industry practices;
- (12) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Issuer and Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary equal to 100.0% of the net cash proceeds received by the Issuer after the Issue Date from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Issuer or cash contributed to the capital of the Issuer (in each case, other than proceeds of Excluded Contributions or Disqualified Stock or sales of Equity Interests to the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries) as determined in accordance with clauses (3)(B) and (3)(D) of Section 4.07(a) hereof to the extent such net cash proceeds or cash have not been applied pursuant to such clauses to make Restricted Payments or to

make other Investments, payments or exchanges pursuant to Section 4.07(b) hereof or to make Permitted Investments (other than Permitted Investments specified in clauses (1) and (3) of the definition thereof);

- (13) the incurrence by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or the issuance of Disqualified Stock or the issuance by any Restricted Subsidiary of Preferred Stock which serves to extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock incurred or issued as permitted under Section 4.09(a) hereof and clauses (2), (3), (4) and (12) of this Section 4.09(b), this clause (13) and clause (14) of this Section 4.09(b) or any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock issued to so extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock including additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock incurred or issued to pay premiums (including tender premiums), defeasance costs and accrued interest, fees and expenses in connection therewith, including in connection with the entry into, amendment, exercise, termination or settlement (in whole or in part) of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction (the "Refinancing Indebtedness") prior to its respective maturity; provided that such Refinancing Indebtedness:
 - (A) has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is incurred that is not less than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock being extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased,
 - (B) to the extent such Refinancing Indebtedness extends, replaces, refunds, refinances, renews or defeases (i) Indebtedness subordinated or <u>pari</u> <u>passu</u> to the Notes or any Guarantee thereof, such Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated or <u>pari passu</u> to the Notes or the Guarantee thereof at least to the same extent as the Indebtedness being extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased or (ii) Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, such Refinancing Indebtedness must be Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, respectively, and

(C) shall not include:

- (i) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Subsidiary of the Issuer that is not a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of the Issuer;
- (ii) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Subsidiary of the Issuer that is not a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Guarantor; or
- (iii) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Issuer or Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary; and

<u>provided further</u> that subclause (A) of this clause (13) shall not apply to any extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance of Indebtedness that matures prior to the Notes;

- (14) (x) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Issuer or Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary incurred or issued to finance an acquisition (or other purchase of assets), merger or consolidation or (y) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of Persons that are acquired by the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary or merged into or consolidated with or into the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, either
 - (A) the Issuer would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Test set forth in Section 4.09(a) hereof, or
 - (B) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries is equal to or greater than immediately prior to such acquisition, merger or consolidation;
- (15) Indebtedness (a) arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business (provided that such Indebtedness is extinguished within 30 Business Days of its incurrence), (b) in respect of Bank Products and (c) arising under indemnity agreements to title insurers to cause such title insurers to issue to collateral or other agents under any Credit Facility mortgage title insurance policies;
- (16) Indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries supported by a letter of credit issued pursuant to any Credit Facilities, in a principal amount not in excess of the stated amount of such letter of credit;
- (17) (A) any guarantee by the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or other obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary so long as the incurrence of such Indebtedness incurred by such Restricted Subsidiary is permitted under the terms of this Indenture, or
 - (B) any guarantee by a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or other obligations of the Issuer so long as the incurrence of such Indebtedness incurred by the Issuer is permitted under the terms of this Indenture;
- (18) (a) Indebtedness issued by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to future, present or former officers, directors, employees, members of management and consultants (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing), in each case, to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests of the Issuer to the extent described in clause (4) of Section 4.07(b) hereof and (b) Indebtedness representing deferred compensation to employees or directors of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

- (19) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, customer deposits and advance payments received in the ordinary course of business from customers for goods purchased or services rendered in the ordinary course of business;
- (20) Indebtedness owed on a short-term basis of no longer than 30 days to any bank or other financial institution incurred in the ordinary course of business with such bank or financial institution, which arises in connection with ordinary banking arrangements (including, not limited to, cash management services, credit card obligations, overdrafts and related liabilities from treasury, depositary and cash management services) of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (21) Indebtedness incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with bankers' acceptances, discounted bills of exchange or the discounting or factoring of receivables for credit management purposes, in each case incurred or undertaken in the ordinary course of business on arm's length, commercial terms on a recourse basis;
- (22) Indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of (i) the financing of insurance premiums or (ii) take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (23) (a) Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries of the Issuer and (b) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Subsidiary Guarantors in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference, which, when aggregated with the principal amount and liquidation preference of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (23), does not at any time outstanding exceed the greater of \$75.0 million and 20.0% of EBITDA;
- (24) guarantees incurred in the ordinary course of business in respect of obligations of (or to) suppliers, vendors, distributors, customers, franchisees, lessors and licensees that, in each case, are non-Affiliates;
- (25) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations of the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary as seller or servicer under a Qualified Receivables Facility:
- (26) Indebtedness incurred or Disqualified Stock issued by the Issuer or Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock incurred or issued by a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, to the extent that the net proceeds thereof are promptly deposited to defease, redeem or satisfy and discharge the Notes in accordance with this Indenture; and
- (27) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Issuer and Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference, which when aggregated with the principal amount and liquidation preference of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (27), does not at any time outstanding exceed the greater of \$250.0 million and 75.0% of EBITDA.

- (c) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.09:
- (1) in the event that an item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of permitted Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock described in clauses (1) through (27) of Section 4.09(b) hereof or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(a) hereof, the Issuer, in its sole discretion, may divide and/or classify, or at any later time re-divide and/or reclassify, such item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this Section 4.09; provided that all Indebtedness outstanding under the Senior Credit Facility on the Issue Date will be treated as incurred on the Issue Date under clause (1) of Section 4.09(b) hereof and shall not be reclassified;
- (2) the Issuer will be entitled to divide and/or classify, or at any later time redivide and/or reclassify, any item of Indebtedness in more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in Section 4.09(a) and Section 4.09(b) hereof without giving proforma effect to the Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (or any portion thereof) incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b) when calculating the amount of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock (or any portion thereof) that may be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(a);
- (3) any guarantee of, or obligation in respect of any letter of credit relating to, Indebtedness that is otherwise included in the determination of a particular amount of Indebtedness shall not be included in the determination of such amount of Indebtedness; provided that the incurrence of the Indebtedness represented by such guarantee or letter of credit, as the case may be, was in compliance with this Section 4.09; and
- (4) in connection with any commitment relating to the incurrence or issuance of Indebtedness (including any revolving Ioan Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock under this Section 4.09 and the granting of any Lien to secure such Indebtedness, the Issuer or applicable Restricted Subsidiary may designate such incurrence or issuance and the granting of any Lien therefor as having occurred on the date the Issuer or applicable Restricted Subsidiary receives the related commitment (such date, the "Deemed Date"), and any related subsequent actual incurrence or issuance and granting of such Lien therefor will be deemed for all purposes under this Indenture to have been incurred or issued and granted on such Deemed Date, including, without limitation, for purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, usage of any baskets hereunder (if applicable), the Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio, the Consolidated Total Debt Ratio and EBITDA (and all such calculations on and after the Deemed Date until the termination of such commitment shall be made on a pro forma basis giving effect to the deemed incurrence or issuance, the granting of any Lien therefor and related transactions in connection therewith).
- (d) Accrual of interest or dividends, the accretion of accreted value, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the payment of interest or dividends in the form of

additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, of the same class, and accretion or amortization of liquidation preference and increases in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies, will each not be deemed to be an incurrence or issuance of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, for purposes of this Section 4.09.

- (e) For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar-denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness, the U.S. dollar equivalent principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, in the case of term debt, or first committed or incurred, in the case of revolving credit debt (whichever yields the lower U.S. dollar equivalent); provided that if such Indebtedness is incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such U.S. dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed (x) the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus (y) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums (including tender premiums) and other costs and expenses (including original issue discount, upfront fees or similar fees) incurred in connection with such refinancing.
- (f) The principal amount of any Indebtedness incurred to refinance other Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.
- (g) For the purposes of this Indenture, (1) Indebtedness that is unsecured is not deemed to be subordinated or junior to Secured Indebtedness merely because it is unsecured, and (2) Senior Indebtedness is not deemed to be subordinated or junior to any other Senior Indebtedness merely because it has a junior priority with respect to the same collateral or does not have obligors that guarantee or are otherwise liable on such other Senior Indebtedness.

SECTION 4.10. Asset Sales.

- (a) The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate, directly or indirectly, an Asset Sale, unless:
 - (1) the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Issuer at the time of contractually agreeing to such Asset Sale) of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of; and
 - (2) except in the case of a Permitted Asset Swap, at least 75.0% of the consideration for such Asset Sale, together with all other Asset Sales since the Issue Date (on a cumulative basis), received by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of Cash Equivalents; provided that the amount of:

- (A) any liabilities (as shown on the Issuer's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto, or if incurred or accrued subsequent to the date of such balance sheet, such liabilities that would have been shown on the Issuer's or such Restricted Subsidiary's balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto if such incurrence or increase had taken place on or prior to the date of such balance sheet, as determined by the Issuer) of the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes, that are extinguished in connection with the transactions relating to such Asset Sale, or that are assumed by the transferee (or any third party on behalf of such transferee) of any such assets or Equity Interests, in each case, pursuant to a written agreement that releases the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary from such liabilities,
- (B) any securities, notes or other obligations or assets received by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary into Cash Equivalents, or by their terms are required to be satisfied for Cash Equivalents (to the extent of the Cash Equivalents received), in each case, within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Sale, and
- (C) any Designated Non-cash Consideration received by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Sale having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Designated Non-cash Consideration received pursuant to this clause (C), less the amount of any cash or Cash Equivalents received in connection with a subsequent sale or conversion or collection in respect of such Designated Non-cash Consideration, not to exceed the greater of \$100.0 million and 30.0% of EBITDA at the time of the receipt of such Designated Non-cash Consideration, with the fair market value of each item of Designated Non-cash Consideration being measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value,

shall be deemed to be Cash Equivalents for purposes of this Section 4.10 and for no other purpose.

- (b) Within 450 days after the receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Asset Sale, the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, at its option, may apply the Net Cash Proceeds from such Asset Sale,
 - (1) to reduce Indebtedness as follows:
 - (A) Obligations under Secured Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor (and, if such Indebtedness is revolving credit Indebtedness, to correspondingly and permanently reduce commitments with respect thereto);
 - (B) Obligations under other Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor that ranks equally in right of payment with the Notes or the relevant Guarantee (and, if such Indebtedness is revolving credit Indebtedness, to correspondingly

and permanently reduce commitments with respect thereto); <u>provided</u> that if the Issuer or any Guarantor shall so reduce Obligations under such other Indebtedness, the Issuer shall equally and ratably reduce Obligations under the Notes by (i) redeeming the Notes as provided under Section 3.07 hereof, (ii) purchasing the Notes through open-market purchases (to the extent such purchases are at or above 100% of the principal amount thereof) or (iii) making an offer (in accordance with Section 3.09 and Section 4.10(c) hereof) to all Holders of Notes to purchase their Notes at 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on the amount of Notes that would otherwise be prepaid; or

(C) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor;

(2) to make an Investment in (a) any one or more businesses; <u>provided</u> that such Investment in any business is in the form of the acquisition of Capital Stock and results in the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, owning an amount of the Capital Stock of such business such that it constitutes or continues to constitute a Restricted Subsidiary, (b) properties, (c) capital expenditures or (d) acquisitions of other assets, in each of (a), (b), (c) and (d), used or useful in a Similar Business or that replace the businesses, properties and/or assets that are the subject of such Asset Sale; or

(3) any combination of the foregoing;

provided that, in the case of clause (2) above, a binding commitment entered into within 450 days after the Asset Sale shall be treated as a permitted application of the Net Cash Proceeds from the date of such commitment so long as the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary enters into such commitment with the good faith expectation that such Net Cash Proceeds will be applied to satisfy such commitment within 180 days of such commitment (an "Acceptable Commitment") and, in the event any Acceptable Commitment is later cancelled or terminated for any reason before the Net Cash Proceeds are applied in connection therewith, the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary enters into another Acceptable Commitment (a "Second Commitment") within 180 days of such cancellation or termination; provided further that if any Second Commitment is later cancelled or terminated for any reason before such Net Cash Proceeds are applied, then such Net Cash Proceeds shall constitute Excess Proceeds.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that (i) any of or all the Net Cash Proceeds of any Asset Sales by a Foreign Subsidiary (a "Foreign Disposition") is prohibited or delayed by applicable local law from being repatriated to the United States or (ii) the Issuer, in its sole discretion, has reasonably determined in good faith that repatriation of any of or all of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Foreign Disposition would result in material adverse tax consequences, the portion of such Net Cash Proceeds so affected will not be required to be applied in compliance with this Section 4.10; provided that within 180 days of the receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Foreign Disposition, the Issuer shall use commercially reasonable efforts to permit repatriation of such proceeds that would otherwise be subject to this Section 4.10 without violating applicable local law or incurring material adverse tax consequences, and, if such proceeds may be repatriated, within such 180 day period, such proceeds shall be applied in compliance with this Section 4.10.

(c) Any Net Cash Proceeds from any Asset Sale that are not invested or applied as provided and within the time period set forth in Section 4.10(b) hereof (it being understood that any portion of such net proceeds used to make an offer to purchase notes, as described in clause (1) of Section 4.10(b) hereof shall be deemed to have been invested whether or not such offer is accepted) will be deemed to constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds the greater of \$100.0 million and 30.0% of EBITDA (the "Excess Proceeds Threshold"), the Issuer shall make an offer (an "Asset Sale Offer") to all Holders of the Notes and, if required by the terms of any Indebtedness that is pari passu in right of payment with the Notes ("Pari Passu Indebtedness"), to the holders of such Pari Passu Indebtedness, to purchase the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Notes and such Pari Passu Indebtedness, as the case may be, that, in the case of the Notes, is in an amount at least equal to \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds at an offer price in cash in an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount thereof (or in the event such other Indebtedness was issued with original issue discount, 100% of the accreted value thereof), plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date fixed for the closing of such offer, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Indenture and the agreements governing any such Pari Passu Indebtedness. The Issuer will commence an Asset Sale Offer with respect to Excess Proceeds within 10 Business Days after the date that Excess Proceeds exceed the Excess Proceeds Threshold by delivering the notice required pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, with a copy to the Trustee and Paying Agent. The Issuer may satisfy the foregoing obligations with respect to any Net Cash Proceeds from an Asset Sale by making an Asset Sale Offer with respect to such Net Cash Proceeds prior to the expiration of the relevant 450 days (or such longer period provided above) or with respect to Excess Proceeds of equal to or less than the Excess Proceeds Threshold.

To the extent that the aggregate amount of Notes and, if applicable, Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer is less than the Excess Proceeds, the Issuer may use any remaining Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited under this Indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of Notes and, if applicable, Pari Passu Indebtedness surrendered by such holders thereof exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the Issuer shall select the Notes and such Pari Passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis based on the accreted value or principal amount of the Notes or such Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered with adjustments as necessary so that no Notes or Pari Passu Indebtedness will be purchased in part in an unauthorized denomination. Upon completion of any such Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds that resulted in the Asset Sale Offer shall be reset to zero (regardless of whether there are any remaining Excess Proceeds upon such completion).

An Asset Sale Offer may be made at the same time as consents are solicited with respect to an amendment, supplement or waiver of this Indenture, the Notes and/or the Guarantees (but the Asset Sale Offer may not condition tenders on the delivery of such consents).

(d) Pending the final application of any Net Cash Proceeds pursuant to this Section 4.10, the holder of such Net Cash Proceeds may apply such Net Cash Proceeds temporarily to reduce Indebtedness outstanding under a revolving credit facility or otherwise invest such Net Cash Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by this Indenture.

(e) The Issuer shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws or regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the Notes pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Indenture, the Issuer will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations described in this Indenture by virtue thereof.

SECTION 4.11. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. (a) The Issuer will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate of the Issuer (each of the foregoing, an "<u>Affiliate Transaction</u>") involving aggregate payments or consideration in excess of \$25.0 million, unless:

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are not materially less favorable, taken as a whole, as determined in good faith by the Issuer, to the Issuer or its relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person on an arm's-length basis; and
- (2) the Issuer delivers to the Trustee, with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate payments or consideration in excess of \$50.0 million, a resolution adopted by the majority of the board of directors of the Issuer approving such Affiliate Transaction and an Officer's Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with clause (1) of this Section 4.11(a).
 - (b) The provisions of Section 4.11(a) will not apply to the following:
 - (1) transactions between or among the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (2) Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.07 hereof (including any payments that are exceptions to the definition of Restricted Payments set forth in clauses (I) through (IV) of Section 4.07(a)) and Investments permitted by the definition of "Permitted Investments";
- (3) the payment of reasonable and customary fees and compensation paid to, and indemnities and reimbursements and employment and severance arrangements provided on behalf of or for the benefit of, current or former officers, directors, employees, members of management or consultants of the Issuer, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any of its direct or indirect parent companies;
- (4) transactions in which the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, delivers to the Trustee a letter from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or stating that the terms are not materially less favorable, taken as a whole, to the Issuer or its relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have

been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person on an arm's-length basis;

- (5) any agreement or arrangement as in effect as of the Issue Date, and any transaction pursuant thereto or contemplated thereby, or any amendment, modification or supplement thereto or replacement thereof (so long as any such amendment, modification, supplement or replacement is not disadvantageous to the Holders in any material respect, taken as a whole, compared to the applicable agreement or arrangement as in effect on the Issue Date as determined by the Issuer in good faith);
- (6) (a) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers or purchasers or sellers of goods or services that are Affiliates, in each case in the ordinary course of business and otherwise in compliance with the terms of this Indenture which, taken as a whole, are fair to the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, as determined by the Issuer in good faith, or are on terms, taken as a whole, at least as favorable as might reasonably have been obtained at such time from an unaffiliated party or (b) payments to or from, and transactions with, any joint venture partner or joint venture or Unrestricted Subsidiaries entered into in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;
- (7) the sale or issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Issuer to any director, officer, employee or consultant of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (8) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, or Receivables Assets or related assets or other transactions made in connection with any Qualified Receivables Facility;
- (9) (a) loans or advances or guarantees in respect thereof (or cancellation of loans, advances or guarantees) to any future, present or former director, officer, employee, member of management or consultant (or the estate, heirs, family members, spouse, former spouse, domestic partner or former domestic partner of any of the foregoing) of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or otherwise made on behalf of the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that are, in each case, approved by the Issuer in good faith, and (b) payments to, and transactions with, any future, present or former director, officer, employee, member of management or consultant of the Issuer, or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement that is, in each case, approved by the Issuer in good faith; and any employment agreement, stock option plan and other compensatory arrangement (and any successor plan thereto) and any supplemental executive retirement benefit plan or arrangement with any such director, officer, employee, member of management or consultant that is, in each case, approved by the Issuer in good faith;
- (10) if and for so long as the Issuer is a member of a group filing a consolidated, unitary or combined tax return with any direct or indirect parent thereof, payments by the Issuer and its Subsidiaries pursuant to tax sharing agreements among the Issuer and its Subsidiaries on customary terms; provided that, in each case, the amount of such

payments in each fiscal year does not exceed the amount that the Issuer and its Subsidiaries would have been required to pay in respect of such foreign, federal, state and/or local income taxes for such fiscal year had the Issuer and its Subsidiaries paid such taxes on a consolidated basis on behalf of an affiliated group consisting only of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries; provided further that any such payment relating to Unrestricted Subsidiaries shall be permitted solely to the extent cash is actually received from such Unrestricted Subsidiaries for the purposes of such payment;

- (11) any transaction with an Affiliate that has been expressly approved by either a majority of the Issuer's independent directors or a duly created committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors consisting solely of independent directors
- (12) any transaction with a Person that would constitute an Affiliate Transaction solely because the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries directly or indirectly owns an Equity Interest in or otherwise controls such Person;
- (13) any lease entered into in the ordinary course of business between the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any Affiliate of the Issuer, on the other hand, which is approved by the Issuer in good faith;
 - (14) intellectual property licenses in the ordinary course of business;
 - (15) any contribution to the capital stock of the Issuer;
- (16) transactions between the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Person that is an Affiliate of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary solely because a director of such Person, any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of such Person is also a director of the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries; provided that such director abstains from voting as a director of the Issuer or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, on any such transaction;
- (17) transactions with Affiliates solely in their capacity as holders of Indebtedness or Equity Interests of the Issuer, or any of its Subsidiaries, so long as such transaction is with all holders of such class (and there are non-Affiliate holders) and such Affiliates are treated no more favorably than all other holders of such Indebtedness or Equity Interests generally; and
 - (18) pledges of Equity Interests of any Unrestricted Subsidiary.

SECTION 4.12. <u>Liens</u>. The Issuer shall not, and shall not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien (except Permitted Liens) that secures obligations under any Indebtedness, on any asset or property of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or convey any right to receive income therefrom, unless:

(1) in the case of Liens securing Subordinated Indebtedness, the Notes and related Guarantees are secured by a Lien on such property, assets or proceeds that is senior in priority to such Liens; or

(2) in all other cases, the Notes or the Guarantees are equally and ratably secured,

provided that the foregoing shall neither apply to nor restrict (A) Liens securing the Notes and the related Guarantees, (B) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Credit Facilities, including any letter of credit facility relating thereto, that was permitted by the terms of this Indenture to be incurred pursuant to clause (1) of Section 4.09(b) hereof and (C) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09 hereof; provided that, with respect to Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under this subclause (C), at the time of incurrence and after giving pro forma effect thereto, the Consolidated Secured Debt Ratio would be no greater than 3.50 to 1.00.

Any Lien created for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be deemed automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon (a) the release by the holders of the Indebtedness described above of their Lien on the property or assets of the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor (including any deemed release upon payment in full of all obligations under such Indebtedness (except upon foreclosure or default of such Indebtedness)), (b) any sale, exchange or transfer to any Person other than the Issuer or any Guarantor of the property or assets secured by such Lien, or of all of the Capital Stock held by the Issuer or any Guarantor in, or all or substantially all the assets of, any Subsidiary Guarantor creating such Lien, in each case, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, (c) payment in full of the principal of, and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes, or (d) a defeasance or discharge of the Notes in accordance with Article VIII or Article XI hereof.

With respect to any Lien securing Indebtedness that was permitted to secure such Indebtedness at the time of the incurrence of such Indebtedness, such Lien shall also be permitted to secure any Increased Amount of such Indebtedness. The "Increased Amount" of any Indebtedness shall mean any increase in the amount of such Indebtedness in connection with any accrual of interest, the accretion of accreted value, amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest in the form of additional Indebtedness, accretion or amortization of original issue discount of liquidation preference, and increases in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies or increases in the value of property securing Indebtedness.

For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.12, (x) a Lien need not be incurred solely by reference to one category of Permitted Liens or one category of permitted Liens described in the proviso to the first paragraph above but may be incurred under any combination of such categories (including in part under one such category and in part under any one or more of such other such categories) and (y) in the event that a Lien (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of one or more of such categories, the Issuer, in its sole discretion, may divide and/or classify, or at any later time re-divide and/or reclassify, such Lien (or any portion thereof) in any manner that complies with this Section 4.12 and the definition of "Permitted Liens."

SECTION 4.13. <u>Company Existence</u>. Subject to Article V hereof, the Issuer shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its company existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Restricted

Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Issuer or any such Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that the Issuer shall not be required to preserve the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, if the Issuer in good faith shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries will be permitted to change their respective organizational forms.

SECTION 4.14. Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control. (a) If a Change of Control occurs, unless the Issuer has previously sent a redemption notice with respect to all the outstanding Notes as described under Section 3.07 hereof, the Issuer shall make an offer to purchase all of the Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the "Change of Control Offer") at a price in cash (the "Change of Control Payment") equal to at least 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of purchase, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date. Within 30 days following any Change of Control, except to the extent that the Issuer has exercised its right to redeem all the outstanding Notes pursuant to Section 3.07 hereof, the Issuer shall send notice of such Change of Control Offer electronically or by first-class mail, with a copy to the Trustee and Paying Agent, to each Holder at the address of such Holder appearing in the Note Register or otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures with the following information:

- (1) that a Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 4.14 and that all Notes properly tendered pursuant to such Change of Control Offer will be accepted for payment by the Issuer;
- (2) the purchase price and the purchase date, which will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is sent (the "Change of Control Payment Date"), except in the case of a conditional Change of Control Offer made in advance of a Change of Control in accordance with clause (c) of this Section 4.14;
- (3) that any Note not properly tendered will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest;
- (4) that, unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer will cease to accrue interest on the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (5) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender such Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of such Notes completed, to the paying agent specified in the notice at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the fourth Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;
- (6) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their tendered Notes and their election to require the Issuer to purchase such Notes; <u>provided</u> that the paying agent receives, not later than the close of business on the fourth Business Day prior to the

Change of Control Payment Date, an electronic transmission, facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder of the Notes, the principal amount of Notes tendered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing its tendered Notes and its election to have such Notes purchased;

- (7) that Holders (other than Holders of a Global Note) whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes and such new Notes will be equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered. The unpurchased portion of any Note must be equal to at least \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof;
- (8) if such notice is sent prior to the occurrence of a Change of Control, a statement that the Change of Control Offer is conditional on the occurrence of such Change of Control and, if applicable, a statement that, in the Issuer's discretion, the Change of Control Payment Date may be delayed until such time as the Change of Control shall have occurred, or that such purchase may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event the Change of Control shall not have occurred by the Change of Control Payment Date, or by the Change of Control Payment Date as so delayed; and
- (9) the other instructions, as determined by the Issuer, consistent with this Section 4.14 described hereunder, that a Holder must follow.

The notice, if delivered electronically, mailed or caused to be mailed in a manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to give such notice as provided herein or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note designated for purchase shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the purchase of any other Note.

The Issuer shall comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws or regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to a Change of Control Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the provisions of this Indenture, the Issuer shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Indenture by virtue thereof.

- (b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law,
 - (1) accept for payment all Notes issued by it or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer,
 - (2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the aggregate Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered, and
 - (3) deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Trustee for cancellation the Notes so accepted together with an Officer's Certificate to the Trustee stating that such Notes or portions thereof have been tendered to and purchased by the Issuer.

- (c) The Issuer shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Issuer and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer. Additionally, the Issuer will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if the Issuer has previously issued a notice of redemption for all of the Notes pursuant to Section 3.07 hereof unless and until there is a default in the payment of the redemption price on the applicable Redemption Date or the redemption is not consummated due to the failure of a condition precedent contained in the applicable redemption notice to be satisfied. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making of the Change of Control Offer. The Change of Control Payment Date may be extended automatically until such Change of Control occurs.
- (d) A Change of Control Offer may be made at the same time as consents are solicited with respect to an amendment, supplement or waiver of this Indenture, the Notes, and/or the Guarantees (but the Change of Control Offer may not condition tenders on the delivery of such consents).
- (e) Other than as specifically provided in this Section 4.14, any purchase pursuant to this Section 4.14 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.02, 3.05 and 3.06 hereof, and references therein to "redeem," "redemption" and similar words shall be deemed to refer to "purchase," "repurchase" and similar words, as applicable.

SECTION 4.15. <u>Limitation on Guarantees of Indebtedness by Restricted</u>
<u>Subsidiaries</u>. The Issuer shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Domestic
Subsidiary, other than a Guarantor, to guarantee the payment of any Indebtedness (or any interest on such Indebtedness) under the Senior Credit Facility unless:

- (1) such Restricted Subsidiary within 45 days of such guarantee executes and delivers a supplemental indenture to this Indenture, the form of which is attached as Exhibit D hereto, providing for a Guarantee by such Restricted Subsidiary, except that with respect to a guarantee of Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor, if such Indebtedness is by its express terms subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or such Guarantor's Guarantee, any such guarantee by such Restricted Subsidiary with respect to such Indebtedness shall be subordinated in right of payment to such Guarantee substantially to the same extent as such Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes; and
- (2) such Restricted Subsidiary waives and shall not in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any right of reimbursement, indemnity or subrogation or any other right against the Issuer or any other Restricted Subsidiary as a result of any payment by such Restricted Subsidiary under its Guarantee or otherwise.

The Issuer may elect, in its sole discretion, to cause any Subsidiary that is not otherwise required to be a Guarantor to become a Guarantor, in which case such Subsidiary shall not be required to comply with the 45-day period described above.

SECTION 4.16. Suspension of Covenants.

- (a) If on any date following the Issue Date (i) the Notes have an Investment Grade Rating from either of the Rating Agencies and (ii) no Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture (the occurrence of the events described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) being collectively referred to as a "Covenant Suspension Event"), then, beginning on that day (the "Suspension Date") and continuing until the Reversion Date, Section 4.07 hereof, Section 4.08 hereof, Section 4.09 hereof, Section 4.10 hereof, Section 4.11 hereof, Section 4.15 hereof and clause (4) of Section 5.01(a) hereof shall not be applicable to the Notes (collectively, the "Suspended Covenants").
- (b) During any period that the Suspended Covenants have been suspended, the Issuer may not designate any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the second sentence of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary."
- (c) In the event that the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants under this Indenture for any period as a result of the foregoing, and on any subsequent date (the "Reversion Date") the Notes do not carry an Investment Grade Rating from either of the Rating Agencies, then the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries will thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants under this Indenture with respect to events occurring on or after the Reversion Date unless and until there shall be a new Suspension Date. The period between a Suspension Date and a Reversion Date is referred to in this Section 4.16 as a "Suspension Period." The Guarantees of the Guarantors will be released during the Suspension Period. Additionally, upon the occurrence of a Covenant Suspension Event, the amount of Excess Proceeds from Net Cash Proceeds shall be reset to zero.
- (d) During any Suspension Period, the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries will be entitled to incur Liens to the extent provided for in Section 4.12 hereof (including Permitted Liens) and any Permitted Liens that refer to one or more Suspended Covenants shall be interpreted as though such applicable Suspended Covenant(s) continued to be applicable during the Suspension Period (but solely for Section 4.12 hereof).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of any reinstatement of the Suspended Covenants, no action taken or omitted to be taken by the Issuer or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries prior to such reinstatement will give rise to a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture with respect to the Notes; provided that (1) with respect to Restricted Payments made after such reinstatement, the amount of Restricted Payments made will be calculated as though Section 4.07 had been in effect prior to, but not during, the Suspension Period; (2) all Indebtedness incurred, or Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock issued, during the Suspension Period will be classified to have been incurred or issued pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(3); (3) all Liens incurred during the Suspension Period will be classified to have been incurred under clause (7) of the definition of "Permitted Liens"; (4) any Affiliate Transaction entered into after such reinstatement pursuant to all agreements and arrangements entered into during any Suspension Period shall be deemed to be permitted pursuant to Section 4.11(b)(5) hereof; (5) any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor to take any action described in clauses (1) through (3) of Section 4.08(a) hereof that becomes effective during any Suspension Period shall be deemed to be permitted pursuant to Section

4.08(b)(1) hereof; and (6) no Subsidiary of the Issuer shall be required to comply with Section 4.15 hereof after such reinstatement with respect to any guarantee entered into by such Subsidiary during any Suspension Period.

In addition, for purposes of clause (3) of Section 4.07(a) hereof, all Restricted Payments made pursuant to clause (3) occurring during a Suspension Period shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the amount of Restricted Payments the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary is permitted to make pursuant to such clause (3).

On and after each Reversion Date, the Issuer and its Subsidiaries will be permitted to consummate the transactions contemplated by any contract entered into during the Suspension Period, so long as such contract and such consummation would have been permitted during such Suspension Period.

(e) The Issuer shall notify the Trustee of the occurrence of any Covenant Suspension Event and of any Reversion Date; <u>provided</u> that no such notification, in the case of any Covenant Suspension Event, shall be a condition for the suspension of the Suspended Covenants to be effective; <u>provided</u> <u>further</u> that the Trustee shall be under no obligation to inform Holders of the occurrence of any Covenant Suspension Event.

ARTICLE V SUCCESSORS

SECTION 5.01. Merger, Consolidation or Sale of All or Substantially All Assets.

- (a) The Issuer may not consolidate or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not the Issuer is the surviving corporation), or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any Person unless:
 - (1) the Issuer is the surviving Person or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation, merger or wind-up (if other than the Issuer) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition will have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of the Issuer or the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia, or any territory thereof (such Person, as the case may be, being herein called the "Successor Company");
 - (2) the Successor Company, if other than the Issuer, expressly assumes all the obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture and the Notes pursuant to supplemental indentures or other documents or instruments;
 - (3) immediately after such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists;

- (4) immediately after giving <u>pro forma</u> effect to such transaction and any related financing or debt reduction transactions, as if such transactions had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period,
 - (A) the Successor Company would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Test set forth in Section 4.09(a) hereof, or
 - (B) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Successor Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be equal to or greater than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Issuer and the Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such transaction;
- (5) each Subsidiary Guarantor, unless it is the other party to the transactions described above, in which case Section 5.01(c)(1)(B) hereof shall apply, shall have by supplemental indenture confirmed that its Guarantee shall apply to such Person's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes; and
- (6) the Successor Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, wind up, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and such supplemental indentures, if any, comply with this Indenture.
- (b) The Successor Company, if not the Issuer, will succeed to, and be substituted for, the Issuer under this Indenture and the Notes and in such event the Issuer will automatically be released and discharged from its obligations under this Indenture and the Notes.

Notwithstanding clauses (3) and (4) of Section 5.01(a) hereof,

- (1) any Restricted Subsidiary may consolidate or merge with or into or wind up into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor, and
- (2) the Issuer may merge with an Affiliate of the Issuer solely for the purpose of reorganizing the Issuer in another state of the United States, the District of Columbia or any territory thereof so long as the amount of Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries is not materially increased thereby.
- (c) Subject to Section 10.06 hereof, no Subsidiary Guarantor will, and the Issuer will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, consolidate or merge with or into or wind up into (whether or not such Subsidiary Guarantor is the surviving Person), or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any Person unless:
 - (1) (A) such Subsidiary Guarantor is the surviving Person or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation, merger or wind-up (if other than such Subsidiary Guarantor) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition will have been made is a Person organized or existing under the laws of the

jurisdiction of organization of such Subsidiary Guarantor or the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia, or any territory thereof (such Person being herein called the "Successor Person");

- (B) the Successor Person, if other than such Subsidiary Guarantor, expressly assumes all the obligations of such Subsidiary Guarantor under this Indenture and such Subsidiary Guarantor's related Guarantee pursuant to supplemental indentures or other documents or instruments;
- (C) immediately after such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (D) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that such consolidation, merger, wind up, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and such supplemental indentures, if any, comply with this Indenture; or
- (2) the transaction is made in compliance with Section 4.10 hereof.
- (d) Subject to Section 10.06 hereof, the Successor Person will succeed to, and be substituted for, such Subsidiary Guarantor under this Indenture and such Subsidiary Guarantor's Guarantee and in such event such Subsidiary Guarantor will automatically be released and discharged from its obligations under this Indenture and its Guarantee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Subsidiary Guarantor may (1) consolidate or merge with or into or wind up into or transfer all or part of its properties and assets to the Issuer or any Subsidiary Guarantor, (2) merge with an Affiliate of the Issuer solely for the purpose of reorganizing such Subsidiary Guarantor in another jurisdiction so long as the amount of Indebtedness of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries is not increased thereby and so long as the surviving entity (if not the Subsidiary Guarantor) assumes all of the Subsidiary Guarantor's obligations under its Guarantee in connection with such reorganization, (3) convert into a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or trust organized or existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of such Subsidiary Guarantor or (4) liquidate or dissolve or change its legal form if the Issuer determines in good faith that such action is in the best interests of the Issuer and is not materially disadvantageous to the Holders, in each case, without regard to the requirements set forth in Section 5.01(c) hereof.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Section 5.01 shall not apply to any consolidation, merger or winding up or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries.

SECTION 5.02. <u>Successor Person Substituted</u>. Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer or a Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with Section 5.01 hereof, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other

disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, shall refer instead to the successor Person and not to the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable), and may exercise every right and power of the Issuer or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable, under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Issuer or a Guarantor, as applicable, herein; provided that the predecessor Issuer shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes except in the case of a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of all of the Issuer's assets that meets the requirements of Section 5.01 hereof.

ARTICLE VI DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default.

An "Event of Default" means any one of the following events:

- (1) default in payment when due and payable, upon redemption, acceleration or otherwise, of principal of, or premium, if any, on the Notes;
- (2) default for 30 days or more in the payment when due of interest on or with respect to the Notes;
- (3) failure by the Issuer or any Guarantor for 60 days after receipt of written notice of such failure given by the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 30% in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, in the case of notice from the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee, to comply with any of its obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture or the Notes (other than a default referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above);
- (4) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there is issued or by which there is secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary), other than Indebtedness owed to the Issuer or a Restricted Subsidiary, whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the issuance of the Notes, if both:
 - (A) such default either results from the failure to pay any principal of such Indebtedness at its stated final maturity (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods) or relates to an obligation other than the obligation to pay principal of any such Indebtedness at its stated final maturity and results in the holder or holders of such Indebtedness causing such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity; and
 - (B) the principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness in default for failure to pay principal at

stated final maturity (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods), or the maturity of which has been so accelerated, aggregate \$100.0 million or more at any time outstanding;

- (5) failure by the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) to pay final judgments aggregating in excess of \$100.0 million (net of any amounts which are covered by insurance), which final judgments remain unpaid, undischarged and unstayed for a period of more than 60 days after such judgment becomes final, and in the event such judgment is covered by insurance, an enforcement proceeding has been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or decree which is not promptly stayed;
- (6) the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that taken together would constitute a Significant Subsidiary), pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
 - (i) commences proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent;
 - (ii) consents to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under applicable Bankruptcy Law;
 - (iii) consents to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of it or for all or substantially all of its property;
 - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
 - (v) generally is not paying its debts as they become due;
- (7) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law:
 - (i) for relief against the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary) in an involuntary case;
 - (ii) that appoints a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary), or for all or substantially all of the property of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary); or
 - (iii) that orders the liquidation of the Issuer or any Significant Subsidiary (or any group of Restricted Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary);

and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 60 consecutive days; or

(8) the Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary shall for any reason cease to be in full force and effect or be declared null and void or any responsible officer of any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary, as the case may be, denies that it has any further liability under its Guarantee or gives notice to such effect, other than by reason of the termination of this Indenture or the release of any such Guarantee in accordance with this Indenture.

SECTION 6.02. Acceleration. If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (6) of Section 6.01 hereof with respect to the Issuer) occurs and is continuing under this Indenture, the Trustee may, by notice to the Issuer, or the Holders of at least 30% in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may, by notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, in each case, declare the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then-outstanding Notes to be due and payable immediately; provided that no such declaration of acceleration may occur with respect to any action taken, and reported publicly or to Holders, more than two years prior to the date of such declaration. The Trustee shall have no obligation to determine when or if any Holders have been notified of any such action or to track when such two-year period starts or concludes. Any time period to cure any actual or alleged Default or Event of Default may be extended or stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Any notice of Default, notice of acceleration or instruction to the Trustee to provide a notice of Default, notice of acceleration or take any other action (a "Noteholder Direction") provided by any one or more Holders (each a "Directing Holder"), in order to be valid, must be accompanied by a written representation from each such Holder delivered to the Issuer and the Trustee that such Holder is not (or, in the case such Holder is DTC or its nominee, that such Holder is being instructed solely by beneficial owners that have represented to such Holder that they are not) Net Short (a "Position Representation"), which representation, in the case of a Noteholder Direction relating to the delivery of a notice of Default, shall be deemed a continuing representation until the resulting Event of Default is cured or otherwise ceases to exist or the notes are accelerated. In addition, each Directing Holder is deemed, at the time of providing a Noteholder Direction, to covenant to provide the Issuer with such other information as the Issuer may reasonably request from time to time in order to verify the accuracy of such Noteholder's Position Representation within five Business Days of request therefor (a "Verification Covenant"). In any case in which the Holder is DTC or its nominee, any Position Representation or Verification Covenant required hereunder shall be provided by the beneficial owner of the notes in lieu of DTC or its nominee, and DTC shall be entitled to conclusively rely on such Position Representation and Verification Covenant in delivering its direction to the Trustee.

If, following the delivery of a Noteholder Direction, but prior to acceleration of the notes, the Issuer determines in good faith that there is a reasonable basis to believe a Directing Holder was, at any relevant time, in breach of its Position Representation and provides to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the Issuer has filed papers with a court of competent jurisdiction seeking a determination that such Directing Holder was, at such time, in breach of its Position Representation, and seeking to invalidate any Event of Default that resulted

from the applicable Noteholder Direction, the cure period with respect to such Event of Default shall be automatically stayed pending a final and non-appealable determination of a court of competent jurisdiction on such matter. If, following the delivery of a Noteholder Direction, but prior to acceleration of the notes, the Issuer provides to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that a Directing Holder failed to satisfy its Verification Covenant, the cure period with respect to such Event of Default that resulted from the applicable Noteholder Direction shall be automatically stayed pending satisfaction of such Verification Covenant. Any breach of the Position Representation shall result in such Holder's participation in such Noteholder Direction being disregarded; and, if, without the participation of such Holder, the percentage of notes held by the remaining Holders that provided such Noteholder Direction would have been insufficient to validly provide such Noteholder Direction, such Noteholder Direction shall be void ab initio (other than any indemnity such Directing Holder may have offered the Trustee), with the effect that such Event of Default shall be deemed never to have occurred, acceleration voided and the Trustee shall be deemed not to have received such Noteholder Direction or any notice of such Default or Event of Default.

Notwithstanding anything in the preceding two paragraphs to the contrary, any Noteholder Direction delivered to the Trustee during the pendency of an Event of Default as the result of a bankruptcy or similar proceeding shall not require compliance with the foregoing paragraphs. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely on any Noteholder Direction delivered to it in accordance with this Indenture, shall have no duty to inquire as to or investigate the accuracy of any Position Representation, enforce compliance with any Verification Covenant, verify any statements in any Officer's Certificate delivered to it, or otherwise make calculations, investigations or determinations with respect to Derivative Instruments, Net Shorts, Long Derivative Instruments, Short Derivative Instruments or otherwise. The Trustee shall have no liability to the Issuer, any Holder or any other Person in acting in good faith on a Noteholder Direction.

Upon the effectiveness of such declaration of acceleration, such principal and interest shall be due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising with respect to the Issuer under clause (6) of Section 6.01 hereof, all outstanding Notes shall be due and payable without further action or notice.

In the event of any Event of Default specified in clause (4) of Section 6.01 hereof, such Event of Default and all consequences thereof (excluding any resulting payment default, other than as a result of acceleration of the Notes) shall be annulled, waived and rescinded, automatically and without any action by the Trustee or the Holders, if within 20 days after such Event of Default arose:

- (1) the Indebtedness or guarantee that is the basis for such Event of Default has been discharged;
- (2) the holders thereof have rescinded or waived the acceleration, notice or action (as the case may be) giving rise to such Event of Default; or
 - (3) the default that is the basis for such Event of Default has been cured.

SECTION 6.03. Other Remedies. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Notes or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Notes or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default.

SECTION 6.04. Waiver of Past Defaults. Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes by notice to the Trustee (with a copy to the Issuer; provided that any waiver or rescission under this Section 6.04 shall be valid and binding notwithstanding the failure to provide a copy of such notice to the Issuer) may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under this Indenture (except a continuing Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Note held by a non-consenting Holder) (including in connection with an Asset Sale Offer or Change of Control Offer) and rescind any acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences (except if such rescission would conflict with any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

SECTION 6.05. <u>Control by Majority</u>. Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or of exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee. The Trustee, however, may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture or that the Trustee determines is unduly prejudicial to the rights of any other Holder or that would involve the Trustee in personal liability.

SECTION 6.06. <u>Limitation on Suits</u>. Subject to Section 6.07 hereof, no Holder may pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes unless:

- (1) such Holder has previously given the Trustee notice that an Event of Default is continuing;
- (2) Holders of at least 30% in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes have requested the Trustee to pursue the remedy;
- (3) such Holder has offered the Trustee indemnity, security and/or prefunding against any loss, liability or expense;
- (4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt thereof and the offer of security or indemnity; and

(5) Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any actions are unduly prejudicial to such Holders).

SECTION 6.07. Rights of Holders of Notes to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed or provided for in the Note (including in connection with an Asset Sale Offer or a Change of Control Offer), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 6.08. <u>Collection Suit by Trustee</u>. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(1) or (2) hereof occurs and is continuing, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuer for the whole amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Notes and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

SECTION 6.09. Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceedings, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding has been instituted.

SECTION 6.10. Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes in Section 2.07 hereof, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 6.11. <u>Delay or Omission Not Waiver</u>. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article VI or by law to the Trustee

or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

SECTION 6.12. Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuer (or any other obligor upon the Notes including the Guarantors), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to participate as a member in any official committee of creditors appointed in such matter and to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 hereof. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 hereof out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

SECTION 6.13. <u>Priorities</u>. If the Trustee or any Agent collects any money pursuant to this Article VI, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

- (i) to the Trustee, each Agent, their agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07 hereof, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee or any Agent and the costs and expenses of collection;
- (ii) to Holders of Notes for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, respectively; and
- (iii) to the Issuer or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct including a Guarantor, if applicable.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Notes pursuant to this Section 6.13.

SECTION 6.14. <u>Undertaking for Costs</u>. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.14 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.07 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the thenoutstanding Notes.

ARTICLE VII TRUSTEE

SECTION 7.01. Duties of Trustee

- (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
 - (b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:
 - (i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
 - (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).
- (c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
 - (i) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.01;
 - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved in a court of competent jurisdiction that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
 - (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Article VI hereof.

- (d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 7.01.
- (e) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of the Notes unless the Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable indemnity or security against any loss, liability or expense.
- (f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer and may hold such money uninvested. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Issuer and its Restricted Subsidiaries, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Issuer and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate of the Issuer or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent or attorney appointed with due care.
- (d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Issuer shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Issuer.
- (f) None of the provisions of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if it shall have grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not assured to it.

- (g) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any matter (including any Default or Event of Default) unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice thereof is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office from the Issuer or any other obligor on the Notes, or from any Holder, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture.
- (h) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.
- (i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each Agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.
- (j) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers and duties hereunder.
- (k) The permissive right of the Trustee to take the actions permitted by this Indenture shall not be construed as an obligation or a duty to so, unless so specified herein.
- (I) The Trustee will not be liable to the Holders if prevented or delayed in performing any of its obligations or discretionary functions under this Indenture by reason of any present or future law applicable to it, by any governmental or regulatory authority or by any circumstances beyond its control.
- (m) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to do anything which, in its opinion, may be illegal or contrary to applicable law or regulation.
- (n) The Trustee may retain counsel at the expense of the Issuer to assist it in performing its duties under this Indenture. The Trustee may consult with such counsel, and the advice or opinion of such counsel with respect to legal matters relating to this Indenture and the Notes shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, omitted or suffered by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance on the advice or opinion of such counsel.
- (o) The Issuer and the Agents acknowledge and agree that in the event of a Default or Event of Default, the Trustee may, by notice in writing to the Issuer and the Agents, require that the Agents (other than to the extent the Issuer or a Subsidiary is acting as an agent) act as agents of, and take instructions exclusively from, the Trustee. Prior to receiving such written notice from the Trustee, the Agents shall be agents of the Issuer and need have no concern for the interests of the Holders.
- (p) The Trustee may request that the Issuer deliver an Officer's Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture or the Notes.

SECTION 7.03. <u>Individual Rights of Trustee</u>. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest (as such term is used in the Trust Indenture Act) it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Section 7.10 hereof.

SECTION 7.04. <u>Trustee's Disclaimer</u>. The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes or any money paid to the Issuer or upon the Issuer's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it shall not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it shall not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Notes or any other document in connection with the sale of the Notes or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

SECTION 7.05. Notice of Defaults. If a Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall electronically deliver or mail to Holders of Notes a notice of the Default within 90 days after it is known to the Trustee, unless such Default shall have been waived or cured. Except in the case of a Default relating to the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold from the Holders notice of any continuing Default if and so long as it determines in good faith that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Notes. The Trustee shall have no obligation to accelerate the Notes if, in the best judgment of the Trustee, acceleration of the Notes is not within the interests of the Holders of the Notes.

SECTION 7.06. [Reserved]

SECTION 7.07. Compensation and Indemnity. The Issuer shall pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder as the parties shall agree in writing from time to time. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. In the event of being requested by the Issuer to undertake duties which the Trustee reasonably determines to be of an exceptional nature or otherwise outside the scope of the normal duties of the Trustee, the Issuer shall pay to the Trustee such additional remuneration as shall be agreed between the Issuer and the Trustee. The Issuer shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all disbursements, advances and expenses properly incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the properly incurred compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Issuer and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall indemnify the Trustee and its officers, directors, employees, agents and any predecessor trustee and its officers, directors, employees and agents for, and hold the Trustee harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims, liability or expense (including properly incurred attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust and the performance of its duties hereunder (including the properly incurred costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Issuer or any of the Guarantors (including this Section 7.07)

or defending itself against any claim whether asserted by any Holder, the Issuer or any Guarantor, or liability in connection with the acceptance, exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder). The Trustee shall notify the Issuer promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuer shall not relieve the Issuer or the Guarantors of their obligations hereunder. If requested by the Trustee, the Issuer shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Issuer shall pay the properly incurred fees and expenses of such counsel. Neither the Issuer nor any Guarantor need reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct, negligence or bad faith, as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. Neither the Issuer nor any Guarantor need pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors under this Section 7.07 shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or the earlier resignation or removal of the Trustee.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4.12 hereof, to secure the payment obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors in this Section 7.07, the Trustee shall have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that money or property held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Notes. Such Lien shall survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(6) or (7) hereof occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

For the avoidance of doubt, the rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee in this Section 7.07, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and by each agent (including the Agents), custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

SECTION 7.08. <u>Replacement of Trustee</u>. A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.08. The Trustee may resign in writing at any time by so notifying the Issuer. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the thenoutstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing. The Issuer may remove the Trustee if:

- (A) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof;
- (B) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (C) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or

(D) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the thenoutstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee or Agent, as the case may be, appointed by the Issuer.

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, (i) the retiring Trustee, the Issuer or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee at the expense of the Issuer or (ii) the retiring Trustee may appoint a successor Trustee at any time prior to the date on which a successor Trustee takes office; provided that such appointment shall be satisfactory to the Issuer.

If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder who has been a Holder for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuer. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee shall electronically deliver or mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee shall promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; <u>provided</u> all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07 hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Issuer's obligations under Section 7.07 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

SECTION 7.09. <u>Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.</u> If the Trustee consolidates, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust, paying agent, transfer agent or registrar business, as the case may be, to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

Any corporation into which the Trustee for the time being may be merged or converted shall, on the date when such merger, conversion, consolidation, sale or transfer becomes effective and to the extent permitted by applicable law, be a successor Trustee under this Indenture without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties to this Indenture. After the effective date all references in this Indenture to that Trustee shall be deemed to be references to that corporation.

SECTION 7.10. <u>Eligibility; Disqualification</u>. There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has, together with its parent, a combined capital and surplus of at least \$150,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

ARTICLE VIII LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

SECTION 8.01. Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. The Issuer may, at its option and at any time, elect to have either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof applied to all outstanding Notes and all obligations of the Guarantors with respect to the Guarantees upon compliance with the conditions set forth in this Article VIII.

SECTION 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge. Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes and Guarantees and all Events of Default cured on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied ("Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Issuer shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in (a) and (b) of this Section 8.02 (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes), and to have satisfied all its other obligations under the Notes and this Indenture including that of the Guarantors (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same) and to have cured all then-existing Events of Default, except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (a) the rights of Holders to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes when such payments are due solely out of the trust created pursuant to this Indenture referred to in Section 8.04 hereof;
- (b) the Issuer's obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of such Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (c) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee, and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith; and
 - (d) this Section 8.02.

Subject to compliance with this Article VIII, the Issuer may exercise its option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.03 hereof.

SECTION 8.03. <u>Covenant Defeasance</u>. Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Issuer and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14 and 4.15 hereof, clauses (4) and (5) of Section 5.01(a), Sections 5.01(c) and 5.01(d) hereof with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set

forth in Section 8.04 hereof are satisfied ("Covenant Defeasance"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that the Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to all outstanding Notes and the related Guarantees, the Issuer and the Guarantors may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01 hereof, but, except as specified in this Section 8.03, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes and Guarantees shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03 hereof, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, Sections 6.01(3) (solely with respect to the covenants that are released upon a Covenant Defeasance), 6.01(4), 6.01(5), 6.01(6) (solely with respect to a Significant Subsidiary of the Issuer but not with respect to the Issuer), 6.01(7) (solely with respect to a Significant Subsidiary of the Issuer but not with respect to the Issuer) and 6.01(8) hereof shall not constitute Events of Default.

SECTION 8.04. <u>Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance</u>. The following shall be conditions to the application of either Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof to the outstanding Notes:

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to the Notes:

(1) the Issuer must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, a nationally recognized investment bank or a nationally recognized appraisal or valuation firm, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest due on the Notes to the stated maturity date or to the Redemption Date, as the case may be, of such principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes and the Issuer must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular Redemption Date; provided that, upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any deficit as of the date of redemption (any such amount, the "Applicable Premium Deficit") only required to be deposited with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee on or prior to the redemption date. Any Applicable Premium Deficit shall be set forth in an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such Applicable Premium Deficit that confirms that such Applicable Premium Deficit shall be applied toward such redemption:

(2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee

an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions,

- (A) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the United States Internal Revenue Service a ruling, or
- (B) since the original issuance of the Notes, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law,

in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, the Holders or beneficial owners of the Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as applicable, as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, the Holders or beneficial owners of the Notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- (4) no Event of Default (other than that resulting from any borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith) shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit;
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Senior Credit Facility or any other material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Issuer or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Issuer or any Guarantor is bound (other than that resulting from any borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit required to effect such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith);
- (6) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Issuer with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any creditor of the Issuer, any Guarantor or others; and
- (7) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions) each stating that all conditions precedent provided for or relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance, as the case may be, have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Opinion of Counsel required by clause (2) of this Section 8.04 with respect to Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all of the Notes

theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (x) have become due and payable or (y) will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer.

SECTION 8.05. Deposited Money and Government Securities to Be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions. Subject to Section 8.06 hereof, all money and U.S. Government Obligations (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof in respect of the outstanding Notes shall be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer or a Guarantor acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Notes of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuer shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Notes and the related Guarantees.

Anything in this Article VIII to the contrary notwithstanding, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon the request of the Issuer any money or U.S. Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 8.04 hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, a nationally recognized investment bank or a nationally recognized appraisal or valuation firm expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.04(1) hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

SECTION 8.06. Repayment to Issuer. Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Issuer, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer on its request or pursuant to applicable law or (if then held by the Issuer) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Issuer for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Issuer as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease.

SECTION 8.07. Reinstatement. If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.05 hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuer's and the Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes and Guarantees shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.04 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section

8.05 hereof; <u>provided</u> that, if the Issuer makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of the Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

SECTION 9.01. <u>Without Consent of Holders</u>. Notwithstanding Section 9.02 hereof, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture and any Guarantee or Notes without the consent of any Holder:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;
 - (3) to comply with Section 5.01 hereof;
- (4) to provide for the assumption of the Issuer's or any Guarantor's obligations to the Holders;
- (5) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Indenture of any such Holder in any material respect;
- (6) to add covenants for the benefit of the Holders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Issuer or any Guarantor;
- (7) to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the terms of this Indenture:
- (8) to evidence and provide for the acceptance and appointment under this Indenture of a successor Trustee or a successor paying agent hereunder pursuant to the requirements hereof;
- (9) to provide for the issuance of exchange notes or private exchange notes, which are identical to exchange notes except that they are not freely transferable;
- (10) to add a Guarantor or co-obligor under this Indenture or to release a Guarantor in accordance with the terms of this Indenture:
- (11) to conform the text of this Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes to any provision of the "Description of the Notes" section of the Offering Memorandum to the extent that such provision in such "Description of the Notes" section was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of this Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes (as determined in good faith by the Issuer);

- (12) to amend the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer and legending of Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes; <u>provided</u> that (i) compliance with this Indenture as so amended would not result in Notes being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any applicable securities law and (ii) such amendment does not materially and adversely affect the rights of Holders to transfer Notes;
- (13) to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant any other Lien in favor of the Trustee for the benefit of Holders, as security for the payment and performance of all or any portion of the Notes, in any property or assets;
- (14) to provide for the succession of any parties to this Indenture (and other amendments that are administrative or ministerial in nature); or
 - (15) to comply with the rules of any applicable securities depositary.

Upon the request of the Issuer accompanied by a resolution of its board of directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof (to the extent requested by the Trustee and subject to the last sentence of Section 9.05 hereof), the Trustee shall join with the Issuer and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall have the right, but not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Opinion of Counsel nor an Officer's Certificate nor a board resolution shall be required in connection with the addition of a Guarantor under this Indenture upon execution and delivery by such Guarantor and the Trustee of a supplemental indenture to this Indenture, the form of which is attached as Exhibit D hereto.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.01 becomes effective, the Issuer shall send to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Issuer to send such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver.

SECTION 9.02. With Consent of Holders. Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 hereof, any existing Default or Event of Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes, if any), other than the Notes beneficially owned by the Issuer or its Affiliates (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase

of, the Notes). Section 2.08 hereof and Section 2.09 hereof shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for the purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Issuer accompanied by a resolution of its board of directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders as aforesaid, the Trustee shall join with the Issuer and the Guarantors in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, waiver or consent, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, no transaction made in compliance with, amendment to, or deletion of, any of the covenants described under Article IV or Section 5.01 hereof shall be deemed to impair or affect any rights of Holders to receive payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the Notes.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Issuer shall send to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Issuer to send such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of each Holder affected, no amendment may:

- (1) reduce the principal amount of such Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed final maturity of any such Note or alter or waive the provisions with respect to the redemption of such Notes (other than provisions relating to (i) notice periods (to the extent consistent with applicable requirements of clearing and settlement systems) for redemption and conditions to redemption and (ii) Section 4.10 and Section 4.14 hereof);
 - (3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any Note;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration, or in respect of a covenant or provision contained in this Indenture or any Guarantee which cannot be amended or modified without the consent of all Holders;
 - (5) make any Note payable in money other than that stated therein;

- (6) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the Notes;
 - (7) make any change in these amendment and waiver provisions;
- (8) impair the contractual right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on such Holder's Notes on or after the due dates therefor or to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's Notes:
- (9) contractually subordinate the Notes to any other Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Guarantor; or
- (10) except as expressly permitted by this Indenture, modify the Guarantees of any Significant Subsidiary in any manner materially adverse to the Holders (as determined by the Issuer in good faith).

SECTION 9.03. Revocation and Effect of Consents. Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

The Issuer may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement, or waiver. If a record date is fixed, then, notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, those Persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only such Persons, shall be entitled to consent to such amendment, supplement, or waiver or to revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such Persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date unless the consent of the requisite number of Holders has been obtained.

SECTION 9.04. <u>Notation on or Exchange of Notes</u>. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuer in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

SECTION 9.05. <u>Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.</u> The Trustee shall sign any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to this Article IX if the amendment, supplement or waiver does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the

Trustee. The Issuer may not sign an amendment, supplement or waiver until the board of directors of the Issuer approves it. In executing any amendment, supplement or waiver, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, upon request, and (subject to Section 7.01 hereof) shall be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 12.03 hereof, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amendment or supplement is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that such amendment, supplement or waiver is the valid and binding obligation of the Issuer and any Guarantors party thereto, enforceable against them in accordance with its terms, subject to customary exceptions, and complies with the provisions hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Opinion of Counsel nor an Officer's Certificate nor board resolution will be required for the Trustee to execute any amendment or supplement adding a new Guarantor under this Indenture.

SECTION 9.06. Additional Voting Terms; Calculation of Principal Amount. All Notes issued under this Indenture shall vote and consent together on all matters (as to which any Notes may vote) as one class. Determinations as to whether Holders of the requisite aggregate principal amount of Notes have concurred in any direction, waiver or consent shall be made in accordance with this Article IX.

ARTICLE X GUARANTEES

SECTION 10.01. <u>Guarantee</u>. Subject to this Article X, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees, on a senior unsecured basis, to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the obligations of the Issuer hereunder or thereunder, that: (a) the principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Notes shall be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder shall be promptly paid in full, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other obligations, that same shall be promptly paid in full when due in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same promptly. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Issuer, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor (other than payment in full of all of the obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture or under the Notes). Each Guarantor hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Issuer, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that this Guarantee shall not be

discharged except by full payment of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture or by release in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Each Guarantor also agrees to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Section 10.01.

If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Issuer or the Guarantors, then any amount paid either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect.

Each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article VI hereof for the purposes of this Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article VI hereof, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Guarantee. The Guarantors shall have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Guarantees.

Until released in accordance with Section 10.06 hereof, each Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against the Issuer for liquidation, reorganization, should the Issuer become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of the Issuer's assets, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment of the Notes are, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by any obligee on the Notes or Guarantees, whether as a "voidable preference," "fraudulent transfer" or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made. In the event that any payment or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, the Notes shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned.

In case any provision of any Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

The Guarantee issued by any Guarantor shall be a general unsecured senior obligation of such Guarantor and shall be <u>pari passu</u> in right of payment with all existing and future Senior Indebtedness of such Guarantor, if any.

Each payment to be made by a Guarantor in respect of its Guarantee shall be

made without set-off, counterclaim, reduction or diminution of any kind or nature.

SECTION 10.02. Limitation on Guarantor Liability. Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this Article X, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. Each Guarantor that makes a payment under its Guarantee shall be entitled upon payment in full of all guaranteed obligations under this Indenture to a contribution from each other Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Guarantor's pro rata portion of such payment based on the respective net assets of all the Guarantors at the time of such payment determined in accordance with GAAP.

SECTION 10.03. Execution and Delivery. To evidence its Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 hereof, each Guarantor hereby agrees that this Indenture (or a supplemental indenture in the form of Exhibit D hereto) shall be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by one of its authorized officers or other representatives.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the absence of the endorsement of any notation of such Guarantee on the Notes.

If an officer whose signature is on this Indenture (or a supplemental indenture in the form of Exhibit D hereto) no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note, the Guarantee shall be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

If required by Section 4.15 hereof, the Issuer shall cause any Restricted Subsidiary to comply with the provisions of Section 4.15 hereof and this Article X, to the extent applicable.

SECTION 10.04. <u>Subrogation</u>. Each Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights of Holders of Notes against the Issuer in respect of any amounts paid by any Guarantor pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.01 hereof; <u>provided</u> that, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no Guarantor shall be entitled to enforce or receive any payments arising out of, or based upon, such right of subrogation until all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under this Indenture or the Notes shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 10.05. <u>Benefits Acknowledged</u>. Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that the guarantee and waivers made by it pursuant to its Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 10.06. <u>Release of Guarantees</u>. A Guarantee by a Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged, without any further action required on the part of the Guarantor, the Trustee or any Holder of Notes, upon:

- (1) any sale, exchange, disposition or transfer (by merger, consolidation, dividend, distribution or otherwise) of (a) the Capital Stock of such Guarantor, after which the applicable Guarantor is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary, or (b) all or substantially all the assets of such Guarantor, in each case, made in compliance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture;
- (2) the release or discharge of the guarantee by such Guarantor of Indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facility or such other guarantee that resulted in the creation of such Guarantee, except a discharge or release by, or as a result of, payment under such guarantee (it being understood that a release subject to a contingent reinstatement is still a release);
- (3) the designation of any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with Section 4.07 hereof and the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary";
- (4) upon the merger or consolidation of any Guarantor with and into the Issuer or another Guarantor that is the surviving Person in such merger or consolidation, or upon the liquidation of such Guarantor following the transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to the Issuer or another Guarantor;
- (5) the exercise by the Issuer of its Legal Defeasance option or Covenant Defeasance option in accordance with Article VIII hereof or the discharge of the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; or
 - (6) the occurrence of a Covenant Suspension Event.

The Issuer shall notify the Trustee in writing of the release, discharge or termination of a Guarantee in accordance with this Section 10.06; <u>provided</u> that no such notification shall be a condition for the release, discharge or termination of a Guarantee to be effective; <u>provided further</u> that the Trustee shall be under no obligation to inform Holders of the occurrence of the release, discharge or termination of a Guarantee.

ARTICLE XI SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 11.01. <u>Satisfaction and Discharge</u>. This Indenture shall be discharged and shall cease to be of further effect as to the Notes when either:

- (1) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered, except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes which have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has heretofore been deposited in trust, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (2) (A) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise, will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, and the Issuer or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption; provided that, upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any Applicable Premium Deficit only required to be deposited with the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee on or prior to the Redemption Date. Any Applicable Premium Deficit shall be set forth in an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such Applicable Premium Deficit that confirms that such Applicable Premium Deficit shall be applied toward such redemption;
- (B) no Event of Default (other than that resulting from any borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit or any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith) with respect to this Indenture or the Notes shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or shall occur as a result of such deposit and such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under the Senior Credit Facility or any other material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Issuer or any Guarantor is a party or by which the Issuer or any Guarantor is bound (other than resulting from any borrowing of funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith);
- (C) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture; and
- (D) the Issuer has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee or an agent of the Trustee to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the Notes at maturity or the Redemption Date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Issuer must deliver an Officer's Certificate (which may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions) to the Trustee stating that all conditions precedent to

satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied; <u>provided</u> that any such counsel may rely on an Officer's Certificate as to matters of fact (including as to compliance with the foregoing subclauses (A), (B), (C) and (D) of clause (2) of this Section 11.01).

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (A) of clause (2) of this Section 11.01, the provisions of Section 11.02 and Section 8.06 hereof shall survive.

The Issuer shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 11.01 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders.

SECTION 11.02. <u>Application of Trust Money</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06 hereof, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 11.01 hereof by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Issuer's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 11.01 hereof; <u>provided</u> that if the Issuer has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE XII MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 12.01. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or communication by the Issuer, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing in the English language and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), electronic mail in PDF format, facsimile transmission or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Issuer and/or any Guarantor:

Dycom Industries, Inc. 11780 US Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408 Attention: Chief Financial Officer Email: drew.deferrari@dycominc.com With a courtesy copy to (the provision of which copy shall not be required in order to effectuate notice under this Indenture):

Dycom Industries, Inc. 11780 US Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408 Attention: General Counsel

Email: ryan.urness@dycominc.com

If to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee 100 Wall Street, Suite 600 New York, NY 10005 Attention: Global Corporate Trust

and

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee 225 Water Street, Suite 700 Jacksonville, Florida 32202 Attention: Global Corporate Trust

The Issuer, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five calendar days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed by first-class mail; when receipt is acknowledged, if faxed; on the first date on which publication or electronic delivery is made, if given by publication or electronic delivery; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery; provided that any notice or communication delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed effective upon actual receipt thereof.

Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be electronically delivered, mailed by first-class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the Note Register kept by the Registrar. Failure to deliver a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed or otherwise delivered in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, such notice or communication shall be deemed duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Issuer delivers a notice or communication to Holders, it shall deliver a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or any Note, where this Indenture or any Note provides for notice of any event or any other communication (including any notice of redemption or repurchase) to a holder of a Global Note (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depositary (or its designee) pursuant to the standing instructions from the Depositary or its designee, including by electronic mail in accordance with accepted practices at the Depositary.

SECTION 12.02. <u>Communication by Holders with Other Holders</u>. Holders may communicate with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes.

SECTION 12.03. <u>Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent</u>. Upon any request or application by the Issuer or any of the Guarantors to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuer or such Guarantor, as the case may be, shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (A) An Officer's Certificate in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.04 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and
- (B) An Opinion of Counsel (which may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions) in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.04 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied; provided that such Opinion of Counsel shall not be required to be furnished to the Trustee in connection with the authentication and delivery of the Initial Notes on the Issue Date.

SECTION 12.04. <u>Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion</u>. Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to Section 4.04 hereof) shall include:

- (A) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (B) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (C) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (D) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to matters of fact an Opinion of Counsel may rely on an officer's certificate or certificates of public officials.

SECTION 12.05. <u>Rules by Trustee and Agents</u>. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

SECTION 12.06. No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees, Members and Stockholders. No director, officer, employee, member, incorporator or stockholder of the Issuer or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Guarantees or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting Notes waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

SECTION 12.07. <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND THE GUARANTEES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 12.08. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

SECTION 12.09. <u>Force Majeure</u>. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its reasonable control, including strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software or hardware) services.

SECTION 12.10. <u>No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements</u>. This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuer or its Restricted Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

SECTION 12.11. <u>Successors</u>. All agreements of the Issuer in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture shall bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in Section 10.06 hereof.

SECTION 12.12. <u>Severability</u>. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 12.13. <u>Counterpart Originals</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent

the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmissions shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes. All notices, approvals, consents, requests and any communications hereunder must be in writing (provided that any communication sent to Trustee hereunder must be in the form of a document that is signed manually or by way of a digital signature, in English). The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to Trustee, including without limitation the risk of Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

SECTION 12.14. <u>Table of Contents</u>, <u>Headings</u>, <u>etc</u>. The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

SECTION 12.15. <u>USA Patriot Act</u>. In order to comply with the laws, rules, regulations and executive orders in effect from time to time applicable to banking institutions, including, without limitation, those relating to the funding of terrorist activities and money laundering, including Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act of the United States ("<u>Applicable AML Law</u>"), the Trustee and Agents are required to obtain, verify, record and update certain information relating to individuals and entities which maintain a business relationship with the Trustee and Agents. Accordingly, each of the parties agree to provide to the Trustee and Agents, upon their request from time to time such identifying information and documentation as may be available for such party in order to enable the Trustee and Agents to comply with Applicable AML Law.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first written above.

Very truly yours,

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.

By:

Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

Guarantors:

Ansco & Associates, LLC Dycom Capital Management, Inc. Dycom Corporate Identity, Inc. Dycom Identity, LLC Dycom Investments, Inc. Ervin Cable Construction, LLC Lambert's Cable Splicing Company, LLC Apex Digital, LLC Atlantic Communications Services, LLC Blair Park Services, LLC Broadband Express, LLC Broadband Installation Services, LLC CableCom, LLC C-2 Utility Contractors, LLC Cavo Broadband Communications, LLC CCLC, Inc. Communications Construction Group, LLC Engineering Associates, LLC Fiber Technologies Solutions, LLC Globe Communications, LLC Golden State Utility Co. Ivy H. Smith Company, LLC Kanaan Communications, LLC Locating, Inc. NeoCom Solutions, LLC Nichols Construction, LLC Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC North Sky Communications, LLC Parkside Site & Utility Company Corporation Parkside Utility Construction, LLC Pauley Construction, LLC Point to Point Communications, Inc.

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Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

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Precision Valley Communications of Vermont, LLC Prince Telecom, LLC Professional Teleconcepts, LLC (IL) Professional Teleconcepts, LLC (NY) RJE Telecom, LLC Sage Telecommunications Corp. of Colorado, LLC Spectrum Wireless Solutions, LLC Star Construction, LLC Stevens Communications, LLC TelCom Construction, LLC TCS Communications, LLC Tesinc, LLC Texstar Enterprises, LLC Tjader & Highstrom Utility Services, LLC Trawick Construction Company, LLC Triple-D Communications, LLC Underground Specialties, LLC UtiliQuest, LLC VCI Construction, LLC VCI Utility Services Holdings, LLC White Mountain Cable Construction, LLC

Ву:_

Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

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VCI UTILITY SERVICES, LLC
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VCI UTILITY SERVICES, LLC

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE

By:

Name: She

Title:

Vice President

[Face of Note]

[Insert the Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Private Placement Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

[Insert the Regulation S Temporary Global Note Legend, if applicable pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture]

CUSIP	[]
ISIN	[$]^1$

[RULE 144A][REGULATION S] [GLOBAL] NOTE

4.50% Senior Note due 2029

No	[\$	-
Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation, promises to pay to [assigns the principal sum [set forth on the Schedule of Exchanges of Integrated the control of the	erests in the Global No	ite
Interest Payment Dates: April 15 and October 15, commencing [October 15]	er 15, 2021] ⁴	
Record Dates: April 1 and October 1		
Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this I	Note.	

Regulation S CUSIP: U26723 AB9 ISIN: USU26723AB92

- ² Insert in Global Notes only.
- ³ Insert in Definitive Notes only.
- ⁴ For Notes issued on the Issue Date.

^{1 144}A CUSIP: 267475 AD3 ISIN: US267475AD30

executed.	IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Issuer has caused this instrument to be duly
	DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.
	By: Name: Title:

Dated	:[1	
CERT	TIFICATE OF A	UTHENTICATION	
not in capac	its personal cap- ity as Trustee, ce	IAL ASSOCIATION, acity, but in its ertifies that this is one to in the Indenture.	
Ву:	Authorized Sig	gnatory	

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4.50% Senior Note due 2029

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

1. Interest. Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Issuer"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at a rate per annum set forth below from [_____] until maturity. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note semi-annually in arrears on April 15 and October 15 of each year, commencing on October 15, 2021⁵ (each, an "Interest Payment Date"), or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day. The Issuer will make each interest payment to the Holder of record of this Note on the immediately preceding April 1 and October 1 (each, a "Record Date"). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from and including April 1, 2021. The Issuer will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at the rate then applicable to this Note; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest (without regard to any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the rate then applicable to this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

Interest on this Note will accrue at the rate of 4.50% per annum and be payable in cash.

- 2. Method of Payment. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note to the Person who is the registered Holder of this Note at the close of business on the Record Date (whether or not a Business Day) next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if this Note is cancelled after such record date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. Payment of interest will be made at the office or agency of the Issuer maintained for such purpose or, at the option of the Issuer, payments of interest may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the Note Register of Holders; provided that all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest with respect to Notes represented by Global Notes registered in the name of or held by the Depositary (or its nominee) will be made through the Paying Agent by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the registered Holder or Holders thereof. Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.
- 3. Paying Agent and Registrar. Initially, U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuer may change any

⁵ For Notes issued on the Issue Date.

Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to the Holders. The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

4. <u>Indenture</u>. The Issuer issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of April 1, 2021 (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), among Dycom Industries, Inc., the Guarantors named therein and the Trustee. This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of notes of the Issuer designated as its 4.50% Senior Notes due 2029. The Issuer shall be entitled to issue Additional Notes pursuant to Sections 2.01 and 4.09 of the Indenture. The Initial Notes and any Additional Notes issued under the Indenture (collectively referred to herein as the "<u>Notes</u>") shall be treated as a single class of securities under the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all terms and provisions in the Indenture, and Holders are referred to the Indenture for a statement of such terms and provisions. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

Optional Redemption.

- (a) At any time prior to April 15, 2024, the Issuer may on one or more occasions redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice in accordance with Section 3.03 of the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed plus the Applicable Premium as of, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption (each date on which a redemption occurs, a "Redemption Date"), subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date.
- (b) On and after April 15, 2024, the Issuer may on one or more occasions redeem the Notes, in whole or in part, upon notice in accordance with Section 3.03 of the Indenture, at the applicable redemption price (expressed as percentages of principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on April 15 of each of the years indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2024	102.250%
2025	
2026 and thereafter	100.000%

(c) In addition, prior to April 15, 2024, the Issuer may, at its option, and on one or more occasions, redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes issued under the Indenture (including any Additional Notes issued under the Indenture after the Issue Date) at a redemption price equal to 104.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date, with funds in an aggregate amount equal to the net cash

proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings of the Issuer; <u>provided</u> that (1) at least 50% of (A) the aggregate principal amount of Notes originally issued under the Indenture on the Issue Date plus (B) the aggregate principal amount of any Additional Notes issued under the Indenture after the Issue Date remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of each such redemption; and (2) each such redemption occurs within 180 days of the date of closing of each such Equity Offering.

- (d) In connection with any Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer, if Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes validly tender and do not withdraw such Notes in such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer and the Issuer, or any third party making such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer in lieu of the Issuer, purchases all of the Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, all of the Holders will be deemed to have consented to such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer and accordingly, the Issuer or such third party will have the right upon not less than 10 nor more than 60 days' prior notice (provided that such notice is not given more than 30 days following such purchase date) to redeem all Notes that remain outstanding following such purchase at a price equal to the price offered to each other Holder in such Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer plus, to the extent not included in the Change of Control Offer or Asset Sale Offer payment, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon, to, but excluding, the applicable Redemption Date subject to the rights of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date.
- (e) Any redemption pursuant to this paragraph 5 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 of the Indenture. Notice of any redemption or purchase, whether in connection with an Equity Offering, other transaction or otherwise, may be given prior to the completion thereof, and any such notice may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. If a redemption or purchase is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the Redemption Date or purchase date may be delayed until such time (including more than 60 days after the date the notice was sent) as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) or such redemption or purchase may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied by the Redemption Date or purchase date, or by the Redemption Date or purchase date as so delayed. In addition, the Issuer may provide in such notice that payment of the redemption price or purchase price and performance of the Issuers' obligations with respect to such redemption or purchase may be performed by another Person.
- 6. <u>Mandatory Redemption</u>. The Issuer shall not be required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes.
- 7. <u>Notice of Redemption</u>. Subject to Sections 3.03 and 3.09 of the Indenture, notice of redemption will be delivered electronically or mailed by first-class mail at least 10 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, except that redemption notices may be delivered more than 60 days prior

to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a conditional redemption or Article VIII or Article XI of the Indenture. Notes in denominations larger than \$2,000 may be redeemed in part but only in whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, unless all of the Notes held by a Holder are to be redeemed. On and after the Redemption Date, interest ceases to accrue on this Note or portions thereof called for redemption.

- 8. Offers to Repurchase. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Issuer shall make a Change of Control Offer in accordance with Section 4.14 of the Indenture. In connection with certain Asset Sales, the Issuer shall make an Asset Sale Offer as and when provided in accordance with Section 4.10 of the Indenture.
- 9. <u>Denominations, Transfer, Exchange</u>. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. A Holder may transfer or exchange Notes in accordance with the Indenture. The registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents in connection with a transfer of Notes. Holders will be required to pay all transfer or other similar taxes due on transfer. The Issuer will not be required to transfer or exchange any Note selected for redemption or tendered (and not withdrawn) for repurchase in connection with a redemption, Change of Control Offer or an Asset Sale Offer. The Notes will be issued in registered form, and the registered Holder of a Note will be treated as the owner of the Note for all purposes.
- 10. <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The registered Holder of this Note shall be treated as its owner for all purposes.
- 11. <u>Amendment, Supplement and Waiver</u>. The Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented as provided in the Indenture.
- Defaults and Remedies. The Events of Default relating to the Notes are defined in Section 6.01 of the Indenture. If any Event of Default (other than an Event of Default of the type specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture) occurs and is continuing under the Indenture, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 30% in principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may declare the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then-outstanding Notes to be due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising under clause (6) of Section 6.01 of the Indenture, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable without further action or notice. Holders may not enforce the Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantees except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders of the Notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default (except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding by notice to the Trustee (with a copy to the Issuer; provided that any waiver or rescission under Section 6.04 of the Indenture shall be valid and binding notwithstanding the failure to provide a copy of such

notice to the Issuer) may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the Indenture (except a continuing Default or Event of Default in payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any of the Notes held by a non-consenting Holder) (including in connection with an Asset Sale Offer or a Change of Control Offer) and rescind any acceleration with respect to the Notes and its consequences under the Indenture (except if such rescission would conflict with any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction). The Issuer is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture, and the Issuer is required within twenty (20) Business Days after becoming aware of any Default, to deliver to the Trustee a statement specifying such Default and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto, unless such Default has been cured.

- 13. <u>Authentication</u>. This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent).
- 14. <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 15. <u>CUSIP Numbers and ISINs</u>. The Issuer has caused CUSIP numbers and ISINs to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP numbers and ISINs in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Issuer will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made to the Issuer at the following address:

Dycom Industries, Inc. 11780 US Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408 Attention: Chief Financial Officer

ASSIGNMENT FORM

To assign this Note, fill in the form below:	
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:	
	(Insert assignee's legal name)
(Insert assignee's soc. sec. or ta	ax I.D. no.)
(Print or type assignee's name, addre	ess and zip code)
and irrevocably appoint	1925 JA
to transfer this Note on the books of the Issuer. The agent	may substitute another to act for him.
Date:	
Your Signatur	re:
	(Sign exactly as your name appears
	on the face of this Note)
Signature Guarantee*:	

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{\star}}}$ Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

Section 4.10 or 4.14 of the Inden		propriate box below:
[]	Section 4.10	[] Section 4.14
	on 4.14 of the Inde	rt of this Note purchased by the Issuer enture, state the amount (\$2,000 and any
	\$	
Date:		
	Your	Signature:
		(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
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Signature Guarantee*:		
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* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE*

The initial outstanding principal a	amount of this Global Note is \$
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The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

			Principal Amount	
	Amount of		of	Signature of
	decrease	Amount of increase	this Global Note	authorized
	in Principal	in Principal	following such	signatory
Date of	Amount of this	Amount of this	decrease or	of Trustee or
Exchange	Global Note	Global Note	increase	Registrar

^{*}This schedule should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

Dycom Industries, Inc. 11780 US Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408 Attention: Chief Financial Officer

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee 100 Wall Street, Suite 600 New York, NY 10005 Attention: Global Corporate Trust

Re: 4.50% Senior Notes due 2029

[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

- 1. [] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE 144A GLOBAL NOTE OR A DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- 2. [] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE RELEVANT REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE OR RELEVANT DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a

person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S, (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act and (iv) if the proposed transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, the transfer is not being made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than an Initial Purchaser). Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

- 3. [] CHECK AND COMPLETE IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE
 DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO
 ANY PROVISION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OTHER THAN RULE 144A OR
 REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions
 applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and
 pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws
 of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that
 (check one):
 - (a) [] such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act;
 or
 (b) [] such Transfer is being effected to the Issuer or a subsidiary thereof;
 or
 (c) [] such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.
- 4. [] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OR OF AN UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE.
- (a) [] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO RULE 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note

will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

- (b) [] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO REGULATION S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.
- (c) [] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO OTHER EXEMPTION. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

	This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit	and
the benefit of	f the Issuer.	
	[Insert Name of Transferor]	

	■ Proceedings of the control of the	
	Ву:	
	Name:	
	Name: Title:	
Dated:		

ANNEX A TO CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

1.	The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:
	[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]
(a)	[] a beneficial interest in the:
US26	(i) [] 144A Global Note ([CUSIP: 267475 AD3][ISIN: 7475AD30]), or
USU2	(ii) [] Regulation S Global Note ([CUSIP: U26723 AB9][ISIN: 26723AB92]), or
(b)	[] a Restricted Definitive Note.
2.	After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:
	[CHECK ONE]
(a)	[] a beneficial interest in the:
US26	(i) [] 144A Global Note ([CUSIP: 267475 AD3][ISIN: 7475AD30]), or
(ii) [] Regulation S Global Note ([CUSIP: U26723 AB9][ISIN: USU26723AB92]), or	
	(iii) [] Unrestricted Global Note ([]); or
(b)	[] a Restricted Definitive Note; or
(c)	[] an Unrestricted Definitive Note, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

Dycom Industries, Inc. 11780 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33408 Attention: Chief Financial Officer

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee 100 Wall Street, Suite 600 New York, NY 10005 Attention: Global Corporate Trust

Re: 4.50% Senior Notes due 2029

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of April 1, 2021 (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), among Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "<u>Issuer</u>"), the Guarantors named therein and the Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

(the "Owner") owns and proposes to exchange the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount of \$_____ in such Note[s] or interests (the "Exchange"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

- 1. EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE FOR UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE
 - (a) [] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

- (b) [] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (c) [] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- (d) [] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.
- 2. EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES FOR RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES
 - (a) [] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted

Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

[] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED

DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted

	Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE] [] 144A Global
	Note [] Regulation S Global Note, in each case, with an equal principal amount,
	the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the
	Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in
	compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes
	and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with
	any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon
	consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the
	Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant
	Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.
	Nestricled Global Note and in the indentare and the Securities Act.
	This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and
the benefit of	the Issuer and are dated
	[Insert Name of Transferor]
	[Insert Name of Transferor]
	By:
	Name:
	Title:
Datadi	
Dated:	

[FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS]

Supplemental Indenture (this "Supplemental Indenture"), dated as of	
among Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Issuer"),	(the
"Guaranteeing Subsidiary"), a subsidiary of the Issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association	, as
trustee (the "Trustee").	

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, each of the Issuer and the Guarantors has heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture (the "Indenture"), dated as of April 1, 2021, providing for the issuance of an unlimited aggregate principal amount of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2029 (the "Notes");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Issuer's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein and under the Indenture (the "Guarantee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders as follows:

- (1) <u>Capitalized Terms</u>. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.
- (2) Agreement to Guarantee. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees, jointly and severally with all existing Guarantors (if any), to unconditionally guarantee the Issuer's obligations under the Notes on the terms and subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in Article X of the Indenture and to be bound by all other applicable provisions of the Indenture and the Notes and to perform all of the obligations and agreements of a Guarantor under the Indenture.
- (3) No Recourse Against Others. No director, officer, employee, incorporator, member or stockholder of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer or the Guarantors (including the Guaranteeing Subsidiary) under the Notes, any Guarantees, the Indenture or this Supplemental Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting Notes waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

- (4) Governing Law. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF TO THE EXTENT THE LAW OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE APPLIED THEREBY.
- (5) <u>Counterparts</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.
- (6) <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- (7) <u>The Trustee</u>. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Guaranteeing Subsidiary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first above written.

[Gl	JARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY]
Ву:	Name: Title:
DY	COM INDUSTRIES, INC., as Issuer
Ву:	Name: Title:
	S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Frustee
Ву:	Name: Title:

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO PLEDGE AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO PLEDGE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of April 1, 2021 (the "<u>First Amendment Effective Date</u>"), is entered into among Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors, the Lenders party hereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent. All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Existing Credit Agreement or the Amended Credit Agreement (each as defined below), as the context may require.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer, have entered into that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "Existing Credit Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Guarantors are party to that certain Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018 (as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>") in favor of the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties; and

WHEREAS, the Credit Parties have requested that the Lenders amend the Existing Credit Agreement and the Pledge Agreement as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders agree to provide such requested amendments subject to the terms and conditions herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Incorporation of Recitals</u>. The recitals to this Agreement are incorporated fully and made a part of this Agreement.
- 2. Amendments to Existing Credit Agreement. Effective as of the First Amendment Effective Date, (a) the Existing Credit Agreement is hereby amended by this Agreement and for ease of reference restated (after giving effect to this Agreement) in the form of Annex A hereto (the Existing Credit Agreement, as so amended by this Agreement, being referred to as the "Amended Credit Agreement"), (b) Schedule 2.01 (Commitments and Applicable Percentages), Schedule 6.11 (Subsidiaries), Schedule 8.01 (Indebtedness Existing on the Closing Date), Schedule 8.02 (Liens Existing on the Closing Date) and Schedule 8.05 (Investments Existing on the Closing Date) are each hereby amended to read as provided on Schedules 2.01, 6.11, 8.01, 8.02 and 8.05 attached hereto and (c) Exhibit 2.02 (Form of Loan Notice) is hereby amended and restated to read as provided on Exhibit 2.02 attached hereto. Except as expressly set forth above and therein, all Schedules and Exhibits to the Existing Credit Agreement will continue in their present forms as Schedules and Exhibits to the Amended Credit Agreement.
- 3. <u>Amendment to Pledge Agreement</u>. A new Section 27 is hereby added to the Pledge Agreement to read as follows:

- 27. <u>Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs</u>. The provisions and acknowledgements contained in Section 11.20 of the Credit Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Pledge Agreement, mutatis mutandis.
- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent.</u> This Agreement shall be effective upon satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01 of the Amended Credit Agreement) of the following conditions precedent:
- (a) <u>Execution of Agreement</u>. Receipt of counterparts of this Agreement executed by a duly authorized officer of each of the Borrower, the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and each Lender.
- (b) <u>Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc.</u> Receipt of the following (or their equivalent) for each Credit Party, each (other than with respect to <u>clause (iv)</u>) certified by the secretary or assistant secretary of such Credit Party as of the First Amendment Effective Date to be true and correct and in force and effect:
 - (i) Articles of Incorporation. Copies of the articles of incorporation or charter documents certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state of its organization, or, if applicable, a certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of such Credit Party as of the First Amendment Effective Date certifying that no changes have been made to the articles of incorporation or charter documents of such Credit Party since the date on which such documents were previously delivered to the Administrative Agent.
 - (ii) <u>Resolutions</u>. Copies of resolutions of the board of directors or comparable managing body approving and adopting this Agreement and the transactions contemplated herein and authorizing execution and delivery hereof.
 - (iii) <u>Bylaws</u>. Copies of the bylaws, operating agreement or partnership agreement or, if applicable, a certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of such Credit Party as of the First Amendment Effective Date certifying that no change has been made to the bylaws, operating agreement or partnership agreement of such Credit Party since the date on which such documents were previously delivered to the Administrative Agent.
 - (iv) <u>Good Standing</u>. Copies, where applicable, of certificates of good standing, existence or its equivalent certified as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authorities of the State of organization.
- (c) <u>Legal Opinion</u>. Receipt of a New York counsel legal opinion and, to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, applicable local counsel opinions, covering the Borrower and the Material Domestic Subsidiaries and relating to this Agreement, the other Credit Documents and the transactions contemplated herein and therein, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.
- (d) <u>Financial Statements</u>. Receipt of (i) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the Fiscal Years ended 2019, 2020 and 2021, including balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements audited by independent public accountants of recognized national standing and prepared in conformity with GAAP and (ii) the unaudited consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income or operations and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended October 31, 2020 of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.

- (e) <u>Personal Property Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
 - (i) searches of UCC filings in the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, as applicable, of the Credit Parties, copies of the financing statements on file in such jurisdictions evidencing that no Liens exist other than Permitted Liens and (B) tax lien, judgment and pending litigation searches;
 - (ii) completed UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral;
 - (iii) stock or membership certificates, if any, evidencing the Equity Interests pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement and duly executed in blank undated stock or transfer powers; and
 - (iv) duly executed consents as are necessary to perfect the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral.
- (f) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. There shall not have occurred since January 30, 2021 any event or condition that has had or would be reasonably expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (g) <u>No Litigation</u>. The absence of any action, suit, investigation or proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of the Credit Parties, threatened by or against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries in any court or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (h) Existing Credit Agreement. The Credit Parties shall have (i) paid all accrued and unpaid interest on the Loans outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement to the First Amendment Effective Date, (ii) prepaid the Term Loan A outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement to the extent necessary to keep the outstanding Term Loan A ratable with the revised Term Loan A Commitments as of the First Amendment Effective Date, (iii) prepaid any Revolving Loans outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement to the extent necessary to keep the outstanding Revolving Loans ratable with the revised Revolving Commitments as of the First Amendment Effective Date, and (iv) paid all accrued fees owing to the Lenders under the Existing Credit Agreement to the First Amendment Effective Date.
- (i) <u>Consents</u>. All boards of directors, governmental, shareholder and material third party consents and approvals necessary in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents have been obtained.
- (j) <u>Due Diligence</u>. (i) Upon the reasonable request of any Lender made in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the First Amendment Effective Date, the Borrower shall have provided to such Lender, and such Lender shall be reasonably satisfied with, the documentation and other information so requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act, in each case at least five (5) days prior to the First Amendment Effective Date and (ii) at least three (3) days prior to the First Amendment Effective Date, if the Borrower qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, the Borrower shall deliver, to each Lender that shall have made such request in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the First Amendment Effective Date, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrower.

- (k) New Notes. The Borrower shall have issued new senior unsecured notes in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$500,000,000 (or such other amount as shall be agreed with the Administrative Agent) substantially simultaneously with, or prior to, the closing of this Agreement.
- (I) <u>Fees and Expenses</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Lenders of all fees then owing on the First Amendment Effective Date and receipt by legal counsel to the Administrative Agent of all reasonable and documented fees, expenses and disbursements required to be paid on or before the First Amendment Effective Date to the extent invoiced at least three (3) business days prior to the First Amendment Effective Date.

Miscellaneous.

- Effective as of the First Amendment Effective Date and pursuant to Section 2.06 of the Existing Credit Agreement, the Borrower permanently reduces the Aggregate Revolving Commitments to \$650,000,000. Each Lender party hereto hereby agrees that, upon giving effect to this Agreement, its Term Loan A Commitment, Applicable Percentage of the Term Loan A, Revolving Commitment and Applicable Percentage of the Revolving Commitment are as set forth opposite its name on Schedule 2.01 attached hereto. On the date hereof, upon giving effect to this Agreement, the Borrower and each Lender shall effect such assignments, prepayments, borrowings and reallocations as are necessary (notwithstanding the minimum and multiple requirements set forth in Section 2.05(a) of the Existing Credit Agreement) to effectuate the modifications to Schedule 2.01 contemplated in this Agreement, in each case such that, after giving effect thereto, each Lender will hold its respective Applicable Percentage of the outstanding amount of the Term Loan A and Applicable Percentage of the Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments in accordance with Schedule 2.01 attached hereto (it being understood that (i) some or all of the Term Loans A and Revolving Loans outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement may remain outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement in accordance with the foregoing, and upon such effectiveness shall be deemed Term Loans A or Revolving Loans, as applicable, and outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement and (ii) one or more Lenders that were party to the Existing Credit Agreement may be prepaid some or all of its outstanding amount of Term Loans A or Revolving Loans to effectuate the modification to Schedule 2.01 contemplated by this Agreement (and such prepayments may not comply with the minimum and multiple requirements set forth in Section 2.05(a) of the Existing Credit Agreement)).
- (b) Each Credit Party (i) agrees to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, (ii) agrees that, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement and all documents executed and delivered in connection herewith do not operate to reduce or discharge its obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any certificates, documents, agreements and instruments executed in connection therewith, (iii) affirms all of its obligations under the Credit Documents, (iv) agrees that this Agreement shall in no manner impair or otherwise adversely affect any of the Liens granted in or pursuant to the Credit Documents and (v) affirms that each of the Liens granted in or pursuant to the Credit Documents are valid and subsisting.
- (c) Effective as of the First Amendment Effective Date, all references to the Credit Agreement in each of the Credit Documents shall mean the Amended Credit Agreement. This Agreement is a Credit Document.
- (d) Each of the Credit Parties hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent as follows:
 - (i) such Credit Party has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;

- (ii) this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by such Credit Party and constitutes such Credit Party's legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be subject to (A) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance or transfer, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and (B) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity); and
- (iii) no consent, approval, authorization or order of, or filing, registration or qualification with, any court or governmental authority or third party is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by such Credit Party of this Agreement.
- (e) Each Credit Party represents and warrants to the Lenders that after giving effect to this Agreement (i) the representations and warranties of such Credit Party set forth in Article VI of the Amended Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents are (x) with respect to representations and warranties that contain a materiality qualification or are qualified by "Material Adverse Effect", true and correct (after giving effect to such materiality qualification or "Material Adverse Effect" qualification set forth therein) and (y) with respect to representations and warranties that do not contain a materiality qualification or are not qualified by "Material Adverse Effect", true and correct in all material respects, as of the date hereof with the same effect as if made on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate solely to an earlier date in which case such representations and warranties were (A) with respect to representations and warranties that contain a materiality qualification or are qualified by "Material Adverse Effect", true and correct (after giving effect to such materiality qualification or "Material Adverse Effect" qualification set forth therein) and (B) with respect to representations and warranties that do not contain a materiality qualification or are not qualified by "Material Adverse Effect", true and correct in all material respects, in each case, as of such earlier date and (ii) no Default exits.
- (f) This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by telecopy, pdf or other similar electronic transmission shall be effective as an original and shall constitute a representation that an executed original shall be delivered.
- (g) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.
- (h) Banco de Sabadell, S.A., Miami Branch, in its capacity as a Lender under the Existing Credit Agreement (the "Exiting Lender"), is signing this Agreement for the sole purposes of terminating its Commitments under the Existing Credit Agreement. As of the date hereof, (a) the Commitments of the Exiting Lender shall be reduced to zero and the Exiting Lender shall cease to have any rights or duties as a Lender under the Amended Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents except for rights or duties in respect of expense reimbursement and indemnification provisions in the Amended Credit Agreement in favor of the Exiting Lender which by their express terms would survive termination of the Existing Credit Agreement, (b) the Borrower shall pay (or cause to be paid) to the Exiting Lender all outstanding Obligations owing to it substantially contemporaneously with the effectiveness of this Agreement and thereafter shall have no obligations or liabilities to the Exiting Lender in its capacity as a Lender other than obligations in respect of indemnity and reimbursement which by their express terms would survive termination of the Existing Credit Agreement and (c) each Lender (other than the Exiting Lender) agrees that, after giving effect to this Agreement, that it shall have the Commitments as reflected on the amended and restated Schedule 2.01 attached hereto.

[Signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed by a duly authorized officer as of the date first above written.

BORROWER:

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.,

a Florida corporation

By: ______ DeFerme

Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

GUARANTORS:

ANSCO & ASSOCIATES, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

APEX DIGITAL, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

ATLANTIC COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

BLAIR PARK SERVICES, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

BROADBAND EXPRESS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

BROADBAND INSTALLATION SERVICES, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

C-2 UTILITY CONTRACTORS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

CABLECOM, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

CAVO BROADBAND COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

CCLC, INC.

a Delaware corporation

Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

COMMUNICATIONS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

DYCOM CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, INC. a Delaware corporation

DYCOM CORPORATE IDENTITY, INC. a Delaware corporation

DYCOM IDENTITY, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

DYCOM INVESTMENTS, INC. a Delaware corporation

ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES, LLC a Georgia limited liability company

ERVIN CABLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

FIBER TECHNOLOGIES SOLUTIONS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

GLOBE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC a North Carolina limited liability company

GOLDEN STATE UTILITY CO. a Delaware corporation

IVY H. SMITH COMPANY, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

KANAAN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

LAMBERT'S CABLE SPLICING COMPANY, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

LOCATING, INC. a Washington corporation

NEOCOM SOLUTIONS, LLC a Georgia limited liability company

By: Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

NICHOLS CONSTRUCTION, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

NIELS FUGAL SONS COMPANY, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

NORTH SKY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

PARKSIDE SITE & UTILITY COMPANY CORPORATION a Delaware corporation

PARKSIDE UTILITY CONSTRUCTION, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

PAULEY CONSTRUCTION, LLC an Arizona limited liability company

POINT TO POINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. a Louisiana corporation

PRECISION VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS OF VERMONT, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

PRINCE TELECOM, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

PROFESSIONAL TELECONCEPTS, LLC an Illinois limited liability company

PROFESSIONAL TELECONCEPTS, LLC a New York limited liability company

RJE TELECOM, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

By: Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

SAGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. OF COLORADO, LLC

a Colorado limited liability company

SPECTRUM WIRELESS SOLUTIONS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

STAR CONSTRUCTION, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

STEVENS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

TCS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

TELCOM CONSTRUCTION, LLC

a Minnesota limited liability company

TESINC, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

TEXSTAR ENTERPRISES, LLC

a Texas limited liability company

TJADER & HIGHSTROM UTILITY SERVICES, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

TRAWICK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC

a Florida limited liability company

TRIPLE-D COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

UNDERGROUND SPECIALTIES, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

UTILIQUEST, LLC

a Georgia limited liability company

VCI CONSTRUCTION, LLC

a Delaware limited liability company

By: Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

VCI UTILITY SERVICES HOLDINGS, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

WHITE MOUNTAIN CABLE CONSTRUCTION, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

By: _______Name: H. Andrew DeFerrari

Title: Treasurer

MIDTOWN EXPRESS, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

By: Ovallae P.
Name: William P. Healy
Title: President

OSP SERVICES, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

By: Name: Bobb Anthony Pugh Title: President

VCI UTILITY SERVICES, LLC a Delaware limited liability company

Name: Frank G. Madera Title: President

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:	BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent	
	By:	
	Name: Aamir Saleem Title: Vice President	

LENDERS:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender

Name: Thor O'Connell Title: Vice President

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender and an L/C Issuer

Name: Greg Strauss Title: Managing Director

TRUIST BANK, as a Lender and an L/C Issuer

By: Name: William P. Rutkowski

Title: Director

CITIZENS BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: Name: Tyler Stephens Title: Vice President

MUFG UNION BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: *Maria F. Maia* Name: Maria F. Maia

Title: Director

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By:_______Name: James Cullen

Title: Senior Vice President

BMO HARRIS BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: John Oxystrong
Name John Armstrong
Title: Managing Director

CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a

Lender

By: Name: Neha H. Shah

Title: Duly Authorized Signatory

FIFTH THIRD BANK, as a Lender

By: Trey Fogg
Title: Vice President

TD BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: Steve Levi

Title: Senior Vice President

BANK OF THE WEST, as a Lender

By: In My Name: Scott Marshall

Title: Director

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as a Lender

By: Name: Ryan Durkin
Title: Authorized Signatory

SYNOVUS BANK, as a Lender

By: Name: MICHAEL SAWICKI

Title: DIRECTOR

BANCO DE SABADELL, S.A., MIAMI BRANCH, as an Exiting Lender

By: Ignacio Alcaraz

Title: Head of Structured Finance Americas

Annex A

AMENDED CREDIT AGREEMENT

[See attached]

Deal Cusip: 26747FAK5 Revolver Cusip: 26747FAL3 Term Loan A Cusip: 26747FAM1

AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of October 19, 2018 among

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC., as the Borrower,

THE SUBSIDIARIES OF THE BORROWER PARTY HERETO FROM TIME TO TIME, as the Guarantors,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer,

and

THE OTHER LENDERS PARTY HERETO FROM TIME TO TIME

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION and TRUIST BANK, as Co-Syndication Agents,

and

CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
MUFG UNION BANK, N.A.,
FIFTH THIRD BANK,
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.,
CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
and
TD BANK, N.A.,
as Co-Documentation Agents

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.,
WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC
and
TRUIST SECURITIES, INC.,
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

This AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 19, 2018 among DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation (the "Borrower"), the Guarantors (defined herein), the Lenders (defined herein) and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer (each, as defined herein).

The Borrower is party to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of December 3, 2012 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time until (but not including) the Closing Date, the "Existing Credit Agreement") with the Borrower's Subsidiaries party thereto, the lenders party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swingline lender and L/C issuer.

The parties to this Credit Agreement desire to amend the Existing Credit Agreement as set forth herein and to restate the Existing Credit Agreement in its entirety to read as follows. This Credit Agreement is not a novation of the Existing Credit Agreement.

The Borrower has requested that the Lenders provide the credit facilities specified herein for the purposes set forth herein, and the Lenders are willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 Definitions.

As used in this Credit Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- "2021 Convertible Notes" means the Borrower's convertible senior notes due September 15, 2021.
- "Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement" means an intercreditor agreement on customary terms reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders.
- "Acquisition", by any Person, means the acquisition by such Person, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of either (a) all or any substantial portion of the property of, or a line of business or division of, another Person or (b) at least a majority of the Voting Stock of another Person, in each case whether or not involving a merger or consolidation with such other Person.
 - "Additional Term Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(c).
- "Administrative Agent" means Bank of America in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Credit Documents, or any successor administrative agent.
- "Administrative Agent's Office" means the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on Schedule 11.02 or such other address or account as the Administrative Agent may from time to time notify to the Borrower and the Lenders in writing.

- "Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.
- "Affected Financial Institution" means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one (1) or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.
 - "Agent Parties" has the meaning specified in Section 11.02(c).
- "Aggregate Revolving Commitments" means the Revolving Commitments of all the Lenders. The initial amount of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments in effect on the First Amendment Effective Date is \$650,000,000.
- "Applicable Percentage" means, with respect to any Lender at any time, (a) with respect to such Lender's Revolving Commitment at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Commitment at such time; provided that if the commitment of each Lender to make Revolving Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 9.02 or if the Aggregate Revolving Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments, and (b) with respect to each Lender providing a portion of any Term Loan, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) the numerator of which is, prior to funding of the applicable Term Loan, such Lender's Term Loan Commitment, and after funding of the applicable Term Loan, the principal amount of such Lender's portion of the Term Loan, and the denominator of which is, prior to funding of the applicable Term Loan, the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Term Loan Commitments, and after funding of the applicable Term Loan, the Outstanding Amount of the applicable Term Loan. The Applicable Percentage of each Lender on the First Amendment Effective Date is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable. The Applicable Percentages shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.15.
- "Applicable Rate" means, with respect to the Commitment Fee, the Letter of Credit Fee and the Loans, the following percentages per annum, based upon the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 7.02(b):

Letter of Credit
Letter of Credit
Fee for
Fee for Standby Commercial

			ree for Standby	Commercial			
Pricing	Consolidated Net	Commitment	Letters of	Letters of	Eurodollar	Base Rate	
Tier	Leverage Ratio	Fee	Credit	Credit	Rate Loans	Loans	
1	Greater than or	0.40%	2.00%	1.000%	2.00%	1.00%	
	equal to 2.75:1.0						
2	Less than	0.35%	1.75%	0.875%	1.75%	0.75%	
	2.75:1.0 but						
	greater than or						
	equal to 2.25:1.0						
3	Less than	0.30%	1.625%	0.8125%	1.625%	0.625%	
	2.25:1.0 but						
	greater than or						
	equal to 1.75:1.0						
4	Less than	0.25%	1.50%	0.750%	1.50%	0.50%	
	1.75:1.0 but						
	greater than or						
2.7	equal to 1.25:1.0	2 222	1 220				
5	Less than	0.20%	1.25%	0.625%	1.25%	0.25%	
	1.25:1.0						

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio shall become effective as of the first Business Day immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7.02(b); provided, however, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such Section, then, upon the request of the Required Lenders, Pricing Tier 1 shall apply as of the first Business Day after the date on which such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered (and if the Required Lenders do not make such request the then applicable Pricing Tier in effect shall be maintained) and shall remain in effect until the date on which such Compliance Certificate is delivered in accordance with Section 7.02(b), whereupon the Applicable Rate shall be adjusted based upon the calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio contained in such Compliance Certificate. The Applicable Rate in effect from the First Amendment Effective Date through the first Business Day immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7.02(b) for the fiscal quarter ending May 1, 2021 shall be determined based upon Pricing Tier 3.

The Applicable Rate with respect to any Additional Term Loan established after the First Amendment Effective Date in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.01(c)</u> shall be percentages per annum specified in the loan documentation whereby such Additional Term Loan is established.

"Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 11.06(b)), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit 11.06(b) or any other form (including electronic documentation generated by MarkitClear or other electronic platform) approved by the Administrative Agent.

"Attributable Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person on any date, (a) in respect of any Capital Lease, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person

prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease payments under the relevant lease that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease were accounted for as a Capital Lease, (c) in respect of any Securitization Transaction, the outstanding principal amount of such financing, after taking into account reserve amounts and making appropriate adjustments, determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable judgment and (d) in respect of any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, the present value (discounted in accordance with GAAP at the debt rate implied in the applicable lease) of the obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the term of such lease.

"Attributable Receivables Amount" means the amount of obligations of the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries outstanding under trade or accounts receivable financing or sale transactions (including supplier-financing programs or arrangements) or factoring transactions on any date of determination that would be treated as principal in a secured lending transaction.

- "Auction" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(a).
- "Auction Effective Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(b).
- "Auction Manager" has the meaning specified in Section 2.16(a).
- "Auction Procedures" means the procedures set forth in Exhibit 2.16.
- "<u>Audited Financial Statements</u>" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended January 30, 2021, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, including the notes thereto.
 - "Auto-Extension Letter of Credit" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(iii).
- "Availability Period" means, with respect to the Revolving Commitments, the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06, and (c) the date of termination of the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 9.02.
- "Bail-In Action" means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.
- "Bail-In Legislation" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, rule, regulation or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).
 - "Bank of America" means Bank of America, N.A. and its successors.
 - "Bank of America Fee Letter" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Fee Letters".

"<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>" means the Bankruptcy Code in Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended, modified, succeeded or replaced from time to time.

"Base Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Rate <u>plus</u> one half of one percent (0.50%), (b) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate" and (c) the Eurodollar Rate <u>plus</u> one percent (1.00%); and if Base Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero for purposes of this Credit Agreement. The "prime rate" is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such "prime rate" announced by Bank of America shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest based on the Base Rate.

"Beneficial Ownership Certification" means a certification regarding beneficial ownership required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, which certification shall be substantially similar in form and substance to the form of Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers published jointly, in May 2018, by the Loan Syndications and Trading Association and Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

"Beneficial Ownership Regulation" means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

"Benefit Plan" means any of (a) an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a "plan" as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code) the assets of any such "employee benefit plan" or "plan."

"BHC Act Affiliate" of a party means an "affiliate" (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"Borrower" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

"Borrowing" means each of the following: (a) a borrowing of Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.04 and (b) a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01.

"Business" has the meaning specified in Section 6.15(c).

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Administrative Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any Eurodollar Rate Loan or any Base Rate Loan bearing interest at a rate based on the Eurodollar Rate, means any such day that is also a London Banking Day.

"Canadian Dollar" means the lawful money of Canada.

"<u>Capital Lease</u>" means, as applied to any Person, any lease of any property (whether real, personal or mixed) by that Person as lessee which, in accordance with GAAP, is or should be accounted for as a capital lease on the balance sheet of that Person.

"Capital Lease Obligations" means with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any Capital Lease.

"Capped Call Transactions" means one or more call options (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Borrower's Equity Interests purchased by the Borrower (or a Restricted Subsidiary) in connection with the issuance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness with a strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) initially equal to the conversion price or exchange price (howsoever defined) of the related Convertible Bond Indebtedness (subject to rounding) (whether settled in shares, cash or a combination thereof) and limiting the amount deliverable to the Borrower (or a Restricted Subsidiary) upon exercise thereof based on a cap or upper strike price (howsoever defined).

"Cash Collateralize" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender (as applicable) and the Lenders, as collateral for L/C Obligations, Obligations in respect of Swingline Loans, or obligations of Lenders to fund participations in respect of either thereof (as the context may require), cash or deposit account balances or, if the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender benefitting from such collateral shall agree in its sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory to (a) the Administrative Agent and (b) the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender (as applicable). "Cash Collateral" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"Cash Equivalents" means: (a) (i) Dollars, (ii) Canadian Dollars and (iii) Euro; (b) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by (i) the United States government or any agency or instrumentality of the United States government (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support of those securities) or (ii) the government of any Participating Member State or any agency or instrumentality of such Participating Member State (provided that the full faith and credit of such Participating Member State is pledged in support of those securities) having maturities, unless such securities are deposited to defease any indebtedness, of not more than one (1) year from the date of acquisition or other securities issued by government agencies, including government sponsored enterprises, having maturities of not more than one (1) year from the date of acquisition; (c) time deposits maturing no more than thirty (30) days from the date of creation, certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one (1) year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one (1) year and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any Lender party to this Credit Agreement or with any domestic commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$250,000,000; (d) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than thirty (30) days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (b) and (c) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (c) above; (e) any money market deposit account issued or offered by any Lender party to this Credit Agreement or with any U.S. commercial bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$250,000,000; (f) commercial paper having one of the three highest ratings obtainable from Moody's or S&P and in each case maturing within one (1) year after the date of acquisition; (g) securities issued and fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States of America, any Participating Member State or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof, rated at least "BBB" (or any comparable rating) by Moody's or S&P and having maturities of not more than one (1) year from the date of acquisition; (h) money market funds that invest primarily in Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (a) through (g) of this definition; and (i) in the case of Subsidiaries of the Borrower that are not Domestic Subsidiaries, substantially similar instruments to those set forth in clauses (a) through (h) above in the relevant jurisdiction.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the First Amendment Effective Date, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted, implemented or issued.

"Change of Control" means (a) any Person or two (2) or more Persons acting in concert shall have acquired "beneficial ownership," directly or indirectly, of, or shall have acquired by contract or otherwise, or control over, Voting Stock of the Borrower (or other securities convertible into such Voting Stock) representing thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting power of all Voting Stock of the Borrower, or (b) Continuing Directors shall cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the members of the board of directors of the Borrower then in office. As used herein, "beneficial ownership" shall have the meaning provided in Rule 13d-3 of the SEC under the Securities Act of 1934.

"Closing Date" means October 19, 2018.

"Collateral" means a collective reference to the Equity Interests with respect to which Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Secured Parties, are purported to be granted pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Security Documents.

"Collateral Release Date" means the date upon which the Borrower's corporate family rating from Moody's and the corporate rating from S&P are at least Baa3 and BBB-, respectively (in each case with a stable or better outlook) and the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent evidence of such ratings.

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, the Revolving Commitment of such Lender and/or each Term Loan Commitment of such Lender.

"Commitment Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.09(a).

"Commodity Exchange Act" means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

"Communication" has the meaning specified in Section 11.17.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 7.02(b).

"Connection Income Taxes" means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

"Consolidated Capital Expenditures" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, all capital expenditures but excluding expenditures to the extent made (a) with the proceeds of any Recovery Event used to purchase property that is useful in the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (b) in connection with any Permitted Acquisition and (c) in connection with any Capital Leases.

"Consolidated Capital Proceeds" means, for the applicable period, the proceeds from the sale of property, plant or equipment and other fixed assets of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means, for the applicable period, the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period, plus (b) an amount which, in the determination of Consolidated Net Income for such period, has been deducted (or included) for (i) the Consolidated Interest Expense for such period deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income, (ii) the income tax expense for such period deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income, (iii) the aggregate amount of the depreciation expense and amortization expense for such period to the extent deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income, (iv) to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income, (A) non-cash purchase accounting adjustments in accordance with GAAP and (B) cash purchase accounting adjustments for such period which have been approved in writing by the Administrative Agent, (v) any extraordinary, non-recurring or unusual gains, losses or charges for such period recorded in determining Consolidated Net Income, (vi) any non-cash impairment charges for such period recorded in determining Consolidated Net Income, (vii) any non-cash losses, expenses or charges (or minus any non-cash gains) for such period recorded in determining Consolidated Net Income, (viii) any stock based compensation expense for such period recorded in determining Consolidated Net Income, (ix) any Acquisition costs related to Permitted Acquisitions for such period deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period, (x) any restructuring charges, integration costs or other business optimization expenses for such period deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period, (xi) charges incurred related to the extinguishment of debt, including, but not limited to, the write-off of deferred financings fees, to the extent deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income, (xii) any non-cash losses or charges (or minus any non-cash gains) under any Swap Contract for such period recorded in determining Consolidated Net Income, and (xiii) expected cost savings, operating expense reductions, restructuring charges and expenses and cost-saving synergies projected by the Borrower in good faith to result from actions with which substantial steps have been, will be, or are expected to be, taken within eighteen (18) months of such period; provided, that, such items in this clause (xiii) are certified in a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, in each case determined for the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP and subject to Section 1.03; provided, that the aggregate amount added back pursuant to clauses (b)(iv)(B), (b)(ix), (b)(x) and (b)(xiii) for any period shall not exceed the greater of (A) \$65,000,000 and (B) 20% of Consolidated EBITDA (calculated without giving effect to the add backs permitted pursuant to clauses (b)(iv)(B), (b)(ix), (b)(x) and (b)(xiii)) for such period. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending as of the date of computation.

"Consolidated Funded Debt" means Funded Debt of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, for the applicable period, all interest expense in accordance with GAAP (including amortization of debt discount, premium and the interest component under Capital Leases) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending most recently prior to the date of computation.

"Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio" means, for the applicable period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated EBITDA for such period to (b) Consolidated Interest Expense paid or payable in cash (excluding amortization of debt discount and premium, debt issuance costs paid in a previous period and interest expense incurred on tax liabilities) during such period. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive quarters ending on the date of computation.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for the applicable period, net income of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending most recently prior to the date of computation.

"Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio" means the ratio of (a) Consolidated Funded Debt on the date of computation minus unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents of the Credit Parties in excess of \$25,000,000 as of the date of computation to (b) Consolidated EBITDA for the applicable period ending on the date of computation. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending most recently prior to the date of computation.

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means, on the date of computation, (a) the amount of the Borrower's consolidated total assets minus (b) (i) all current liabilities and (ii) the amount of the Borrower's consolidated intangible assets, including, without limitation, goodwill, deferred financing charges and intellectual property, in each case determined for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio" means the ratio of (a) Consolidated Funded Debt on the date of computation <u>less</u> unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents of the Credit Parties in excess of \$25,000,000 as of the date of computation, <u>less</u> Subordinated Indebtedness and <u>less</u> unsecured Indebtedness, in each case, included in the calculation of Consolidated Funded Debt to (b) Consolidated EBITDA for the applicable period ending on the date of computation. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, the applicable period shall be for the four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters ending most recently prior to the date of computation.

"Consolidated Total Assets" means, on the date of computation, (a) the amount of the Borrower's consolidated total assets minus (b) the amount of the Borrower's consolidated intangible assets, including, without limitation, goodwill, deferred financing charges and intellectual property, in each case determined for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Directors" means, during any period of up to twenty-four (24) consecutive months commencing after the First Amendment Effective Date, individuals who at the beginning of such twenty-four (24) month period were directors of the Borrower (together with any new director whose election by the Borrower's board of directors or whose nomination for election by the Borrower's shareholders was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then still in office who either were directors at the beginning of such period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved).

"Contribution Share" has the meaning specified in Section 4.06.

"Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions" means one or more call options (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Borrower's Equity Interests purchased by the Borrower (or a Restricted Subsidiary) requiring the counterparty thereto to deliver to the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary shares of common stock of the Borrower, the cash value of such shares or a combination thereof from time to time upon exercise of such option in connection with the issuance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness with a strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) initially equal to the conversion or exchange price (howsoever defined) of the related Convertible Bond Indebtedness (subject to rounding).

"Convertible Bond Indebtedness" means Indebtedness having a feature which entitles the holder thereof to convert or exchange all or a portion of such Indebtedness into or by reference to Equity Interests of the Borrower and, for the avoidance of doubt, including the 2021 Convertible Notes.

"Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

"Covered Party" has the meaning specified in Section 11.20.

"Credit Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

"Credit Documents" means this Credit Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, each Guarantor Joinder Agreement, each Lender Joinder Agreement, the Security Documents, the First Amendment Fee Letter and the Fee Letters.

"Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.

"Credit Parties" means, collectively, the Borrower and each Guarantor.

"<u>Debt Issuance</u>" means the issuance by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Indebtedness other than Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.01</u>.

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" means the Bankruptcy Code, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"<u>Default</u>" means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate <u>plus</u> (ii) the Applicable Rate, if any, applicable to Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (iii) two percent (2%) per annum; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the Default Rate shall be an interest rate equal to the interest rate (including any Applicable Rate) otherwise applicable to such Loan plus two percent (2%) per annum, in each case to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws and (b) when used with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate plus two percent (2%) per annum.

"<u>Default Right</u>" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"<u>Defaulting Lender</u>" means, subject to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u>, any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two (2) Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's good faith determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable Default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied and has not been waived in accordance with <u>Section 11.01</u>, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Swingline Lender or any other Lender

any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans) within two (2) Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable Default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied and has not been waived in accordance with Section 11.01), (c) has failed, within three (3) Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-in Action; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Equity Interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of clauses (a) through (d) above, and of the effective date of such status, shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.15(b)) as of the date established therefor by the Administrative Agent in a written notice of such determination, which shall be delivered by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, the L/C Issuer, the Swingline Lender and each other Lender promptly following such determination.

"<u>Designated Jurisdiction</u>" means any country or territory to the extent that such country or territory itself is the subject of any Sanctions.

"<u>Discharged</u>" means, with respect to any Indebtedness that has been fully defeased (pursuant to a contractual or legal defeasance) or discharged in full pursuant to the irrevocable prepayment or deposit of amounts sufficient to satisfy such Indebtedness as it becomes due or irrevocably called for redemption (and regardless of whether such Indebtedness constitutes a liability on the balance sheet of the obligors thereof).

"<u>Disposition</u>" or "<u>Dispose</u>" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (including any Sale and Leaseback Transaction) of any property by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, including any Sale and Leaseback Transaction and any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith, but excluding any Recovery Event.

"Disqualified Stock" means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder of the Equity Interest), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder of the Equity Interest, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Equity Interest that would constitute Disqualified Stock

solely because the holders of the Equity Interest have the right to require the Borrower to repurchase such Equity Interest upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale will not constitute Equity Interest if the terms of such Equity Interest provide that the Borrower may not repurchase or redeem any such Equity Interest pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with the provisions of Section 8.09. The amount of Disqualified Stock deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Credit Agreement will be the maximum amount that the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries may become obligated to pay upon the maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Disqualified Stock, exclusive of accrued dividends.

"Dollar" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary that is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state or commonwealth thereof or under the laws of the District of Columbia and that is not a controlled foreign corporation under Section 957 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Earn Out Obligations" means, with respect to an Acquisition, payments by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary required to be made as a result of reaching performance targets or milestones. For purposes of determining the aggregate consideration paid for an Acquisition at the time of such Acquisition, the amount of any Earn Out Obligations shall be deemed to be the fair value in accordance with GAAP of the earn out payments in respect thereof.

"EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a Subsidiary of an institution described in clause (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

"<u>EEA Member Country</u>" means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

"EEA Resolution Authority" means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

"Electronic Copy" has the meaning specified in Section 11.17.

"Electronic Record" has the meaning specified in Section 11.17.

"Electronic Signature" has the meaning specified in Section 11.17.

"<u>Eligible Assignee</u>" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under <u>Sections 11.06(b)(iii)</u> and <u>(v)</u> (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under <u>Section 11.06(b)(iii)</u>).

"Environmental Laws" means any and all applicable foreign, Federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, legally enforceable requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirement of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time be in effect during the term of this Credit Agreement.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of any Credit Party or any Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Materials of Environmental Concern, (c) exposure to any Materials of Environmental Concern, (d) the release or threatened release of any Materials of Environmental Concern into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"Equity Interests" means (a) in the case of a corporation, capital stock, (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock, (c) in the case of a partnership, partnership interests (whether general, preferred or limited), (d) in the case of a limited liability company, membership interests and (e) any other interest or participation that confers or could confer on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, including, without limitation, options, warrants and any other "equity security" as defined in Rule 3a11-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; provided, however, that Equity Interests shall not include Convertible Bond Indebtedness, Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with a Credit Party within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Internal Revenue Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) the withdrawal of a Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which such entity was a "substantial employer" (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by a Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate a Pension Plan; (e) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate a Pension Plan; (f) any event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan; or (g) the determination that any Pension Plan is considered an at-risk plan or a Multiemployer Plan is in endangered or critical status within the meaning of Sections 430 and 432 of the Internal Revenue Code or Sections 303 and 305 of ERISA.

"<u>EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule</u>" means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

"Euro" and "€" mean the single currency of the Participating Member States.

"Eurodollar Base Rate" means:

(a) for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the rate per annum equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate as administered by ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other person that takes over the administration of such rate for Dollars for a period equal

in length to such Interest Period) ("<u>LIBOR</u>"), as published on the applicable Bloomberg screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower from time to time) at or at about 11:00 a.m., London time, two (2) Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period; and

(b) for any interest calculation with respect to a Base Rate Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to LIBOR, at or about 11:00 a.m., London time determined two (2) Business Days prior to such date for Dollar deposits with a term of one (1) month commencing that day.

If LIBOR shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero for purposes of this Credit Agreement.

"Eurodollar Rate" means (a) for any Interest Period with respect to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, a rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent to be equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the Eurodollar Base Rate for such Eurodollar Rate Loan for such Interest Period by (ii) one (1) minus the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage for such Eurodollar Rate Loan for such Interest Period and (b) for any day with respect to any Base Rate Loan the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate, a rate per annum determined by the Administrative Agent to be equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the Eurodollar Base Rate for such Base Rate Loan for such day by (ii) one (1) minus the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage for such Base Rate Loan for such day.

"<u>Eurodollar Rate Loan</u>" means a Loan that bears interest at a rate based on <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of "Eurodollar Rate."

"Eurodollar Reserve Percentage" means, for any day, the reserve percentage (expressed as a decimal, carried out to five (5) decimal places) in effect on such day, whether or not applicable to any Lender, under regulations issued from time to time by the FRB for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including any emergency, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) with respect to Eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities"). The Eurodollar Rate for each outstanding Eurodollar Rate Loan and for each outstanding Base Rate Loan the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate shall be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of any change in the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 9.01.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Guarantor, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the Guaranty of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any Guaranty thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor's failure for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act (determined after giving effect to Section 4.08 and any other "keepwell, support or other agreement" for the benefit of such Guarantor and any and all guarantees of such Guarantor's Swap Obligations by other Credit Parties) at the time the Guaranty of such Guarantor, or a grant by such Guarantor of a security interest, becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation. If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one swap, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to swaps for which such Guaranty or security interest is or becomes excluded in accordance with the first sentence of this definition.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 11.13) or (ii) such Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(ii), (a)(iii) or (c), amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 3.01(e) and (d) any Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

"Excess Payment" has the meaning specified in Section 4.06.

"Existing Credit Agreement" has the meaning specified in the recitals hereto.

"Existing Letters of Credit" means those standby letters of credit outstanding on the Closing Date and identified on Schedule 1.01.

"<u>Extended Revolving Commitment</u>" means any Revolving Commitments the maturity of which shall have been extended pursuant to Section 2.18.

"<u>Extended Revolving Loans</u>" means any Revolving Loans made pursuant to the Extended Revolving Commitments.

"Extended Term Loans" means any Term Loans the maturity of which shall have been extended pursuant to Section 2.18.

"Extension" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(a).

"Extension Amendment" means an amendment to this Credit Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders effecting the Extension in accordance with Section 2.18.

"Extension Offer" has the meaning specified in Section 2.18(a).

"FASB ASC" means the Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code, as of the Closing Date (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day; provided that (a) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day, (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate (rounded upward, if necessary, to a whole multiple of 1/100 of 1%) charged to Bank of America on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent and (c) if the Federal Funds Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed zero for purposes of this Credit Agreement.

"Fee Letters" means (a) the letter agreement dated as of the Closing Date, among the Borrower, Wells Fargo and Wells Fargo Securities, (b) the letter agreement dated as of the Closing Date, among the Borrower, Truist Bank (successor by merger to SunTrust Bank) and Truist Securities, Inc. (successor by merger to SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.) and (c) the letter agreement dated as of the Closing Date, among the Borrower, BofA Securities, Inc. (formerly known as Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated) and Bank of America (the "Bank of America Fee Letter").

"First Amendment Effective Date" means April 1, 2021.

"<u>First Amendment Fee Letter</u>" means the engagement letter agreement, dated as of March 9, 2021, between the Borrower and BofA Securities, Inc.

"Fixed Amounts" has the meaning specified in Section 1.08(b).

"<u>Foreign Lender</u>" means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the Laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

"Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to the L/C Issuer, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof, and (b) with respect to the Swingline Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of Swingline Loans other than Swingline Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Fund" means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

"Funded Debt" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds (excluding performance, payment and other surety bonds incurred in the ordinary course of business), debentures, notes or similar instruments, or upon which interest payments are customarily made, (c) all obligations of

such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property purchased by such Person (other than customary reservations or retentions of title under agreements with suppliers entered into in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations of such Person incurred, issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased by such Person (other than trade debt incurred in the ordinary course of business and due within twelve (12) months of the incurrence thereof) which would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person, including without limitation Earn Out Obligations recognized as a liability on the balance sheet of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP, (e) the principal portion of all obligations of such Person under Capital Leases, (f) all drafts drawn under letters of credit issued or bankers' acceptances facilities created for the account of such Person (to the extent unreimbursed), (g) all preferred Equity Interests issued by such Person and which by the terms thereof could be (at the request of the holders thereof or otherwise) subject to mandatory sinking fund payments prior to the date six (6) months after the Maturity Date, redemption prior to the date six (6) months after the Maturity Date or other acceleration, (h) the Attributable Indebtedness of any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, Securitization Transaction and Synthetic Lease and, without duplication, the principal balance outstanding under any tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing product, (i) all Indebtedness of others of the type described in clauses (a) through (h) hereof secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on, or payable out of the proceeds of production from, property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the obligations secured thereby have been assumed, provided that so long as such Indebtedness is non-recourse to such Person, only the portion of such obligations which is secured shall constitute Indebtedness hereunder, (j) all Guaranty Obligations of such Person with respect to Indebtedness of another Person of the type described in clauses (a) through (h) hereof, and (k) all Indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a) through (h) hereof of any partnership or unincorporated joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer; provided, however, that Funded Debt shall not include (i) Indebtedness among the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent such Indebtedness would be eliminated on a consolidated basis, (ii) any Indebtedness that has been Discharged, (iii) any amount in respect of any Permitted Receivables Transaction, (iv) any Attributable Receivables Amount, (v) the stated amount of all letters of credit (including, without limitation, the Letters of Credit) and (vi) all Swap Obligations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Funded Debt" shall be deemed not to include any operating lease or operating lease liability.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied and as in effect from time to time and subject to the terms of Section 1.03.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America, or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantor Joinder Agreement" means a Guarantor Joinder Agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit 7.09, executed and delivered by each Person that becomes a Guarantor in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.09.

"Guarantors" means (a) any of the Domestic Subsidiaries identified as a "Guarantor" on the signature pages hereto, (b) any Person which executes and delivers a Guarantor Joinder Agreement in

accordance with the terms of this Credit Agreement and (c) with respect to Obligations owing by any Credit Party or any Subsidiary of a Credit Party (other than the Borrower) under any Swap Contract or any Treasury Management Agreement, the Borrower, together with their successors and permitted assigns, in each case until the Guaranty of such Person is released in accordance with the terms of this Credit Agreement.

"Guaranty" means the guaranty of the Guarantors set forth in Article IV.

"Guaranty Obligations" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication, any obligations of such Person (other than endorsements in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) guaranteeing or intended to guarantee any Indebtedness of any other Person in any manner, whether direct or indirect, and including without limitation any obligation, whether or not contingent, (a) to purchase any such Indebtedness or any property constituting security therefor, (b) to advance or provide funds or other support for the payment or purchase of any such Indebtedness or to maintain working capital, solvency or other balance sheet condition of such other Person (including without limitation keep well agreements, maintenance agreements, comfort letters or similar agreements or arrangements) for the benefit of any holder of Indebtedness of such other Person, (c) to lease or purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the holder of such Indebtedness, or (d) to otherwise assure or hold harmless the holder of such Indebtedness against loss in respect thereof. The amount of any Guaranty Obligation hereunder shall (subject to any limitations set forth therein) be deemed to be an amount equal to the outstanding principal amount (or maximum principal amount, if larger) of the Indebtedness in respect of which such Guaranty Obligation is made.

"HMT" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Sanctions".

"Honor Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).

"IFRS" means international accounting standards within the meaning of IAS Regulation 1606/2002 to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements delivered under or referred to herein.

"Immaterial Domestic Subsidiary" means any Domestic Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Material Domestic Subsidiary.

"Immaterial Foreign Subsidiary" means any Foreign Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Material Foreign Subsidiary.

"Immaterial Guarantor" means a Guarantor designated as an "Immaterial Guarantor" on <u>Schedule 6.11</u>, as such schedule may be amended from time to time, and that is not required to be a Guarantor pursuant to <u>Section 7.09(b)</u>.

"Incremental Credit Facilities" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(c).

"Incurrence Based Amounts" has the meaning specified in Section 1.08(b).

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds (excluding performance, payment and other surety bonds incurred in the ordinary course of business), debentures, notes or similar instruments, or upon which interest payments are customarily made, (c) all obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property purchased by such Person (other than customary reservations or retentions of title under agreements with suppliers

entered into in the ordinary course of business), (d) all obligations of such Person issued or assumed as the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased by such Person (other than trade debt incurred in the ordinary course of business and due within twelve (12) months of the incurrence thereof) which would appear as liabilities on a balance sheet of such Person, (e) all obligations of such Person under take-or-pay or similar arrangements or under commodities agreements, (f) all Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on, or payable out of the proceeds of production from, property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the obligations secured thereby have been assumed, provided that so long as such Indebtedness is non-recourse to such Person, only the portion of such obligations which is secured shall constitute Indebtedness hereunder, (g) all Guaranty Obligations of such Person with respect to Indebtedness of another Person, (h) the principal portion of all obligations of such Person under Capital Leases, (i) all net obligations of such Person under Swap Contracts, (j) the maximum amount of all letters of credit issued or bankers' acceptances facilities created for the account of such Person and, without duplication, all drafts drawn thereunder (to the extent unreimbursed), (k) all preferred Equity Interests issued by such Person and which by the terms thereof could be (at the request of the holders thereof or otherwise) subject to mandatory sinking fund payments prior to the date six (6) months after the Maturity Date, redemption prior to the date six (6) months after the Maturity Date or other acceleration, (I) the principal balance outstanding under any Synthetic Lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing product, and (m) the Indebtedness of any partnership or unincorporated joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. The amount of any Capital Lease or Synthetic Lease obligation as of any date shall be deemed to be the amount of Attributable Indebtedness in respect thereof as of such date and the amount in respect of any Permitted Receivables Transaction shall not constitute indebtedness. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "Indebtedness" shall be deemed not to include any operating lease or operating lease liability.

"Indemnified Taxes" means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Credit Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

"Indemnitee" has the meaning specified in Section 11.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 11.07.

"Insolvency" means, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such plan is insolvent within the meaning of such term as used in Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Interest Payment Date" means, (a) as to any Base Rate Loan (including Swingline Loans), the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, the Maturity Date and the date of the final principal amortization payment on any Term Loan and, in the case of any Swingline Loan, any other dates as may be mutually agreed upon by the Borrower and the Swingline Lender, and (b) as to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each Interest Period for such Loan, the date of repayment of principal of such Loan, the Maturity Date and the date of the final principal amortization payment on any Term Loan, and in addition, where the applicable Interest Period exceeds three (3) months, the date every three (3) months after the beginning of such Interest Period. If an Interest Payment Date falls on a date that is not a Business Day, such Interest Payment Date shall be deemed to be the immediately succeeding Business Day.

"Interest Period" means, as to each Eurodollar Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Rate Loan and

ending on the date one (1), two (2), three (3) or six (6) months thereafter (in each case, subject to availability), or such other period that is twelve (12) months or less requested by the Borrower and consented to by all the Lenders, as selected by the Borrower in its Loan Notice; provided that:

- (a) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;
- (b) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period:
 - (c) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date; and
- (d) no Interest Period with respect to any Term Loan shall extend beyond any principal amortization payment date, except to the extent that the portion of such Loan comprised of Eurodollar Rate Loans that is expiring prior to the applicable principal amortization payment date <u>plus</u> the portion comprised of Base Rate Loans equals or exceeds the principal amortization payment then due.

"Interim Financial Statements" means the unaudited consolidated balance sheet and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income or operations for the fiscal quarter ended July 28, 2018, and cash flows for the six (6) months ended July 28, 2018, of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal quarter and period, including the notes thereto.

"Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Investment" means all investments, in cash or by delivery of property made, directly or indirectly in, to or from any Person, whether by acquisition of shares of Equity Interests, property, assets, indebtedness or other obligations or securities or by loan advance, capital contribution or otherwise.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

"ISP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices 1998" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and the Borrower (or any Subsidiary) or in favor of the L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Joint Lead Arrangers" means BofA Securities, Inc., Wells Fargo Securities and Truist Securities, Inc., in their capacities as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners.

- "<u>L/C Advance</u>" means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.
- "<u>L/C Borrowing</u>" means an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when due or refinanced as a Borrowing of Revolving Loans.
- "L/C Commitment" means, as to each L/C Issuer, its obligation to issue Letters of Credit pursuant to Section 2.03 in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite its name on Schedule 2.03, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Credit Agreement.
- "<u>L/C Credit Extension</u>" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.
- "L/C Issuer" means (a) with respect to the Existing Letters of Credit, the issuer of those letters of credit as identified on Schedule 1.01, (b) Bank of America in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (c) Wells Fargo in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, (d) Truist Bank in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder and/or (e) any Lender appointed by the Borrower (with the consent of the Administrative Agent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) as an additional L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(I) or a replacement for any L/C Issuer who is at the time of such appointment a Defaulting Lender, in each case in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit pursuant to Section 2.03 and together with its successors and assigns. Any reference in this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document to the L/C Issuer shall be deemed to be a reference to all L/C Issuers or to any one of them, as the context may require.
- "L/C Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> the aggregate of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. For all purposes of this Credit Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.
- "<u>Laws</u>" means, collectively, all international, foreign, federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, binding requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law. Specifically, for purposes of <u>Section 3.01</u>, the term "Laws" includes FATCA.
 - "LCT Test Date" has the meaning specified in Section 1.03(d).
 - "Lead Lenders" means Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Truist Bank.
- "<u>Lender Joinder Agreement</u>" means a joinder agreement, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit</u> <u>2.01(c)</u>, executed and delivered in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.01(c)</u>.

"<u>Lenders</u>" means each of the Persons identified as a "Lender" on the signature pages hereto, each other Person that becomes a "Lender" in accordance with this Credit Agreement and their successors and assigns and, as the context requires, includes the Swingline Lender.

"<u>Lending Office</u>" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Lender may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Letter of Credit</u>" means any letter of credit issued hereunder and shall include the Existing Letters of Credit. A Letter of Credit may be a commercial letter of credit or a standby letter of credit.

"<u>Letter of Credit Application</u>" means an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

"<u>Letter of Credit Expiration Date</u>" means the day that is seven (7) days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).

"Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(h).

"<u>Letter of Credit Report</u>" means a report substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 2.03</u> or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent).

"<u>Letter of Credit Sublimit</u>" means an amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$200,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Commitments.

"LIBOR" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Eurodollar Base Rate".

"LIBOR Replacement Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.07(a).

"<u>LIBOR Screen Rate</u>" means the LIBOR quote on the applicable screen page the Administrative Agent designates to determine LIBOR (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time).

"LIBOR Successor Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.07(a).

"LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any proposed LIBOR Successor Rate, any conforming changes to the definition of Base Rate, Eurodollar Base Rate, Interest Period, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other technical, administrative or operational matters (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the definition of Business Day, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices and length of lookback periods) as may be appropriate, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, to reflect the adoption and implementation of such LIBOR Successor Rate and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent determines that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or that no market practice for the administration of such LIBOR Successor Rate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent determines is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Credit Agreement and any other Credit Document).

"<u>Limited Condition Transaction</u>" means (a) a Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted pursuant to <u>Section 8.05</u> that is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing, or (b) any repayment, redemption, repurchase or other discharge of any Indebtedness requiring irrevocable notice in advance thereof.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, security interest, encumbrance, lien (statutory or otherwise), preference, priority or charge of any kind (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any financing or similar statement or notice filed under the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted and in effect in the relevant jurisdiction or other similar recording or notice statute, and any lease in the nature thereof).

"<u>Loan</u>" means an extension of credit by a Lender to the Borrower under <u>Article II</u> in the form of a Revolving Loan, Swingline Loan or Term Loan.

"Loan Notice" means a notice of (a) a Borrowing of Revolving Loans or Term Loans, (b) a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, in each case pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.02 or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

"Loan Party" has the meaning specified in Section 10.13.

"London Banking Day" means any day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, financial condition or liabilities of the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, to perform their obligations, when such obligations are required to be performed, under this Credit Agreement, any of the Notes or any other Credit Document or (c) the validity or enforceability of this Credit Agreement, any of the Notes or any of the other Credit Documents or the material rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder or thereunder.

"Material Domestic Subsidiary" means any Domestic Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a Restricted Subsidiary that either: (a) owns assets included in Consolidated Total Assets having a book value equal to or greater than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Consolidated Total Assets as of the most recent fiscal quarter ended or (b) that accounted for Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended period of four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters equal to or greater than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Consolidated EBITDA for the same four (4) fiscal quarter period.

"Material Foreign Subsidiary" means any Foreign Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a Restricted Subsidiary that either: (a) owns assets included in Consolidated Total Assets having a book value equal to or greater than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Consolidated Total Assets as of the most recent fiscal quarter ended or (b) that accounted for Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended period of four (4) consecutive fiscal quarters equal to or greater than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Consolidated EBITDA for the same four (4) fiscal quarter period.

"<u>Materials of Environmental Concern</u>" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or

medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Maturity Date" means as to the Revolving Loans, the Term Loan A, the Swingline Loans and the Letters of Credit (and the related L/C Obligations), April 1, 2026; provided, however, that, in each case, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.

"Maximum Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 11.09.

"Minimum Collateral Amount" means, at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided to reduce or eliminate Fronting Exposure during the existence of a Defaulting Lender, an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Fronting Exposure of the L/C Issuer with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time, (ii) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.14(a)(i), (a)(ii) or (a)(iii), an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, and (iii) otherwise, an amount determined by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer in their sole discretion.

"MNPI" means material non-public information of the Borrower.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor or assignee of the business of such company in the business of rating securities.

"Multiemployer Plan" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five (5) plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"Multiple Employer Plan" means a Plan which has two (2) or more contributing sponsors (including any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two (2) of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.

"Net Cash Proceeds" means the aggregate cash or Cash Equivalents proceeds actually received by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of any Disposition, Debt Issuance or Recovery Event, net of (a) direct costs incurred in connection therewith (including, without limitation, legal, accounting and investment banking fees, and sales commissions), (b) taxes paid or payable as a result thereof and (c) in the case of any Disposition or any Recovery Event, the amount necessary to retire any Indebtedness secured by a Permitted Lien (ranking senior to any Lien of the Administrative Agent) on the related property; it being understood that "Net Cash Proceeds" shall include, without limitation, any cash or Cash Equivalents actually received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary in any Disposition, Debt Issuance or Recovery Event. Net Cash Proceeds shall not include any cash payments held in escrow until such time as such amounts are released from escrow.

"Non-Consenting Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 11.13.

"Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Non-Extension Notice Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(iii).

"Notes" means the Revolving Notes, the Swingline Note and the Term Notes, individually or collectively, as appropriate.

"Notice of Loan Prepayment" means a notice of prepayment with respect to a Loan, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.05 or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer.

"Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Credit Party arising under any Credit Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. The foregoing shall also include (a) all obligations under any Swap Contract between any Credit Party or any Subsidiary and any Swap Contract Provider that is permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 8.01(e) and (b) all obligations under any Treasury Management Agreement between any Credit Party and any Treasury Management Bank; provided that the Obligations shall exclude any Excluded Swap Obligations.

"OFAC" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Credit Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Credit Document).

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Credit Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 3.06).

"Outstanding Amount" means (a) with respect to any Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of any Loans occurring on such date; and (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements by the Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"<u>Participating Member State</u>" means any member state of the European Union that has the Euro as its lawful currency in accordance with legislation of the European Union relating to Economic and Monetary Union.

"Patriot Act" has the meaning specified in Section 11.18.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"Pension Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan (including a Multiple Employer Plan, but excluding a Multiemployer Plan) that is maintained or is contributed to by any Credit Party and any ERISA Affiliate and is either covered by Title IV of ERISA or is subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Permitted Acquisition" means any Acquisition or any series of related Acquisitions by a Credit Party of the assets or a majority of the Voting Stock of a Person or any division, line of business or other business unit of a Person (such Person or such division, line of business or other business unit of such Person referred to herein as the "Target"), in each case that is a type of business (or assets used in a type of business) permitted to be engaged in by the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries pursuant to Section 8.03 hereof, so long as (a) no Default or Event of Default shall then exist or would exist after giving effect thereto (subject, in the case of a Limited Condition Transaction, to Section 1.03(d)), (b) the Credit Parties shall demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of the Administrative Agent that the Credit Parties will be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis with all of the terms and provisions of the financial covenants set forth in Section 7.07 as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal guarter (after giving effect to any increase of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio enacted pursuant to Section 7.07(a)) (subject, in the case of a Limited Condition Transaction, to Section 1.03(d)), (c) if public, such Acquisition is not a "hostile" Acquisition and has been approved by the board of directors, shareholders and/or comparable governing body of the applicable Credit Party and the Target, (d) the Credit Parties shall have complied to the reasonable satisfaction of the Administrative Agent with the documentation requirements in Section 7.02(d) and (e) Total Consideration paid for all Acquisitions of Persons incorporated, formed or organized in any jurisdiction other than any state of the United States or the District of Columbia shall not exceed \$200,000,000 during the period from the First Amendment Effective Date through the Maturity Date.

"Permitted Dispositions" means Dispositions permitted under Section 8.04(a)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii)(A), (vii)(B)(1), (ix) and (x).

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (a) cash and Cash Equivalents and other Investments existing as of the First Amendment Effective Date and set forth on Schedule 8.05;
- (b) receivables owing to the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any receivables and advances to suppliers, in each case if created, acquired or made in the ordinary course of business and payable or dischargeable in accordance with customary trade terms;
 - (c) Investments by any Credit Party to any other Credit Party;
- (d) Ioans and advances to officers, directors and employees in the ordinary course of business in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 at any time outstanding; provided that such Ioans and advances shall comply with all applicable Requirements of Law;
- (e) Investments (including debt obligations) received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers and customers and in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business;

- (f) any assignment of intellectual property from the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary to (i) any Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) any Unrestricted Subsidiary if, at the time of such assignment, such intellectual property has not been registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Copyright Office or any other governmental authority in the United States or any other jurisdiction.
- (g) Investments, acquisitions or transactions permitted under <u>Sections 8.04(b)(ii)(B)</u>, (C) and (D);
 - (h) Permitted Acquisitions;
 - (i) Investments in Swap Contracts to the extent permitted by Section 8.01(e);
- (j) Investments (i) in wholly owned Unrestricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the greater of (A) \$150,000,000 and (B) fifteen percent (15%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, (ii) in non-wholly owned Unrestricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the greater of (A) \$30,000,000 and (B) five percent (5%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets, and (iii) in non-wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries, in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the greater of (A) \$30,000,000 and (B) five percent (5%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets;
- (k) (i) Investments in wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries and (ii) Investments in wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries that are Foreign Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount outstanding at any time not to exceed the greater of (A) \$60,000,000 and (B) ten percent (10%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets;
- (I) to the extent constituting Investments, Investments in Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions, Capped Call Transactions and Warrant Transactions; and
- (m) additional Investments of a nature not contemplated by the foregoing clauses hereof; <u>provided</u> that such Investments made pursuant to this clause and outstanding at any time shall not exceed the greater of (i) \$100,000,000 and (ii) ten percent (10%) of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

"Permitted Liens" means

- (a) Liens in favor of a Swap Contract Provider in connection with a Swap Contract that is (i) between a Credit Party or its Subsidiary and a Swap Contract Provider and (ii) permitted under <u>Section 8.01(e)</u>;
- (b) Liens securing purchase money Indebtedness and Capital Lease Obligations to the extent permitted under <u>Section 8.01(c)</u>; <u>provided</u>, that (i) any such Lien attaches to such property concurrently with or within ninety (90) days after the acquisition thereof and (ii) such Lien attaches solely to the property so acquired in such transaction;
- (c) Liens for taxes, assessments, charges or other governmental levies not yet due or as to which the period of grace, if any, related thereto has not expired or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, <u>provided</u> that adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;

- (d) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than sixty (60) days or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
- (e) pledges or deposits in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation and deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) deposits or other Liens to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, appeal bonds, performance, payment or other surety bonds, and any other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business:
- (g) Liens existing on the First Amendment Effective Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 8.02</u>; <u>provided</u> that no such Lien shall at any time be extended to cover property or assets other than the property or assets subject thereto on the First Amendment Effective Date;
- (h) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions (including zoning restrictions), minor defects or irregularities in title and other similar charges or encumbrances not, in any material respect, impairing the use of the encumbered Property for its intended purpose;
- (i) any extension, renewal or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals or replacements), in whole or in part, of any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses and in clauses (j), (k) and (m); provided that such extension, renewal or replacement Lien shall be limited to all or a part of the property which secured the Lien so extended, renewed or replaced;
- (j) Liens securing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to <u>Section 8.01(i)</u>, <u>provided</u> that such Liens do not secure obligations in excess of \$75,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding;
- (k) bankers' Liens, rights of setoff and other similar Liens existing solely with respect to cash and Cash Equivalents on deposit in one (1) or more accounts maintained by any Credit Party or a Restricted Subsidiary arising in the ordinary course of business from netting services, overdraft protection, cash management obligations and otherwise in connection with the maintenance of deposit, securities and commodities accounts;
- (I) Liens on property of a Person existing at the time such Person is merged into or consolidated with the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower or becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Liens were not created in contemplation of such merger, consolidation or investment and do not extend to any assets other than those of the Person merged into or consolidated with the Borrower or such Subsidiary or acquired by the Borrower or such Subsidiary and (ii) such Liens do not secure obligations in excess of \$75,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding;
 - (m) Liens on deposits with respect to Indebtedness that has been Discharged;
- (n) Liens (i) solely on Receivables sold in a Permitted Receivables Transaction, the agreements governing the Receivables included in such Permitted Receivables Transaction, the rights under any such agreements, the proceeds thereof and the accounts into which such proceeds are paid, and (ii) securing Attributable Receivables Amounts solely on Receivables which are the subject of related trade or accounts receivable financings or sale transactions

(including supplier-financing programs or arrangements) or related factoring transactions, the agreements governing the Receivables included in such financings or transactions, the rights under any such agreements, the proceeds thereof and the accounts into which such proceeds are paid;

- (o) Liens arising from precautionary UCC financing statements or similar or analogous financing statements in any jurisdiction and the filing of UCC financing statements or similar or analogous financing statements in any jurisdiction by bailees and consignees in the ordinary course of business; and
- (p) other Liens not described above, <u>provided</u> that such Liens do not secure obligations in excess of \$75,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding.

"Permitted Receivables Transaction" means a trade or accounts receivable financing or sale transaction (including supplier-financing programs or arrangements) or factoring transactions (excluding for the avoidance of doubt any securitization transaction) whereby the Borrower and/or one or more of its Subsidiaries sells, assigns, conveys or otherwise transfers Receivables to or for the benefit of one or more third parties; provided that (a) such transaction is made non-recourse to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (subject to customary indemnification and repurchase obligations, including, but not limited to, those based on a breach of obligations under the relevant receivables purchase agreement or the agreement underlying any Receivables, incorrect or misleading representations and warranties, Receivables failing to meet any eligibility criteria, any failure by an insurer of Receivables to honor claims, title defects, illegality, false misleading or incomplete information, exclusion of cover under any insurance in respect of any Receivables, dilution, third party claims, or Receivables becoming subject to any asserted defense, dispute, off-set or counterclaim) and otherwise on terms customary for comparable "non-recourse" or "limited recourse" receivables purchase transactions in the good faith judgment of the Borrower, (b) such transaction does not provide for the sale, transfer, disposition or pledge of, or otherwise create any interest in, any asset other than the Receivables, and (c) the aggregate amount of Receivables sold, assigned, conveyed or otherwise transferred in any fiscal quarter shall not exceed (i) with respect to Receivables owing from AT&T Services Inc. and/or one or more of its Subsidiaries or affiliates, the greatest of (A) \$400,000,000, (B) the highest quarterly revenue resulting from AT&T Services Inc. and its Subsidiaries and affiliates in any fiscal quarter occurring during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending immediately prior to such fiscal quarter (adjusted on a pro forma basis for acquired businesses, it being understood that, for purposes of this calculation (x) any Person that becomes a Subsidiary or affiliate of AT&T Services Inc. during the fiscal quarter in which such calculation is made or during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending immediately prior to such fiscal quarter shall be considered to have been a Subsidiary or affiliate of AT&T Services Inc. during the entire immediately preceding four fiscal quarter period, and (y) any Person that becomes a Subsidiary or affiliate of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or any asset acquisition by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary during the fiscal guarter in which such calculation is made or during the period of four consecutive fiscal guarters ending immediately prior to such fiscal guarter shall be considered to have been a Subsidiary or affiliate of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, or shall be considered to have been consummated, as the case may be, during the entire immediately preceding four fiscal quarter period) and (C) the quarterly revenue expected to result from AT&T Services Inc. and its Subsidiaries and affiliates during the then-current fiscal guarter as determined by the Borrower in good faith (adjusted on a pro forma basis for acquired businesses, it being understood that, for purposes of this determination (x) any Person that becomes or is reasonably expected to become a Subsidiary of affiliate of AT&T Services Inc. during the then-current fiscal guarter shall be considered to have been a Subsidiary or affiliate of AT&T Services Inc. since the commencement of such fiscal quarter, and (y) any Person that becomes or is reasonably expected to become a Subsidiary of affiliate of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary or any asset acquisition by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary during the then-current fiscal quarter

shall be considered to have been a Subsidiary or affiliate of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, or shall be considered to have been consummated, as the case may be, since the commencement of such fiscal quarter) and (ii) with respect to all other Receivables, \$150,000,000.

"Permitted Refinancing" means any extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding, exchange, amendment or replacement of any existing Indebtedness so long as any such extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded, exchanged or amended or replaced Indebtedness (a) does not include an obligor that was not an obligor with respect to the Indebtedness being extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded, exchanged, amended or replaced (unless any such new obligor is added as Guarantor hereunder) and (b) does not exceed the principal amount of the Indebtedness being extended, renewed, refinanced, refunded, exchanged, amended or replaced <u>plus</u> any premium and any reasonable fees, expenses and other financing costs payable in connection therewith, including in connection with the exercise or early unwind of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction (it being understood that any premium paid as part of a refinancing of any Convertible Bond Indebtedness, including in connection with the repurchase, redemption, retirement or defeasance of any Convertible Bond Indebtedness or to exercise or early unwind or settle the Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction shall be deemed to be reasonable).

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"Plan" means any employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, maintained for employees of any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate or any such Plan to which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate is required to contribute on behalf of any of its employees.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

"Pledge Agreement" means the Pledge Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, executed and delivered in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties by each of the Credit Parties.

"Pledgor" has the meaning specified in the Pledge Agreement.

"Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.07(a).

"Pro Forma Basis" means, with respect to any transaction or series of transactions (other than Acquisitions), that for purposes of calculating the financial covenants set forth in Section 7.07, such transaction or series of transactions shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the most recent four (4) fiscal guarter period preceding the date of such transaction or series of transactions for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) or, with respect to any Acquisition, such Acquisition shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the most recent four (4) fiscal quarter period preceding the date of such transaction for which financial statements are available for the Target. In connection with the foregoing, (a) with respect to any Disposition (other than Permitted Dispositions) or Recovery Event, (i) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property disposed of shall be excluded to the extent relating to any period occurring prior to the date of such transaction or series of transactions and (ii) Indebtedness which is retired shall be excluded and deemed to have been retired as of the first day of the applicable period and (b) with respect to any Acquisition, (i) income statement items of an ongoing nature that are attributable to the Person or property acquired shall be included to the extent relating to any period applicable in such calculations to the extent (A) such items are not otherwise included in such income statement items for the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP or in accordance with any definitions set forth in Section 1.01 and (B) such items are supported by financial statements or other information reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and (ii) any Indebtedness incurred or assumed by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary (including the Person or property acquired) in connection with such transaction or series of transactions and any Indebtedness of the Person or property acquired which is not retired in connection with such transaction or series of transactions (A) shall be deemed to have been incurred as of the first day of the applicable period and (B) if such Indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate which is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination.

"Projections" has the meaning specified in Section 6.14.

"Properties" has the meaning specified in Section 6.15(a).

"Public Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

"QFC" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

"QFC Credit Support" has the meaning specified in Section 11.20.

"Qualified ECP Guarantor" means, at any time, each Credit Party with total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 or that qualifies at such time as an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act and can cause another person to qualify as an "eligible contract participant" at such time under \$1a(18)(A)(V)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Qualified Permitted Acquisition" has the meaning specified in Section 7.07(a).

"Qualified Permitted Acquisition Pro Forma Calculation" means, to the extent required in connection with determining the permissibility of any Permitted Acquisition that constitutes a Qualified Permitted Acquisition, the calculations required by clause (b) in the definition of "Permitted Acquisition".

"Ratable Share" has the meaning specified in Section 4.06.

"Receivables" means trade or accounts receivable of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries arising in the ordinary course of business, any proceeds thereof and any general intangibles, documents, instruments, records or other assets related thereto.

"Recipient" means the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder.

"Recovery Event" means the receipt by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of any cash insurance proceeds or condemnation award payable by reason of theft, loss, physical destruction or damage, taking or similar event with respect to any of their respective property or assets but excluding cash receipts in the ordinary course of business.

"Refinancing Amendment" means an amendment to this Credit Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders providing Specified Refinancing Facilities and, in the case of any Specified Refinancing Revolving Loans or Specified Refinancing Revolving Commitments, the L/C Issuers, effecting the incurrence of such Specified Refinancing Facilities in accordance with Section 2.17.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(c).

"Regulation T, U or X" means Regulation T, U or X, respectively, of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof.

"Related Adjustment" means, in determining any LIBOR Successor Rate, the first relevant available alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent applicable to such LIBOR Successor Rate:

- (A) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the relevant Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate (taking into account the interest period, interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated and/or tenor thereto) and which adjustment or method (x) is published on an information service as selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion or (y) solely with respect to Term SOFR, if not currently published, which was previously so recommended for Term SOFR and published on an information service acceptable to the Administrative Agent; or
- (B) the spread adjustment that would apply (or has previously been applied) to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions (taking into account the interest period, interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated and/or tenor thereto).

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors, consultants, service providers and representatives of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Relevant Governmental Body" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

"Removal Effective Date" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(b).

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the thirty (30)-day notice period has been waived.

"Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Loans, a Loan Notice, (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application, and (c) with respect to a Swingline Loan, a Swingline Loan Notice.

"Required Lenders" means, at any time, Lenders holding in the aggregate more than fifty percent (50%) of (a) the unfunded Commitments and the outstanding Loans, L/C Obligations and participations therein or (b) if the Commitments have been terminated, the outstanding Loans, L/C Obligations and participations therein. The unfunded Commitments of, and the outstanding Loans, L/C Obligations and participations therein held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

"Requirement of Law" means, as to any Person, the certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any Law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or to which any of its material property is subject.

"Rescindable Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 2.12(b)(ii).

"Resignation Effective Date" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(a).

"Resolution Authority" means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

"Responsible Officer" means (i) the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of a Credit Party, (ii) solely for purposes of the delivery of incumbency certificates pursuant to Section 5.01, the secretary or any assistant secretary of a Credit Party and (iii) solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article II, any other officer or employee of the applicable Credit Party so designated by any of the foregoing officers in a notice to the Administrative Agent or any other officer or employee of the applicable Credit Party designated in or pursuant to an agreement between the applicable Credit Party and the Administrative Agent. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Credit Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Credit Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Credit Party. To the extent requested by the Administrative Agent when an incumbency for a Responsible Officer is not on file with the Administrative Agent, such Responsible Officer will provide an incumbency certificate and to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent in connection therewith, appropriate authorization documentation, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

"Restricted Payment" means (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares of any class of Equity Interest of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares of any class of Equity Interest of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, now or hereafter outstanding (including without limitation any payment to any employee of the Borrower in respect of equity awards to such employee but excluding payments in cash in lieu of fractional shares), (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of Equity Interest of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, now or hereafter outstanding (other than payments in cash in lieu of fractional shares or payments in connection with the exercise or early unwind or settlement of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction), (d) any payment or prepayment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance, sinking fund or similar payment with respect to, any Subordinated Indebtedness other than any Permitted Refinancing thereof with Subordinated Indebtedness and (e) any payment made in cash to holders of Convertible Bond Indebtedness (excluding (i) any required payment of interest with respect to such Convertible Bond Indebtedness, (ii) any payment of cash in lieu of a fractional share due upon conversion thereof and (iii) any Permitted Refinancing of such Convertible Bond Indebtedness and any payment in connection therewith) in excess of the sum of (x) the principal amount thereof, unless and to the extent that such cash payment arises from the conversion of such Convertible Bond Indebtedness by the holder thereof and such conversion triggers or corresponds to an exercise or early unwind or settlement of a corresponding portion of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction and/or Capped Call Transaction relating to such Convertible Bond Indebtedness substantially concurrently with (or a commercially reasonable period of time prior to or after) the payment to such holders of Convertible Bond Indebtedness and (y) interest, fees, premiums and other costs payable in connection with such Convertible Bond Indebtedness, including any payments made in connection with any redemption, purchase, repurchase, retirement or defeasance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness or the exercise or early unwind or settlement of a Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction, a Capped Call Transaction or a Warrant Transaction.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Revolving Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to (a) make Revolving Loans to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01, (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, and (c) purchase participations in Swingline Loans, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto or in any documentation executed and delivered by such Lender pursuant to Section 2.01(c), as applicable as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Credit Agreement.

"Revolving Credit Exposure" means, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Loans and such Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans at such time.

"Revolving Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(a).

"Revolving Note" has the meaning specified in Section 2.11(a).

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of S&P Global Inc., and any successor thereto.

"Sale and Leaseback Transaction" means, with respect to any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary, any arrangement, directly or indirectly, with any Person whereby such Credit Party or such Subsidiary shall sell or transfer any property used or useful in its business, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, and thereafter rent or lease such property or other property that it intends to use for substantially the same purpose or purposes as the property being sold or transferred.

"Sanctions" means any published sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government (including without limitation, OFAC), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("HMT") or other relevant sanctions authority applicable to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

"Scheduled Unavailability Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.07(a)(iii).

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority or any successor or analogous United States Governmental Authority.

"Secured Parties" means the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Swap Contract Providers and the Treasury Management Banks.

"Securitization Transaction" means, with respect to any Person, any financing transaction or series of financing transactions (including factoring arrangements) pursuant to which such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person may sell, convey or otherwise transfer, or grant a security interest in, accounts, payments, receivables, rights to future lease payments or residuals or similar rights to payment to a special purpose subsidiary or affiliate of such Person.

"Security Documents" means a collective reference to the Pledge Agreement and other security documents as may be executed and delivered by the Credit Parties pursuant to the terms of Section 7.12 or any of the Credit Documents.

"SOFR" with respect to any Business Day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's website (or any successor source) at approximately 8:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the immediately succeeding Business Day and, in each case, that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

"Specified Loan Party" means any Credit Party that is not an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act (determined prior to giving effect to Section 4.08).

"Specified Refinancing Facilities" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Specified Refinancing Revolving Commitments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Specified Refinancing Revolving Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Specified Refinancing Term Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.17(a).

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness incurred by any Credit Party that by its terms is specifically subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment of the Revolving Loans, the L/C Obligations, the Swingline Loans and Term Loans on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

"Subsidiary" means, as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity (irrespective of whether or not at the time, any class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) are at the time owned by such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries. Unless otherwise identified, "Subsidiary" or "Subsidiaries" shall mean Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

"Supported QFC" has the meaning specified in Section 11.20.

"Swap Contract" means, with respect to any Person, any agreement entered into to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates, or currency or raw materials values, including, without limitation, any interest rate swap, cap or collar agreement or similar arrangement between such Person and one (1) or more counterparties, any foreign currency exchange agreement, currency protection agreements, commodity purchase or option agreements or other interest or exchange rate or commodity price hedging agreements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the avoidance of doubt, Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions, and any arrangements or agreements related thereto, and any accelerated share repurchase contract, forward share purchase contract or similar contract with respect to the purchase by the Borrower of the Equity Interests of Borrower shall not constitute Swap Contracts.

"Swap Contract Provider" means any Person that (a) at the time it enters into a Swap Contract, is a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, (b) in the case of any Swap Contract in effect on or prior to the Closing Date, is, as of the Closing Date or within thirty (30) days thereafter, a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent and a party to a Swap Contract or (c) within thirty (30) days after the time it enters into the applicable Swap Contract, becomes a Lender, the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, in each case, in its capacity as a party to such Swap Contract; provided, in the case of a Swap Contract with a Person who is no longer a Lender (or Affiliate of a

Lender), such Person shall be considered a Swap Contract Provider only through the stated termination date (without extension or renewal) of such Swap Contract.

"Swap Obligations" means, with respect to any Guarantor, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one (1) or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s) and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one (1) or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

"SWIFT" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(f).

"Swingline Commitment" means, as to the Swingline Lender, its obligation to make Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.04 in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite the Swingline Lender's name on Schedule 2.04, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Credit Agreement.

"Swingline Lender" means Bank of America in its capacity as provider of Swingline Loans, or any successor swing line lender hereunder.

"Swingline Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.04(a).

"Swingline Loan Notice" means a notice of a Borrowing of Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(b), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.04 or such other form as approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

"Swingline Note" has the meaning specified in Section 2.11(a).

"Swingline Sublimit" means an amount equal to the lesser of (a) \$50,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. The Swingline Lender's portion of the Swingline Sublimit is set forth opposite the Swingline Lender's name on Schedule 2.01. The Swingline Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Commitments.

"Synthetic Lease" means any synthetic lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing arrangement whereby the arrangement is considered borrowed money indebtedness for tax purposes but is classified as an operating lease or does not otherwise appear on a balance sheet under GAAP.

"Target" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Permitted Acquisition."

"<u>Taxes</u>" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges in the nature of a tax imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Term Loan A" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(b).

"Term Loan A Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to make a Term Loan A in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto or in any documentation executed by such Lender pursuant to Section 2.01(c), as applicable as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Credit Agreement. The aggregate principal amount of the Term Loan A Commitments of all of the Lenders as in effect on the First Amendment Effective Date is \$350.000.000.

"Term Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to make a Term Loan in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 2.01</u> or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto or in any documentation executed by such Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.01(c)</u>, as applicable as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Credit Agreement.

"Term Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(c).

"Term Note" has the meaning specified in Section 2.11(a).

"Term SOFR" means the forward-looking term rate for any period that is approximately (as determined by the Administrative Agent) as long as any of the Interest Period options set forth in the definition of "Interest Period" and that is based on SOFR and that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body, in each case as published on an information service as selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion.

"Threshold Amount" means \$50,000,000.

"Total Consideration" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02(d).

"<u>Total Revolving Outstandings</u>" means the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Revolving Loans, all Swingline Loans and all L/C Obligations.

"Treasury Management Agreement" means any agreement that is not prohibited by the terms hereof to provide treasury or cash management services, including deposit accounts, overnight draft, credit cards, debit cards, p cards (including, purchasing cards and commercial cards), funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, zero balance accounts, returned check concentration, controlled disbursement, lockbox, account reconciliation and reporting and trade finance services and other cash management services.

"Treasury Management Bank" means any Person that (a) at the time it enters into a Treasury Management Agreement, is a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, (b) in the case of any Treasury Management Agreement in effect on or prior to the Closing Date, is, as of the Closing Date or within thirty (30) days thereafter, a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent and a party to a Treasury Management Agreement or (c) within thirty (30) days after the time it enters into the applicable Treasury Management Agreement, becomes a Lender, the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, in each case, in its capacity as a party to such Treasury Management Agreement.

"Type" means, with respect to any Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan.

- "<u>UCC</u>" or "<u>Uniform Commercial Code</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in any applicable jurisdiction.
- "<u>UCP</u>" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce ("<u>ICC</u>") Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).
- "<u>UK Financial Institution</u>" means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended form time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person subject to IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.
- "<u>UK Resolution Authority</u>" means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.
 - "United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.
 - "Unreimbursed Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).
- "Unrestricted Subsidiaries" means (a) Subsidiaries designated on the First Amendment Effective Date by the Borrower as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries" on Schedule 6.11 and other Subsidiaries designated from time to time by the Borrower in writing to the Administrative Agent that are in the same businesses or businesses reasonably related to, or reasonably ancillary or reasonably complementary to, the businesses of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and (b) Subsidiaries (i) established for business purposes approved by the Administrative Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) and (ii) designated from time to time by the Borrower as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries" on Schedule 6.11 (as such schedule may be updated from time to time as permitted by this Credit Agreement); provided that (x) Investments by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries in Unrestricted Subsidiaries shall not exceed the limitations set forth in clauses (a), (f) and (j) of the definition of Permitted Investments and (y) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to clause (j) of the definition of Permitted Investments shall be deemed to include an amount (not less than zero) equal to the difference of (I) the book value of assets of any Guarantor or Restricted Subsidiary designated after the First Amendment Effective Date as an Unrestricted Subsidiary that are included in Consolidated Total Assets as of the most recent fiscal quarter ended minus (II) such Guarantor's or Restricted Subsidiary's liabilities as of the most recent fiscal quarter ended.
- "<u>U.S. Foreign Holdco</u>" means any Domestic Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which are Equity Interests of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries.
- "<u>U.S. Person</u>" means any Person that is a "United States Person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 - "U.S. Special Regulation Regimes" has the meaning specified in Section 11.20.
 - "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.01(e)(ii)(B)(3).
- "<u>Voting Stock</u>" means, with respect to any Person, Equity Interests issued by such Person the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even though the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

"Warrant Transactions" means one or more call options, warrants or rights to purchase (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) referencing the Borrower's common stock, which for the avoidance of doubt may be settled by a delivery of shares of the Borrower's common stock or cash, written by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary substantially contemporaneously with the purchase by the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary of Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and having an initial strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) greater than the strike or exercise price (howsoever defined) of such Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions.

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and its successors.

"Wells Fargo Securities" means Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and its successors.

"Write-Down and Conversion Powers" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions.

With reference to this Credit Agreement and each other Credit Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Credit Document:

The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Credit Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "hereto," "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Credit Document, shall be construed to refer to such Credit Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Credit Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Credit Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any Law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such Law and any reference to any Law or regulation shall. unless otherwise specified, refer to such Law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

- (b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "<u>from</u>" means "<u>from and including</u>;" the words "<u>to</u>" and "<u>until</u>" each mean "<u>to but excluding</u>;" and the word "<u>through</u>" means "<u>to and including</u>."
- (c) Section headings herein and in the other Credit Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document.
- (d) For all purposes under the Credit Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

1.03 Accounting Terms.

- (a) Generally. Except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein, all accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Credit Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Audited Financial Statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else in this Credit Agreement, for the purposes of interpreting any provision contained herein or determining compliance with any covenant or any other provision contained herein, including for calculating compliance with the financial covenants in this Credit Agreement, (i) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries shall be deemed to be carried at one hundred percent (100%) of the outstanding principal amount thereof, and the effects of FASB ASC 825 and FASB ASC 470-20 on financial liabilities and FASB ASC 350 and 360 on goodwill, intangibles and impairments shall be disregarded, and (ii) the effects of FASB ASC 842 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification or Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) on leases and debt obligations shall, in each case, be disregarded.
- (b) <u>Changes in GAAP</u>. If at any time any change in GAAP (including the adoption of IFRS) would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Credit Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Required Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Credit Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.
- (c) $\underline{\text{Calculations}}$. Notwithstanding the above, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that:
 - (i) all calculations of the financial covenants in <u>Section 7.07</u> (including for purposes of determining the Applicable Rate) shall be made on a Pro Forma Basis with

respect to any Disposition (other than Permitted Dispositions), Recovery Event or Acquisition occurring during the applicable period; and

- (ii) for purposes of all calculations hereunder, the principal amount of Convertible Bond Indebtedness shall be the outstanding principal, valued at par.
- Limited Condition Transactions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent that the terms of this Credit Agreement require (i) compliance with any financial ratio or test (including any Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio test, any Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio test or any Consolidated Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio test), (ii) availability under baskets set forth in this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document (including baskets measured as a percentage of Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets), (iii) the absence of a Default or an Event of Default, or (iv) a determination as to whether the representations and warranties contained in this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct in all material respects (and in all respects if any such representation or warranty is already qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect), in each case, in connection with the consummation of a Limited Condition Transaction or the incurrence of Indebtedness in connection therewith, the determination of whether the relevant condition is satisfied or if there is availability under a basket, as applicable, may be made, at the election of the Borrower, (A) in the case of a Permitted Acquisition or other Investment, in each case that is a Limited Condition Transaction, at the time of (or on the basis of the financial statements for the most recent four (4) fiscal quarter period for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) at the time of) either (1) the execution and delivery of the definitive agreement with respect to such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment, or (2) the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment and related incurrence of Indebtedness and (B) in the case of any repayment, redemption, repurchase or other discharge of any Indebtedness, in each case that is a Limited Condition Transaction, at the time of (or on the basis of the financial statements for the most recent four (4) fiscal quarter period for which financial statements were required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) at the time of) either (1) delivery of notice with respect to such payment, redemption, repurchase or other discharge, or (2) the making of such payment, redemption, repurchase or discharge (the dates referred to in clauses (A)(1) and (B)(1) above, each a "LCT Test Date"), after giving effect to the relevant Limited Condition Transaction and related incurrence of Indebtedness, on a Pro Forma Basis; provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with any Limited Condition Transaction: (w) the condition set forth in clause (a) of the definition of "Permitted Acquisition" shall be satisfied if (I) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing as of the applicable LCT Test Date, and (II) no Event of Default under Section 9.01(a) or 9.01(e) shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction; (x) if the proceeds of an Additional Term Loan pursuant to Section 2.01(c) are being used to finance such Limited Condition Transaction, then (I) the conditions set forth in Section 2.01(c)(vi) and Section 5.02(a) shall be required to be satisfied at the time of closing of the Limited Condition Transaction and funding of such Additional Term Loan but may be subject to customary "SunGard" or "certain funds" conditionality and the representations and warranties required may be limited to customary "specified representations" and such other representations and warranties as may be required by the applicable lenders providing such Additional Term Loans, and (II) the conditions set forth in Section 2.01(c)(v) and Section 5.02(b) shall, if and to the extent the lenders providing such Additional Term Loan so agree, be satisfied if (1) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing as of the applicable LCT Test Date; and (2) no Event of Default under Section 9.01(a) or 9.01(e) shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the funding of

such Additional Term Loan in connection with the consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction; and (y) such Limited Condition Transaction and the related Indebtedness to be incurred (and any associated Lien) and the use of proceeds thereof (and the consummation of any Permitted Acquisition or Investment) shall be deemed incurred and/or applied at the LCT Test Date (until such time as the Indebtedness is actually incurred or the applicable definitive agreement is terminated or expired without actually consummating the applicable Limited Condition Transaction) and outstanding thereafter for purposes of giving effect to such transaction on a Pro Forma Basis (other than for purposes of determining compliance on a Pro Forma Basis in connection with the making of any Restricted Payment) with any applicable calculation of the financial covenants set forth in Section 7.07, or the amount or availability of any basket, including baskets measured as a percentage of Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets (it being understood and agreed that with respect to any such ratio test or basket to be used to effect a Restricted Payment, the Borrower shall demonstrate compliance with the applicable test both after giving effect to the applicable Limited Condition Transaction and assuming that such transaction had not occurred). For the avoidance of doubt, if any of such ratios or amounts for which compliance was determined or tested as of the LCT Test Date are thereafter exceeded as a result of fluctuations in such ratio or amount (including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA), at or prior to the consummation of the relevant Limited Condition Transaction, such ratios or amounts will not be deemed to have been exceeded as a result of such fluctuations solely for purposes of determining whether the relevant Limited Condition Transaction is permitted to be consummated or taken. It is understood and agreed that this Section 1.03(d) shall not limit the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 with respect to any proposed Credit Extension, in connection with a Limited Condition Transaction or otherwise except as set forth in clause (x) above in connection with the use of the proceeds of an Additional Term Loan to finance a Limited Condition Transaction (and, in the case of such clause (x), only if and to the extent the lenders providing such Additional Term Loan so agree as provided in such clause (x)).

1.04 Rounding.

Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Credit Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one (1) place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

1.05 Times of Day.

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.06 Letter of Credit Amounts.

Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one (1) or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.

1.07 Rates.

The Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept responsibility, nor shall the Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to the administration, submission or any other matter related to the rates in the definition of "Eurodollar Rate" or with respect to any rate that is an alternative or replacement for or successor to any of such rates (including, without limitation, any LIBOR Successor Rate) or the effect of any of the foregoing, or of any LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes.

1.08 Certain Determinations.

- (a) For purposes of determining compliance with any of the provisions set forth in this Credit Agreement at any time (whether at the time of incurrence or thereafter) and/or whether any Lien (including any Lien with respect to any Incremental Credit Facility), Investment, Indebtedness (including any Indebtedness under any Incremental Credit Facility), Disposition or Restricted Payment meets the criteria of one, or more than one, of the categories permitted pursuant to the applicable provision, the Borrower (x) shall in its sole discretion determine under which category or categories such Lien, Investment, Indebtedness, Disposition or Restricted Payment (or, in each case, any portion there) is permitted and (y) shall be permitted to make any such determination or redetermination or classification or reclassification (including by dividing any amounts across more than once exception) at such time and from time to time as it may determine and without notice to the Administrative Agent or any Lender.
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, with respect to any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision herein that does not require compliance with a financial ratio or test (including, without limitation, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio and Consolidated Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio) (any such amounts, the "Fixed Amounts") which the Borrower intends to utilize with or substantially concurrently with any amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) in reliance on a provision of this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document that requires compliance with any such financial ratio or test (any such amounts, the "Incurrence Based Amounts"), it is understood and agreed that the Fixed Amounts (and any cash proceeds thereof) shall be disregarded in the calculation of the financial ratio or test applicable to the Incurrence Based Amounts in connection with such substantially concurrent incurrence. In calculating any Fixed Amounts and Incurrence Based Amounts to be utilized at the same time, only the portion of such amounts incurred or transactions entered into (or consummated) under such Incurrence Based Amounts shall be included in the calculation of the applicable financial ratio or test (and the applicable Fixed Amounts shall be deemed to not have been incurred in such calculations).

ARTICLE II.

THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

2.01 Commitments.

(a) <u>Revolving Loans</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make loans (each such loan, a "<u>Revolving Loan</u>") to the Borrower in Dollars from time to time on any Business Day during the Availability Period in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that after giving effect to any Borrowing of Revolving Loans,

- (i) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, and (ii) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment. Within the limits of each Lender's Revolving Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>, prepay under <u>Section 2.05</u>, and reborrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>. Revolving Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein.
- (b) <u>Term Loan A</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make its portion of a term loan (the "<u>Term Loan A</u>") to the Borrower in Dollars on the Closing Date in an amount not to exceed such Lender's Term Loan A Commitment. The Lenders shall make the Term Loan A to the Borrower by (i) advancing additional borrowings on the Closing Date and (ii) continuing portions of the Term Loan A outstanding immediately prior to the Closing Date. Amounts repaid on the Term Loan A may not be reborrowed. The Term Loan A may consist of Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, as further provided herein.
- (c) <u>Incremental Credit Facilities</u>. At any time after the First Amendment Effective Date, the Borrower may, at any time, upon written notice to the Administrative Agent, establish additional credit facilities (collectively, the "<u>Incremental Credit Facilities</u>") by increasing the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and/or establishing one (1) or more additional term Ioans (each such term Ioan, an "<u>Additional Term Loan</u>" and, together with the Term Loan A and any other Additional Term Loans, collectively, the "<u>Term Loans</u>") at any time prior to the date that is six (6) months prior to the Maturity Date; provided that, in any such case:
 - (i) the aggregate amount of loans and commitments for all Incremental Credit Facilities established after the First Amendment Effective Date as an Incremental Credit Facility shall not exceed (determined on the date such Incremental Credit Facilities are established) the sum of (A) THREE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$350,000,000) and (B) an aggregate amount such that, after giving effect to such Incremental Credit Facility on a Pro Forma Basis (assuming for purposes hereof, that the amount of the incremental commitments is fully drawn and funded), the Consolidated Senior Secured Net Leverage Ratio does not exceed 2.25:1.00, it being understood and agreed that any Incremental Credit Facilities so incurred or implemented shall be deemed to have been incurred or implemented under clause (B) prior to clause (A) above;
 - (ii) any increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments or the principal amount of any Additional Term Loan established under this <u>Section 2.01</u> shall be in a principal amount of at least \$10,000,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof;
 - (iii) any increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments under this <u>Section 2.01</u> shall have terms identical to those for the Revolving Loans under <u>Section 2.01(a)</u>, except for fees payable to the Lenders providing commitments for such Incremental Credit Facility;
 - (iv) any Additional Term Loan established under this <u>Section 2.01</u> (A) will be made in Dollars and may consist of Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans as further provided herein, (B) will have a final maturity date that is coterminous with or later than the Maturity Date, with no more than fifty percent (50%) of the principal amount of such Additional Term Loan being amortized prior to the Maturity Date, (C) will be subject to the mandatory prepayment provisions (including provisions regarding

the application of mandatory prepayments) that are contained in Section 2.05(b), (D) may have pricing that is higher than pricing currently applicable to the Revolving Loans; provided, that with respect to any such Additional Term Loan with a weighted life to maturity that is within one (1) year of the Maturity Date, if the all-in-yield, after giving effect to any offering of such Additional Term Loan at a discount from par or any fees paid to the Lenders in connection therewith, exceeds the all-in-yield (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent) with respect to the Revolving Loans or any other Term Loan then in existence by more than fifty basis points (0.50%), then the Applicable Percentage shall be increased to the extent necessary to cause the all-in-yield with respect the Revolving Loans and/or such other Term Loans to be no more than fifty basis points (0.50%) less than the all-in-yield with respect to such Additional Term Loan (with the amount and manner of such increase to be determined by the Administrative Agent, in accordance with the foregoing, as of the date of effectiveness of the applicable Incremental Credit Facility) and (E) will have covenants that are the same as or no more restrictive than the covenants contained in this Credit Agreement as of the date that such Additional Term Loan is established (other than any restrictive covenant that would apply after the Maturity Date (as such Maturity Date may be extended from time to time));

- (v) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, or would result after giving effect to any such Incremental Credit Facility;
- (vi) the establishment of the Incremental Credit Facilities and the extension of credit thereunder are subject to satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with <u>Section</u> 11.01) of the conditions to all Credit Extensions in Section 5.02;
- (vii) the Borrower will provide (A) a compliance certificate from a Responsible Officer demonstrating compliance with the financial covenants hereunder after giving effect to the Incremental Credit Facility on a Pro Forma Basis (assuming for purposes hereof, that the amount of the incremental commitments is fully drawn and funded), and (B) supporting resolutions, legal opinions, promissory notes and other items as may be reasonably required by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders providing the loans and commitments for the Incremental Credit Facility;
- (viii) any new Lender providing loans and commitments for the Incremental Credit Facilities must be acceptable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and any Lender (including any new Lender) providing commitments for any increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments must also be reasonably acceptable to the L/C Issuer and the Swingline Lender;
- (ix) Lenders providing loans and commitments for the Incremental Credit Facility will provide a duly executed Lender Joinder Agreement;
- (x) upfront fees and arrangement fees, if any, in respect of the new commitments so established, shall have been paid;
- (xi) if any Revolving Loans are outstanding at the time of any increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments pursuant to this <u>Section 2.01</u>, the Borrower will make such payments and adjustments on the Revolving Loans (including payment of any break-funding amounts owing under <u>Section 3.05</u>) as may be necessary to give effect to the revised commitment amounts and percentages, it being agreed that the Administrative Agent shall, in consultation with the Borrower, manage the allocation of the revised

commitments percentages to the existing Eurodollar Rate Loans in such a manner as to minimize the break-funding amounts so payable by the Borrower; and

(xii) the Administrative Agent shall have received all documents (including resolutions of the board of directors of the Borrower and the Guarantors) it may reasonably request relating to the corporate or other necessary authority for such increase or establishment of any Additional Term Loan and the validity of such increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments or establishment of an Additional Term Loan, and any other customary matters relevant thereto, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; provided, however that consent of the existing Lenders shall not be required to consummate the transactions contemplated pursuant to this Section 2.01(c); provided, further, that necessary modifications of this Credit Agreement will be consummated as set forth in Section 11.01(g).

In connection with establishment of any Incremental Credit Facility, (A) none of the Lenders or their Affiliates shall have any obligation to provide commitments or loans for any Incremental Credit Facility without their prior written approval, (B) none of the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers or the Lead Lenders shall have any responsibility for arranging any such additional commitments without their prior written consent and subject to such conditions, including fee arrangements, as they may provide in connection therewith and (C) Schedule 2.01 will be deemed to be revised to reflect the Lenders, Loans, Commitments and pro rata shares after giving effect to establishment of any Incremental Credit Facility.

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Loans.

Each Borrowing, each conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, and each (a) continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be made upon the Borrower's irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, which may be given by (A) a Loan Notice or (B) telephone. Each such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three (3) Business Days (or, solely with respect to any Borrowing of Term Loans A on the Closing Date, two (2) Business Days) prior to the requested date of any Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of, Eurodollar Rate Loans or of any conversion of Eurodollar Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans, and (ii) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans; provided, however, that if the Borrower wishes to request Eurodollar Rate Loans having an Interest Period other than one (1), two (2), three (3) or six (6) months in duration as provided in the definition of "Interest Period," the applicable notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. four (4) Business Days prior to the requested date of such Borrowing, conversion or continuation, whereupon the Administrative Agent shall give prompt notice to the Lenders of such request and determine whether the requested Interest Period is acceptable to all of them. Not later than 11:00 a.m., three (3) Business Days before the requested date of such Borrowing, conversion or continuation, the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower (which notice may be by telephone) whether or not the requested Interest Period has been consented to by all the Lenders. Each telephonic notice by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.02(a) must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Loan Notice. Each Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Except as provided in Sections 2.03(c) and 2.04(c), each Borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof. Each Loan Notice and each telephonic notice shall specify (i) whether the Borrower is requesting a Borrowing, a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, (ii) the requested date of the Borrowing, conversion or continuation, as the case may be (which shall

be a Business Day), (iii) the principal amount of Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Loans are to be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Borrower fails to specify a Type of a Loan in a Loan Notice or if the Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the applicable Loans shall be made as, or converted to, Base Rate Loans. Any such automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be effective as of the last day of the Interest Period then in effect with respect to the applicable Eurodollar Rate Loans. If the Borrower requests a Borrowing of, conversion to, or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans in any Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one (1) month. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Swingline Loan may not be converted to a Eurodollar Rate Loan.

- Following receipt of a Loan Notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans as described in the preceding clause (a). In the case of a Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Loan available to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01) of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 5.01), the Administrative Agent shall make all funds so received available to the Borrower in like funds as actually received by the Administrative Agent no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of receipt by the Administrative Agent either by (i) crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of Bank of America with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with written instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) the Administrative Agent by the Borrower; provided, however, that if, on the date of a Borrowing of Revolving Loans, there are L/C Borrowings outstanding, then the proceeds of such Borrowing, first, shall be applied to the payment in full of any such L/C Borrowings and second, shall be made available to the Borrower as provided above.
- (c) Subject to <u>Section 3.05</u>, a Eurodollar Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of the Interest Period for such Eurodollar Rate Loan. During the existence of a Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as Eurodollar Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders.
- (d) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for Eurodollar Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate. At any time that Base Rate Loans are outstanding, the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of any change in Bank of America's prime rate used in determining the Base Rate promptly following the public announcement of such change.
- (e) After giving effect to all Borrowings, all conversions of Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than seven (7) Interest Periods in effect with respect to Revolving Loans and five (5) Interest Periods in effect with respect to any Term Loan.

2.03 Letters of Credit.

(a) The Letter of Credit Commitment.

- Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) the L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03, (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Closing Date until the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit in Dollars for the account of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with clause (b) below, and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit; and (B) the Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit issued for the account of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries and any drawings thereunder; provided that after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, (u) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, (v) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment, (w) the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit, (x) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations of Bank of America, in its capacity as an L/C Issuer, shall not exceed the L/C Commitment of Bank of America without the approval of Bank of America, (y) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations of Wells Fargo, in its capacity as an L/C Issuer, shall not exceed the L/C Commitment of Wells Fargo without the approval of Wells Fargo and (z) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations of Truist Bank, in its capacity as an L/C Issuer, shall not exceed the L/C Commitment of Truist Bank without the approval of Truist Bank; provided, further, that Truist Bank shall not be obligated to issue commercial Letters of Credit. Each request by the Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by the Borrower that the L/C Credit Extension so requested complies with the conditions set forth in the proviso to the preceding sentence. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly the Borrower may, during the foregoing period, obtain Letters of Credit to replace Letters of Credit that have expired or that have been drawn upon and reimbursed. All Existing Letters of Credit shall be deemed to have been issued pursuant hereto, and from and after the Closing Date shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions hereof.
 - (ii) The L/C Issuer shall not issue any Letter of Credit if:
 - (A) subject to <u>Section 2.03(b)(iii)</u>, the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur more than twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or last extension, unless the Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) holding a majority of the Revolving Commitments have approved such expiry date; or
 - (B) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, unless either such Letter of Credit is Cash Collateralized on or prior to the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit (or a later date as to which the Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer may agree in their sole discretion) or all the Lenders that have Revolving Commitments have approved such expiry date.
- (iii) The L/C Issuer shall not be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:
 - (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the L/C Issuer from

issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to the L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of Law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or request that the L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which the L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Closing Date and which the L/C Issuer in good faith deems material to it;

- (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one (1) or more policies of the L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally;
- (C) except as otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$100,000, in the case of a commercial Letter of Credit, or \$500,000, in the case of a standby Letter of Credit;
- (D) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than Dollars;
- (E) such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the stated amount after any drawing thereunder; or
- (F) any Lender is at that time a Defaulting Lender, unless the L/C Issuer has entered into arrangements, including the delivery of Cash Collateral, satisfactory to the L/C Issuer (in its sole discretion) with the Borrower or such Defaulting Lender to eliminate the L/C Issuer's actual or potential Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to Section 2.15(b)) with respect to the Defaulting Lender arising from either the Letter of Credit then proposed to be issued or that Letter of Credit and all other L/C Obligations as to which the L/C Issuer has actual or potential Fronting Exposure, as it may elect in its sole discretion.
- (iv) The L/C Issuer shall not amend any Letter of Credit if the L/C Issuer would not be permitted at such time to issue the Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof.
- (v) The L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) the L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue the Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to the Letter of Credit.
- (vi) The L/C Issuer shall act on behalf of the Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith, and the L/C Issuer shall have all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to the Administrative Agent in Article X with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the L/C Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" as used in Article X included the L/C Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the L/C Issuer.

- (b) <u>Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto-Extension</u> Letters of Credit.
 - Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, upon the request of the Borrower delivered to the L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in the form of a Letter of Credit Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Such Letter of Credit Application may be sent by facsimile, by United States mail, by overnight courier, by electronic transmission using the system provided by the L/C Issuer, by personal delivery or by any other means acceptable to the L/C Issuer. Such Letter of Credit Application must be received by the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least five (5) Business Days (or such later date and time as the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be. In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the L/C Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (G) the purpose and nature of the requested Letter of Credit; and (H) such other matters as the L/C Issuer may reasonably require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the L/C Issuer (A) the Letter of Credit to be amended; (B) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day); (C) the nature of the proposed amendment; and (D) such other matters as the L/C Issuer may reasonably require. Additionally, the Borrower shall furnish to the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent such other documents and information pertaining to such requested Letter of Credit issuance or amendment, including any Issuer Documents, as the L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.
 - Promptly after receipt of any Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has received a copy of such Letter of Credit Application from the Borrower and, if not, the L/C Issuer will provide the Administrative Agent with a copy Unless the L/C Issuer has received written notice from any Lender, the Administrative Agent or any Credit Party, at least one (1) Business Day prior to the requested date of issuance or amendment of the applicable Letter of Credit, that one (1) or more applicable conditions contained in Article V shall not be satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 11.01), then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the L/C Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Letter of Credit for the account of the Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary or enter into the applicable amendment, as the case may be, in each case in accordance with the L/C Issuer's usual and customary business practices. Immediately upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the L/C Issuer a risk participation in such Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Letter of Credit.
 - (iii) If the Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit

that has automatic extension provisions (each, an "Auto-Extension Letter of Credit"); provided that any such Auto-Extension Letter of Credit must permit the L/C Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each twelve (12)-month period (commencing with the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof not later than a day (the "Non-Extension Notice Date") in each such twelve (12)-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, the Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the L/C Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the L/C Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than the Letter of Credit Expiration Date; provided, however, that the L/C Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (A) the L/C Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted, or would have no obligation, at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of clause (ii) or (iii) of Section 2.03(a) or otherwise), or (B) it has received notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is seven (7) Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date (1) from the Administrative Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such extension or (2) from the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Borrower that one (1) or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 5.02 is not then satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 11.01), and in each case directing the L/C Issuer not to permit such extension.

(iv) Promptly after its delivery of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit to an advising bank with respect thereto or to the beneficiary thereof, the L/C Issuer will also deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.

(c) Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations.

Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of drawing under such Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent thereof. If the L/C Issuer notifies the Borrower before 1:00 p.m. on the date of any payment by the L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit (each such date, an "Honor Date"), the Borrower shall reimburse the L/C Issuer through the Administrative Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing on such day. If the L/C Issuer notifies the Borrower after 1:00 p.m. on the applicable Honor Date, the Borrower shall reimburse the L/C Issuer through the Administrative Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Business Day immediately after such Honor Date. If the Borrower fails to so reimburse the L/C Issuer by such day and time, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the Honor Date, the amount of the unreimbursed drawing (the "Unreimbursed Amount"), and the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof (after giving effect to any reallocation pursuant to Section 2.15(b)). In such event, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Borrowing of Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans to be disbursed on the Honor Date in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in Section 2.02 for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01) of the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (other than the delivery of a Loan Notice); provided that, after giving effect to such Borrowing, the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. Any notice given by the L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 2.03(c)(i) may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing; <u>provided</u> that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice.

- (ii) Each Lender shall upon any notice pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> make funds available (and the Administrative Agent may apply Cash Collateral provided for this purpose) to the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer at the Administrative Agent's Office in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in such notice by the Administrative Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.03(c)(iii)</u>, each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so received to the L/C Issuer.
- (iii) With respect to any Unreimbursed Amount that is not fully refinanced by a Borrowing of Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans because the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 cannot be satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 11.01) or for any other reason, the Borrower shall be deemed to have incurred from the L/C Issuer an L/C Borrowing in the amount of the Unreimbursed Amount that is not so refinanced, which L/C Borrowing shall be due and payable on demand (together with interest) and shall bear interest at the Default Rate. In such event, each Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(ii) shall be deemed payment in respect of its participation in such L/C Borrowing and shall constitute an L/C Advance from such Lender in satisfaction of its participation obligation under this Section 2.03.
- (iv) Until each Lender funds its Revolving Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u> to reimburse the L/C Issuer for any amount drawn under any Letter of Credit, interest in respect of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such amount shall be solely for the account of the L/C Issuer.
- (v) Each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse the L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this Section 2.03(c), shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the L/C Issuer, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default, or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) is subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01) of the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (other than delivery by the Borrower of a Loan Notice). No such making of an L/C Advance shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for the amount of any payment made by the L/C Issuer under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as provided herein.
- (vi) If any Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.03(c) by the time specified in Section 2.03(c)(ii), then, without limiting the other provisions of this Credit Agreement, the L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent), on

demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the L/C Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the L/C Issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the L/C Issuer in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan included in the relevant Borrowing or L/C Advance in respect of the relevant L/C Borrowing, as the case may be. A certificate of the L/C Issuer submitted to any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (vi) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Repayment of Participations.

- (i) At any time after the L/C Issuer has made a payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any Lender such Lender's L/C Advance in respect of such payment in accordance with Section 2.03(c), if the Administrative Agent receives for the account of the L/C Issuer any payment in respect of the related Unreimbursed Amount or interest thereon (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by the Administrative Agent), the Administrative Agent will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's L/C Advance was outstanding) in the same funds as those received by the Administrative Agent.
- (ii) If any payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in Section 11.05 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Lender, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Credit Agreement.
- (e) <u>Obligations Absolute</u>. The obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Credit Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:
 - (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of such Letter of Credit, this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document;
 - (ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that any Credit Party or any Subsidiary may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), the L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this Credit Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;

- (iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;
- (iv) waiver by the L/C Issuer of any requirement that exists for the L/C Issuer's protection and not the protection of the Borrower;
- (v) honor of a demand for payment presented electronically even if such Letter of Credit requires that demand be in the form of a draft;
- (vi) any payment made by the L/C Issuer in respect of an otherwise complying item presented after the date specified as the expiration date of, or the date by which documents must be received under such Letter of Credit if presentation after such date is authorized by the ISP or the UCP, as applicable;
- (vii) any payment by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law; or
- (viii) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Credit Party or any Subsidiary.

The Borrower shall promptly examine a copy of each Letter of Credit and each amendment thereto that is delivered to it and, in the event of any claim of noncompliance with the Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, the Borrower will promptly notify the L/C Issuer. The Borrower shall be conclusively deemed to have waived any such claim against the L/C Issuer and its correspondents unless such notice is given as aforesaid.

Role of L/C Issuer. Each Lender and the Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall not have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by such Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering any such document. None of the L/C Issuer, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of the L/C Issuer shall be liable to any Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of the Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct; or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document. The Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferee with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; provided, however, that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude the Borrower's pursuing such rights and remedies as it may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the L/C Issuer, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of

the L/C Issuer shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in clauses (i) through (viii) of Section 2.03(e); provided, however, that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower may have a claim against the L/C Issuer, and the L/C Issuer may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by the L/C Issuer's willful misconduct or gross negligence or the L/C Issuer's willful failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the beneficiary of a sight draft and certificate(s) strictly complying with the terms and conditions of a Letter of Credit unless the L/C Issuer is prevented or prohibited from so paying as a result of any order or directive of any court or other Governmental Authority. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the L/C Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in order, without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary (or the L/C Issuer may refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit), and the L/C Issuer shall not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign a Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason. The L/C Issuer may send a Letter of Credit or conduct any communication to or from the beneficiary via the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication ("SWIFT") message or overnight courier, or any other commercially reasonable means of communicating with a beneficiary.

- (g) Applicability of ISP and UCP. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the L/C Issuer and the Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued (including any such agreement applicable to an Existing Letter of Credit), (i) the rules of the ISP shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit and (ii) the rules of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as most recently published by the International Chamber of Commerce at the time of issuance shall apply to each commercial Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the L/C Issuer shall not be responsible to the Borrower for, and the L/C Issuer's rights and remedies against the Borrower shall not be impaired by, any action or inaction of the L/C Issuer required under any law, order, or practice that is required to be applied to any Letter of Credit or this Credit Agreement, including the Law or any order of a jurisdiction where the L/C Issuer or the beneficiary is located, the practice stated in the ISP or UCP, as applicable, or in the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade International Financial Services Association (BAFT-IFSA), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, whether or not any Letter of Credit chooses such law or practice.
- (h) <u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage a Letter of Credit fee (the "<u>Letter of Credit Fee</u>") (i) for each commercial Letter of Credit, equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit and (ii) for each standby Letter of Credit, equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit; provided, however, any Letter of Credit Fees otherwise payable for the account of a Defaulting Lender with respect to any Letter of Credit as to which such Defaulting Lender has not provided Cash Collateral satisfactory to the L/C Issuer pursuant to this <u>Section 2.03</u> shall be payable, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Laws, as provided in <u>Section 2.15(b)</u>, to the other Lenders in accordance with the upward adjustments in their respective Applicable Percentages allocable to such Letter of Credit pursuant to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u>, with the balance of such fee, if any, payable to the L/C Issuer for its own account. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of

such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. Letter of Credit Fees shall be (i) due and payable on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand and (ii) computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, all Letter of Credit Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.

- Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuer. The Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee (i) with respect to each commercial Letter of Credit, at the rate specified in (A) the Bank of America Fee Letter, with respect to Letters of Credit issued by Bank of America in its capacity as L/C Issuer and (B) writing between the Borrower and any L/C Issuer other than Bank of America in its capacity as L/C Issuer, in each case, computed on the amount of such Letter of Credit, and payable upon the issuance thereof, (ii) with respect to any amendment of a commercial Letter of Credit increasing the amount of such Letter of Credit, at a rate separately agreed between the Borrower and the L/C Issuer, computed on the amount of such increase, and payable upon the effectiveness of such amendment, and (iii) with respect to each standby Letter of Credit, at the rate per annum specified in the applicable Fee Letter, computed on the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such fronting fee shall be due and payable on the tenth Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December in respect of the most recently-ended quarterly period (or portion thereof, in the case of the first payment), commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. In addition, the Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account the customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of the L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.
- (j) <u>Conflict with Issuer Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Document, the terms hereof shall control.
- (k) <u>Letters of Credit Issued for Subsidiaries</u>. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder is in support of any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary, the Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the L/C Issuer hereunder for any and all drawings under such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account of Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

(I) New or Successor L/C Issuer.

(i) Any L/C Issuer may resign as an issuer of Letters of Credit upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower. Subject to the terms of the following sentence, the Borrower may replace any L/C Issuer for any reason upon written notice to the Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer, and the Borrower may add one or more additional L/C Issuers at

any time upon notice to the Administrative Agent. If the L/C Issuer shall resign or be replaced, or if the Borrower shall decide to add a new L/C Issuer under this Credit Agreement, then the Borrower may appoint any Lender as a successor issuer of Letters of Credit or a new L/C Issuer, as the case may be, with the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) and the acceptance of such appointment by such Lender, whereupon such successor L/C Issuer shall succeed to the rights, powers and duties of the replaced or resigning L/C Issuer under this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents, or such new issuer of Letters of Credit shall be granted the rights, powers and duties of an L/C Issuer hereunder, and the term "L/C Issuer" shall include such successor or such new issuer of Letters of Credit effective upon such appointment. At the time such resignation or replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay to the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer all accrued and unpaid fees pursuant to Section 2.03(h) and (i). The acceptance of any appointment by any Lender as an L/C Issuer hereunder, whether as a successor issuer or new issuer of Letters of Credit in accordance with this Credit Agreement, shall be evidenced by an agreement entered into by such new or successor issuer of Letters of Credit, in a form satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and, from and after the effective date of such agreement, such new or successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall be an "L/C Issuer" hereunder. After the resignation or replacement of an L/C Issuer hereunder, the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents solely with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such resignation or replacement and only for so long as such Letters of Credit remain outstanding, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit. In connection with any resignation or replacement pursuant to this clause (i) (but, in case of any such resignation, only to the extent that a successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall have been appointed), either (A) the Borrower, the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer and the successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall arrange to have any outstanding Letters of Credit issued by the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer replaced with Letters of Credit issued by the successor issuer of Letters of Credit or (B) the Borrower shall cause the successor issuer of Letters of Credit, if such successor issuer is reasonably satisfactory to the replaced or resigning L/C Issuer, to issue "back-stop" Letters of Credit naming the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer as beneficiary for each outstanding Letter of Credit issued by the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer, which new Letters of Credit shall have a face amount equal to the Letters of Credit being back-stopped, and the sole requirement for drawing on such new Letters of Credit shall be a drawing on the corresponding back-stopped Letters of Credit. After any resigning or replaced L/C Issuer's resignation or replacement as L/C Issuer, the provisions of this Credit Agreement relating to an L/C Issuer shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it (A) while it was an L/C Issuer under this Credit Agreement or (B) at any time with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer.

(ii) To the extent that there are, at the time of any resignation or replacement as set forth in clause (i) above, any outstanding Letters of Credit, nothing herein shall be deemed to impact or impair any rights and obligations of any of the parties hereto with respect to such outstanding Letters of Credit (including, without limitation, any obligations related to the payment of fees pursuant to Section 2.03(h) and (i) or the reimbursement or funding of amounts drawn), except that the Borrower, the resigning or replaced L/C Issuer and the successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall have the obligations regarding outstanding Letters of Credit described in clause (i) above.

- (m) <u>Letters of Credit Reports</u>. Unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent, each L/C Issuer shall, in addition to its notification obligations set forth elsewhere in this <u>Section 2.03</u>, provide the Administrative Agent a Letter of Credit Report, as set forth below:
 - (i) reasonably prior to the time that such L/C Issuer issues, amends, renews, increases or extends a Letter of Credit, the date of such issuance, amendment, renewal, increase or extension and the stated amount of the applicable Letters of Credit after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, renewal or extension (and whether the amounts thereof shall have changed);
 - (ii) on each Business Day on which such L/C Issuer makes a payment pursuant to a Letter of Credit, the date and amount of such payment;
 - (iii) on any Business Day on which the Borrower fails to reimburse a payment made pursuant to a Letter of Credit required to be reimbursed to such L/C Issuer on such day, the date of such failure and the amount of such payment;
 - (iv) on any other Business Day, such other information as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request as to the Letters of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer; and
 - (v) for so long as any Letter of Credit issued by an L/C Issuer is outstanding, such L/C Issuer shall deliver to the Administrative Agent (A) on the last Business Day of each calendar month, (B) at all other times a Letter of Credit Report is required to be delivered pursuant to this Credit Agreement, and (C) on each date that (1) an L/C Credit Extension occurs or (2) there is any expiration, cancellation and/or disbursement, in each case, with respect to any such Letter of Credit, a Letter of Credit Report appropriately completed with the information for every outstanding Letter of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer.

2.04 Swingline Loans.

Swingline Facility. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Swingline Lender, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.04, may in its sole discretion make loans (each such loan, a "Swingline Loan") to the Borrower in Dollars from time to time on any Business Day during the Availability Period in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Swingline Sublimit or the Swingline Lender's Swingline Commitment, notwithstanding the fact that such Swingline Loans, when aggregated with the Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Loans and L/C Obligations of the Lender acting as Swingline Lender, may exceed the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment; provided, however, that after giving effect to any Swingline Loan, (i) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, and (ii) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment; provided, further, that the Borrower shall not use the proceeds of any Swingline Loan to refinance any outstanding Swingline Loan. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.04, prepay under Section 2.05, and reborrow under this Section 2.04. Each Swingline Loan shall bear interest only at a rate based on the Base Rate. Immediately upon the making of a Swingline Loan, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the Swingline Lender a risk participation in such Swingline Loan in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Swingline Loan.

Borrowing Procedures. Each Borrowing of Swingline Loans shall be made upon the Borrower's irrevocable notice to the Swingline Lender and the Administrative Agent, which may be given by (A) a Swingline Loan Notice or (B) telephone. Each such notice must be received by the Swingline Lender and the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the requested borrowing date, and shall specify (i) the amount to be borrowed, which shall be a minimum principal amount of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) the requested borrowing date, which shall be a Business Day. Each such telephonic notice must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Swingline Lender and the Administrative Agent of a Swingline Loan Notice. Promptly after receipt by the Swingline Lender of any Swingline Loan Notice, the Swingline Lender will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has also received such Swingline Loan Notice and, if not, the Swingline Lender will notify the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) of the contents thereof. Unless the Swingline Lender has received notice (by telephone or in writing) from the Administrative Agent (including at the request of any Lender) prior to 2:00 p.m. on the date of the proposed Borrowing of Swingline Loans (A) directing the Swingline Lender not to make such Swingline Loan as a result of the limitations set forth in the first proviso to the first sentence of Section 2.04(a), or (B) that one (1) or more of the applicable conditions specified in Article V is not then satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 11.01), then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Swingline Lender will, not later than 3:00 p.m. on the borrowing date specified in such Swingline Loan Notice, make the amount of its Swingline Loan available to the Borrower at its office by crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of the Swingline Lender in immediately available funds.

(c) Refinancing of Swingline Loans.

- The Swingline Lender may at any time in its sole and absolute discretion request, on behalf of the Borrower (which hereby irrevocably authorizes the Swingline Lender to so request on its behalf), that each Lender make a Revolving Loan that is a Base Rate Loan in an amount equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding (after giving effect to any reallocation pursuant to Section 2.15(b)). Such request shall be made in writing (which written request shall be deemed to be a Loan Notice for purposes hereof) and in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.02, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified therein for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01) of the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (other than the delivery of a Loan Notice); provided that, after giving effect to such Borrowing, the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. The Swingline Lender shall furnish the Borrower with a copy of the applicable Loan Notice promptly after delivering such notice to the Administrative Agent. Each Lender shall make an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the amount specified in such Loan Notice available to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds (and the Administrative Agent may apply Cash Collateral available with respect to the applicable Swingline Loan) for the account of the Swingline Lender at the Administrative Agent's Office not later than 1:00 p.m. on the day specified in such Loan Notice, whereupon, subject to Section 2.04(c)(ii), each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so received to the Swingline Lender.
- (ii) If for any reason any Swingline Loan cannot be refinanced by such a Borrowing of Revolving Loans in accordance with Section 2.04(c)(i), the request for

Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans submitted by the Swingline Lender as set forth herein shall be deemed to be a request by the Swingline Lender that each of the Lenders fund its risk participation in the relevant Swingline Loan and each Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swingline Lender pursuant to Section 2.04(c)(i) shall be deemed payment in respect of such participation.

- If any Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swingline Lender any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.04(c) by the time specified in Section 2.04(c)(i), the Swingline Lender shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the Swingline Lender at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Swingline Lender in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Swingline Lender in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan included in the relevant Borrowing or funded participation in the relevant Swingline Loan, as the case may be. A certificate of the Swingline Lender submitted to any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (iii) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (iv) Each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans or to purchase and fund risk participations in Swingline Loans pursuant to this Section 2.04(c) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right that such Lender may have against the Swingline Lender, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default, or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans pursuant to this Section 2.04(c) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 5.02. No such funding of risk participations shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to repay Swingline Loans, together with interest as provided herein.

(d) Repayment of Participations.

- (i) At any time after any Lender has purchased and funded a risk participation in a Swingline Loan, if the Swingline Lender receives any payment on account of such Swingline Loan, the Swingline Lender will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage of such payment (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's risk participation was funded) in the same funds as those received by the Swingline Lender.
- (ii) If any payment received by the Swingline Lender in respect of principal or interest on any Swingline Loan is required to be returned by the Swingline Lender under any of the circumstances described in <u>Section 11.05</u> (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Swingline Lender in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Swingline Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate. The

Administrative Agent will make such demand upon the request of the Swingline Lender. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Credit Agreement.

- (e) <u>Interest for Account of Swingline Lender</u>. The Swingline Lender shall be responsible for invoicing the Borrower for interest on the Swingline Loans. Until each Lender funds its Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans or risk participation pursuant to this <u>Section 2.04</u> to refinance such Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Swingline Loan, interest in respect of such Applicable Percentage shall be solely for the account of the Swingline Lender.
- (f) <u>Payments Directly to Swingline Lender</u>. The Borrower shall make all payments of principal and interest in respect of the Swingline Loans directly to the Swingline Lender.

2.05 Prepayments.

(a) Voluntary Prepayments of Loans.

- Revolving Loans and Term Loans. The Borrower may, in its sole and absolute discretion, upon notice from the Borrower to the Administrative Agent pursuant to delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Notice of Loan Prepayment, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay Revolving Loans or any Term Loan, as specified by the Borrower, in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that (A) such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (1) three (3) Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans and (2) on the date of prepayment of Base Rate Loans; (B) any such prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding); (C) any prepayment of Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding) and (D) any prepayment of the Term Loans shall be applied on a pro rata basis (or, in the case any Term Loans other than the Term Loans A, on a less than pro rata basis if agreed by the Lenders of such Term Loans) among the Term Loans then existing, with such prepayment being applied to the remaining principal amortization payments thereunder as directed by the Borrower. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by the Borrower, the Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Subject to Section 2.15, each such prepayment shall be applied to the Loans of the Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.
- (ii) <u>Swingline Loans</u>. The Borrower may, upon notice to the Swingline Lender pursuant to delivery to the Swingline Lender of a Notice of Loan Prepayment (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at any time or from time to time, voluntarily prepay Swingline Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; <u>provided</u> that (i) such notice must be received by the Swingline Lender and the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date of the prepayment, and (ii) any such prepayment shall be

in a minimum principal amount of \$100,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal thereof then outstanding). Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment. If such notice is given by the Borrower, the Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments of Loans.

- (i) Revolving Commitments. If for any reason the Total Revolving Outstandings at any time exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments then in effect, the Borrower shall immediately prepay Revolving Loans and/or Swingline Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; provided, however, that the Borrower shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this Section 2.05(b)(i) unless after the prepayment in full of the Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans the Total Revolving Outstandings exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments then in effect.
- Dispositions and Recovery Events. Within five (5) Business Days of receipt thereof, the Borrower shall prepay the Term Loans as hereafter provided in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Net Cash Proceeds actually received by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary from all Dispositions (other than Permitted Dispositions and Dispositions permitted under Sections 8.04(a)(i), Section 8.04(a)(iv), 8.04(a)(vii)(B)(2), 8.04(a)(vii)(C), 8.04(a)(vii)(D) and 8.04(a)(viii)) and Recovery Events to the extent such Net Cash Proceeds are not reinvested in assets (excluding current assets as classified by GAAP) that are useful in the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries within three hundred sixty (360) days following actual receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds; provided, however, if any portion of such Net Cash Proceeds are not so reinvested within such three hundred sixty (360) day period but within such three hundred sixty (360) day period are contractually committed to be reinvested, then upon the termination of such contract or if such Net Cash Proceeds are not so reinvested within five hundred forty (540) days of actual receipt thereof, such remaining portion shall constitute Net Cash proceeds as of the date of such termination or expiry and shall be immediately applied as set forth in this Section 2.05(b); provided, further, that no such prepayment shall be required with respect to any individual Disposition (for such purpose, treating any series of related Dispositions as a single such transaction) that generates Net Cash Proceeds of \$5,000,000 or less.
- (iii) <u>Debt Issuances</u>. Within one (1) Business Day of actual receipt by any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Debt Issuance, the Borrower shall prepay the Term Loans as hereafter provided in an aggregate amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of such Net Cash Proceeds.
- (iv) <u>Application of Mandatory Prepayments</u>. All amounts required to be paid pursuant to this <u>Section 2.05(b)</u> shall be applied as follows:
 - (A) with respect to all amounts prepaid pursuant to Section 2.05(b)(i), first, ratably to the L/C Borrowings and the Swingline Loans, second, to the outstanding Revolving Loans, and, third, to Cash Collateralize the remaining L/C Obligations; and

(B) with respect to all amounts prepaid pursuant to <u>Sections</u> 2.05(b)(ii) and (iii), <u>first</u>, ratably to the Term Loans (with such amounts being applied to the first four remaining principal amortization payments thereof in direct order of maturity and then ratably to all remaining principal amortization payments), <u>second</u>, ratably to the L/C Borrowings and the Swingline Loans, and <u>third</u>, to the outstanding Revolving Loans (without any corresponding permanent reduction in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments).

Within the parameters of the applications set forth above, prepayments shall be applied first to Base Rate Loans and then to Eurodollar Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this <u>Section 2.05(b)</u> shall be subject to <u>Section 3.05</u>, but otherwise without premium or penalty, and shall be accompanied by interest on the principal amount prepaid through the date of prepayment.

Eurodollar Prepayment Account. If the Borrower is required to make a mandatory prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans under this Section 2.05(b), so long as no Event of Default exists, the Borrower shall have the right, in lieu of making such prepayment in full, to deposit an amount equal to such mandatory prepayment with the Administrative Agent in a cash collateral account maintained (pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) by and in the sole dominion and control of the Administrative Agent. Any amounts so deposited shall be held by the Administrative Agent as collateral for the prepayment of such Eurodollar Rate Loans and shall be applied to the prepayment of the applicable Eurodollar Rate Loans at the end of the current Interest Periods applicable thereto or, sooner, at the election of the Administrative Agent, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default. At the request of the Borrower, amounts so deposited shall be invested by the Administrative Agent in Cash Equivalents maturing on or prior to the date or dates on which it is anticipated that such amounts will be applied to prepay such Eurodollar Rate Loans; any interest earned on such Cash Equivalents will be for the account of the Borrower and the Borrower will deposit with the Administrative Agent the amount of any loss on any such Cash Equivalents to the extent necessary in order that the amount of the prepayment to be made with the deposited amounts shall not be reduced.

2.06 <u>Termination or Reduction of Aggregate Revolving Commitments.</u>

The Borrower may, upon notice to the Administrative Agent, terminate the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Revolving Commitments to an amount not less than the Total Revolving Outstandings; provided that (i) any such notice shall be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 12:00 noon three (3) Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and (iii) if, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swingline Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, such sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any such notice of termination or reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. Except as provided in Section 2.15(e), any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be applied to the Revolving Commitment of each Lender according to its Applicable Percentage. All fees accrued with respect thereto until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

2.07 Repayment of Loans.

- (a) <u>Revolving Loans</u>. The Borrower shall repay to the Lenders on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans outstanding on such date.
- (b) <u>Swingline Loans</u>. The Borrower shall repay each Swingline Loan on the earlier to occur of (i) the date ten (10) Business Days after such Swingline Loan is made and (ii) the Maturity Date.
- (c) <u>Term Loan A</u>. The Borrower shall repay the outstanding principal amount of the Term Loan A in installments on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the table below (as such installments may hereafter be adjusted as a result of prepayments made pursuant to <u>Section 2.05</u>), unless accelerated sooner pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u>; <u>provided</u> that if the payment date set forth below is not a Business Day, payment shall be due on the immediately preceding Business Day:

	Principal Amortization
Payment Dates	Payment
March 15, 2022	\$4,375,000.00
June 15, 2022	\$4,375,000.00
September 15, 2022	\$4,375,000.00
December 15, 2022	\$4,375,000.00
March 15, 2023	\$4,375,000.00
June 15, 2023	\$4,375,000.00
September 15, 2023	\$4,375,000.00
December 15, 2023	\$4,375,000.00
March 15, 2024	\$4,375,000.00
June 15, 2024	\$4,375,000.00
September 15, 2024	\$4,375,000.00
December 15, 2024	\$4,375,000.00
March 15, 2025	\$4,375,000.00
June 15, 2025	\$4,375,000.00
September 15, 2025	\$4,375,000.00
December 15, 2025	\$4,375,000.00
March 15, 2026	\$4,375,000.00

The Outstanding Amount of the Term Loan A, together with unpaid accrued interest, shall be due and payable in full on the Maturity Date.

(d) <u>Additional Term Loans</u>. The Outstanding Amount of any Additional Term Loan established as an Incremental Credit Facility hereunder shall be repayable as provided in the documentation establishing such Additional Term Loan. Amounts repaid on any Additional Term Loan may not be reborrowed.

2.08 Interest.

(a) Subject to the provisions of <u>clause (b)</u> below, with respect to the Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans, (i) each Eurodollar Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the sum of the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate; (ii) each Base Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date

at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate; and (iii) each Swingline Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate. Any Additional Term Loan established as Incremental Credit Facilities hereunder shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof as provided in the loan documentation establishing such Additional Term Loan.

- (b) (i) If any amount of principal of any Loan is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
 - (ii) If any amount (other than principal of any Loan) payable by the Borrower under any Credit Document is not paid when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, after giving effect to any applicable grace period, then upon the request of the Required Lenders, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
 - (iii) Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.
- (c) Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.

2.09 Fees.

In addition to certain fees described in clauses (h) and (i) of Section 2.03:

- Commitment Fee. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, a commitment fee (the "Commitment Fee") equal to the product of (i) the Applicable Rate times (ii) the actual daily amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Commitments exceed the sum of (y) the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Loans and (z) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.15. The Commitment Fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one (1) or more of the conditions in Article V is not satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 11.01), and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The Commitment Fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. For purposes of clarification, Swingline Loans shall not be considered outstanding for purposes of determining the unused portion of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments.
- (b) Fee Letters. The Borrower shall pay to the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Administrative Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times

specified in the respective Fee Letters. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

2.10 Computation of Interest and Fees; Retroactive Adjustments of Applicable Rate.

- (a) All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans (including Base Rate Loans determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) shall be made on the basis of a year of three hundred sixty-five (365) or three hundred sixty-six (366) days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365-day year). Interest shall accrue on each Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is repaid or prepaid, provided that any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.12(a), bear interest for one (1) day. Each determination by the Administrative Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.
- If, as a result of any restatement of or other adjustment to the financial statements of the Borrower or for any other reason, the Borrower or the Lenders determine that (i) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as calculated by the Borrower as of any applicable date was inaccurate and (ii) a proper calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would have resulted in higher pricing for such period, the Borrower shall immediately and retroactively be obligated to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, promptly on demand by the Administrative Agent (or, after the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code, automatically and without further action by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), an amount equal to the excess of the amount of interest and fees that should have been paid for such period over the amount of interest and fees actually paid for such period. This clause (b) shall not limit the rights of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under Section 2.03(c)(iii), 2.03(h) or 2.08(b) or under Article IX. The Borrower's obligations under this clause (b) shall survive through and including the date that is one year after date of the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the repayment of all Obligations hereunder (other than contingent Obligations hereunder with respect to which no claim has been made).

2.11 Evidence of Debt.

(a) The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one (1) or more accounts or records maintained by such Lender and by the Administrative Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Administrative Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by the Lenders to the Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through the Administrative Agent) a promissory note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each such promissory note shall (i) in the case of Revolving Loans, be in the form of Exhibit 2.11(a)-1 (a "Revolving Note"), (ii) in the

case of Swingline Loans, be in the form of Exhibit 2.11(a)-2 (a "Swingline Note") and (iii) in the case of any Term Loan, be in the form of Exhibit 2.11(a)-3 (a "Term Note"). Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.

(b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in <u>clause (a)</u>, each Lender and the Administrative Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.12 Payments Generally; Administrative Agent's Clawback.

- (a) General. All payments to be made by the Borrower shall be made free and clear of, and without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by the Borrower hereunder shall be made to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Administrative Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. The Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by the Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by the Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.
- Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing of Eurodollar Rate Loans (or, in the case of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Borrowing) that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.02 (or, in the case of a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by Section 2.02) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Administrative Agent in connection with the foregoing, and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If the Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Borrowing to the

Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

(ii) Payments by Borrower; Presumptions by Administrative Agent. Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or any L/C Issuer hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due. With respect to any payment that the Administrative Agent makes for the account of the Lenders or any L/C Issuer hereunder as to which the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that any of the following applies (such payment referred to as the "Rescindable Amount"): (1) the Borrower has not in fact made such payment; (2) the Administrative Agent has made a payment in excess of the amount so paid by the Borrower (whether or not then owed); or (3) the Administrative Agent has for any reason otherwise erroneously made such payment; then each of the Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the Rescindable Amount so distributed to such Lender or such L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this <u>clause</u> (b) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent. If any Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II, and such funds are not made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in Article V are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, the Administrative Agent shall promptly return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) Obligations of Lenders Several. The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans and to make payments pursuant to Section 11.04(c) are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under Section 11.04(c) on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under Section 11.04(c).
- (e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.

(f) <u>Insufficient Funds</u>. If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, L/C Borrowings, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) <u>first</u>, toward payment of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) <u>second</u>, toward payment of principal and L/C Borrowings then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and L/C Borrowings then due to such parties.

2.13 Sharing of Payments by Lenders.

If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of the Loans made by it, or the participations in L/C Obligations or in Swingline Loans held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its pro rata share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them, provided that:

- (i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
- (ii) the provisions of this <u>Section 2.13</u> shall not be construed to apply to (A) any payment made by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Credit Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (B) the application of Cash Collateral provided for in <u>Section 2.14</u>, or (C) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations or Swingline Loans to any assignee or participant, other than an assignment to any Credit Party or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this <u>Section 2.13</u> shall apply).

Each Credit Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable Laws, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Credit Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Credit Party in the amount of such participation.

2.14 <u>Cash Collateral.</u>

(a) <u>Certain Credit Support Events</u>. If (i) the L/C Issuer has honored any full or partial drawing request under any Letter of Credit and such drawing has resulted in an L/C Borrowing, (ii) as of the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, (iii) the Borrower shall be required to provide Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section 9.02(c)</u> or (iv) there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower shall immediately (in the case of <u>clause (iii)</u> above) or within one Business Day (in all other cases) following any request by the Administrative Agent or the L/C Issuer provide Cash Collateral in an amount not less than the applicable Minimum Collateral Amount (determined in the case of Cash Collateral

provided pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> above, after giving effect to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u> and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).

- Grant of Security Interest. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to (and subjects to the control of) the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein, and all other property so provided as collateral pursuant hereto, and in all proceeds of the foregoing, all as security for the obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to Section 2.14(c). If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent or the L/C Issuer as herein provided (other than Liens permitted under clause (k) in the definition of "Permitted Liens"), or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount, the Borrower or the relevant Defaulting Lender will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency. All Cash Collateral (other than credit support not constituting funds subject to deposit) shall be maintained in blocked, noninterest bearing deposit accounts at Bank of America. The Borrower or the relevant Defaulting Lender shall pay on demand therefor from time to time all customary account opening, activity and other administrative fees and charges in connection with the maintenance and disbursement of Cash Collateral.
- (c) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Credit Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this <u>Section 2.14</u> or <u>Sections 2.03</u>, <u>2.05</u>, <u>2.15</u> or <u>9.02</u> in respect of Letters of Credit shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific L/C Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.
- (d) Release. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or to secure other obligations shall be released promptly following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender (or, as appropriate, its assignee following compliance with Section 11.06(b)(vi))) or (ii) the good faith determination by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer that there exists excess Cash Collateral; provided, however, the Person providing Cash Collateral and the L/C Issuer may agree that Cash Collateral shall not be released but instead held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

2.15 Defaulting Lenders.

- (a) <u>Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Credit Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable Law:
 - (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Credit Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of "Required Lenders" and Section 11.01.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article IX or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 11.08 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 2.14; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Credit Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Credit Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuer's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Credit Agreement, in accordance with Section 2.14; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Credit Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Credit Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or L/C Borrowings in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments hereunder without giving effect to Section 2.15(b). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.15(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) Certain Fees.

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> for any period during which such Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to such Defaulting Lender).

- (B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to Section 2.14.
- (C) With respect to any fee payable under Section 2.09(a) or any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (A) or (B) above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations or Swingline Loans that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 2.15(b) below, (y) pay to the L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender, as applicable, the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such L/C Issuer's or Swingline Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.
- (b) Reallocation of Applicable Percentages to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation; provided, however, that any such claim shall be subject to Section 11.19.
- (c) <u>Cash Collateral, Repayment of Swingline Loans</u>. If the reallocation described in <u>Section 2.15(b)</u> above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under applicable Law, (x) first, prepay Swingline Loans in an amount equal to the Swingline Lenders' Fronting Exposure and (y) second, Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.14.
- (d) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure.</u> If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the L/C Issuer agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral to be provided by such Lender), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages (without giving effect to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u>), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while such Lender was a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no

change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from such Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

- (e) <u>Non-Ratable Reduction of Revolving Commitments</u>. During any period in which there is a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower may (in its discretion) apply all or any portion (to be specified by the Borrower) of any optional reduction of unused Revolving Commitments of such Defaulting Lender as specified by the Borrower before applying any remaining reduction to all Revolving Lenders in the manner otherwise specified in <u>Section 2.06</u>.
- (f) New Swingline Loans/Letters of Credit. So long as any Revolving Lender is a Defaulting Lender, (i) the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loans unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect to such Swingline Loan and (ii) no L/C Issuer shall be required to issue, extend, increase, reinstate or renew any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

2.16 Reverse Dutch Auction Prepayments.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Credit Agreement, any Credit Party may at any time and from time to time purchase Term Loans at a purchase price to be determined in accordance with the Auction Procedures (each, an "Auction", and each such Auction to be managed exclusively by the Administrative Agent or another financial institution of recognized national standing selected by such Credit Party and reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (in such capacity, the "Auction Manager")), so long as the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (i) each Auction shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures, terms and conditions set forth in this Section 2.16 and the Auction Procedures;
 - (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom;
 - (iii) the principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of any Term Loan that such Credit Party offers to repay in any such Auction shall be no less than \$5,000,000 and whole increments of \$500,000 in excess thereof (unless another amount is agreed to by the Administrative Agent and the Auction Manager);
 - (iv) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of any Term Loan so prepaid by such Credit Party shall automatically be cancelled and retired by the Borrower on the settlement date of the relevant prepayment;
 - (v) no more than one Auction may be ongoing at any one time; and
 - (vi) any Auction shall be offered to all Lenders with a Commitment or outstanding Loans of the applicable Term Loan that is to be prepaid on a pro rata basis.
- (b) Any purchase of Term Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 2.16</u> shall be effective upon recordation in the Register (in the manner set forth above) by the Administrative Agent. Each assignment shall be recorded in the Register immediately following the completion of the relevant Auction conducted pursuant to the relevant Auction Procedures. The date of such recordation of a transfer shall be referred to in this Section 2.16 as the "Auction Effective Date".

After such assignments have been recorded in the Register, such Term Loans and, to the extent of such Term Loans, the Credit Party and the Borrower, shall each be removed by the Administrative Agent from the Register in their entirety. The processing and recordation fee as set forth in Section 11.06(b)(iv) shall not be applicable to any purchase of Term Loans pursuant to this Section 2.16 or the concurrent assignment of Term Loans by any Credit Party to the Borrower, in each case consummated pursuant to this Section 2.16.

- (c) Each Credit Party shall make payment of the purchase price for Term Loans accepted for purchase pursuant to the Auction Procedures by transmitting funds directly to the assigning Lender. Interest on such Term Loans accrued through the Auction Effective Date shall be paid to the Lender that has assigned such Term Loans on the Auction Effective Date.
- (d) The provisions of this <u>Section 2.16</u> shall not require any Credit Party to offer to purchase any Term Loans.
- (e) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby consent to the Auctions and the other transactions contemplated by this <u>Section 2.16</u> (<u>provided</u> that no Lender shall have an obligation to participate in any such Auctions) and hereby waive the requirements of any provision of this Credit Agreement (including, without limitation, <u>Sections 2.05</u> and <u>2.13</u>, it being understood and acknowledged that prepayments of the Term Loans by a Credit Party contemplated by this <u>Section 2.16</u> shall not constitute Investments by such Credit Party) that may otherwise prohibit any Auction or any other transaction contemplated by this <u>Section 2.16</u>. The Auction Manager acting in its capacity as such hereunder shall be entitled to the benefits of the provisions of <u>Article X</u> and <u>Section 11.04(b)</u> mutatis mutandis as if each reference therein to the "Administrative Agent" were a reference to the Auction Manager, and the Administrative Agent shall cooperate with the Auction Manager as reasonably requested by the Auction Manager in order to enable it to perform its responsibilities and duties in connection with each Auction.

2.17 Refinancing Facilities.

The Borrower may from time to time, request (x) one or more new term loan facilities to the credit facilities under this Credit Agreement (the "Specified Refinancing Term Loans") to refinance all or any portion of any Term Loans then outstanding under this Credit Agreement and/or (y) one or more new revolving facilities to the credit facilities under this Credit Agreement to refinance all or a portion of any class of Revolving Loans (the "Specified Refinancing Revolving Loans") or Revolving Commitments (the "Specified Refinancing Revolving Commitments" and together with any Specified Refinancing Term Loans or Refinancing Revolving Commitments, the "Specified Refinancing Facilities"), in each case pursuant to procedures reasonably specified by the Administrative Agent and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower; provided that such Specified Refinancing Facilities: (i) will rank pari passu in right of payment as the other Loans and Commitments hereunder; (ii) will not have obligors or contingent obligors that were not obligors or contingent obligors in respect of the Obligations; (iii) will be (A) unsecured or (B) secured by the Collateral on a pari passu or junior basis with the Obligations pursuant to an Acceptable Intercreditor Agreement that is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower; (iv) will have a maturity date that is not prior to the Maturity Date of, and will have a weighted average life to maturity that is not shorter than the weighted average life to maturity of, the Revolving Loans and/or Term Loans being refinanced, as applicable; (v) any Specified Refinancing Term Loan or Specified Refinancing Revolving Loan shall share ratably in any prepayments of the Loans pursuant to Section 2.05(b) (or otherwise provide for more favorable prepayment treatment for the then outstanding Loans other than the Specified Refinancing Term Loans); (vi) subject to clause (v)

above, shall have terms and conditions that are the same as the Loan(s) being refinanced or, if not consistent with the terms of the Loan(s) being refinanced, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; (vii) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time such Specified Refinancing Facilities are incurred; and (viii) the Net Cash Proceeds of such Specified Refinancing Facilities shall be applied, substantially concurrently with the incurrence thereof, to the pro rata prepayment of outstanding Loans being so refinanced, in each case pursuant to Sections 2.05 and 2.07, as applicable; provided, however, that such Specified Refinancing Facilities; (A) shall not have a principal or commitment amount greater than the Loans being refinanced (excluding accrued interest, fees (including original issue discount and upfront fees), discounts, premiums or expenses) and (B) may provide for any additional or different financial or other covenants or other provisions that are agreed among the Borrower and the lenders thereof and applicable only during periods after the Maturity Date of any of the Loans that remain outstanding after giving effect to such Specified Refinancing Facilities or the date on which all non-refinanced Obligations (other than contingent non-refinanced Obligations with respect to which no claim has been made) are paid in full.

- (b) The Borrower shall make any request for Specified Refinancing Facilities pursuant to a written notice to the Administrative Agent specifying in reasonable detail the proposed terms thereof. Any proposed Specified Refinancing Facilities may be provided by existing Lenders (it being understood that existing Lenders are not required to provide such proposed Specified Refinancing Facilities) or Eligible Assignees in such respective amounts as the Borrower may elect.
- The effectiveness of any Refinancing Amendment shall be subject to the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with Section 11.01) on the date thereof of each of the conditions set forth in clause (a) above and Section 5.02, and, to the extent reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, receipt by the Administrative Agent of legal opinions, board resolutions, officers' certificates and/or reaffirmation agreements, including any supplements or amendments to the Credit Documents providing for such Specified Refinancing Facilities to be secured thereby, generally consistent, where applicable, with those delivered on the First Amendment Effective Date (other than changes to such legal opinions resulting from a Change in Law, change in fact or change to counsel's form of opinion reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent). The Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into amendments to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents with the Borrower as may be necessary or desirable in order to establish any Specified Refinancing Facilities and to make such technical amendments as may be necessary or appropriate in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in connection with the establishment of such Specified Refinancing Facilities, in each case on terms consistent with and/or to effect the provisions of this Section 2.17, it being understood and agreed that no Lender shall be required to consent to such amendment.
- (d) Each class of Specified Refinancing Facilities incurred under this <u>Section 2.17</u> shall be in an aggregate principal amount that is (i) not less than \$25,000,000, or \$5,000,000 increments in excess thereof or (ii) the amount required to refinance all of the applicable class of Loans and/or Commitments.
- (e) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender as to the effectiveness of each Refinancing Amendment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 11.01, each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that, upon the effectiveness of any Refinancing Amendment, this Credit Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent (but only to the extent) necessary to reflect the existence and terms of the Specified Refinancing Facilities

incurred pursuant thereto (including the addition of such Specified Refinancing Facilities as separate facilities hereunder and treated in a manner consistent with the credit facilities under this Credit Agreement being refinanced, including for purposes of prepayments and voting). Any Refinancing Amendment may, without the consent of any Person other than the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders providing such Specified Refinancing Facilities and, in the case of any Specified Refinancing Revolving Loans or Specified Refinancing Revolving Commitments, the L/C Issuers, effect such amendments to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower to effect the provisions of or be consistent with this Section 2.17.

2.18 Amend and Extend Transactions.

- The Borrower may, by written notice to the Administrative Agent from time to (a) time, request an extension (each, an "Extension") of the Maturity Date of any Loans (and, as applicable, the Commitments relating thereto) to the extended maturity date specified in such notice. Such notice shall set forth (i) the amount of the Revolving Commitments and/or Term Loans to be extended (which shall be in minimum increments of \$5,000,000 and a minimum amount of \$25,000,000 or, if less, the remaining outstanding amount of Revolving Commitments and/or Term Loans), and (ii) the date on which such Extension is requested to become effective (which shall be not less than ten (10) Business Days nor more than sixty (60) days after the date of such Extension notice (or such longer or shorter periods as the Administrative Agent shall agree in its sole discretion)). Each Lender holding the relevant Commitments and/or Loans to be extended shall be offered (an "Extension Offer") an opportunity to participate in such Extension on a pro rata basis and on the same terms and conditions as each other Lender pursuant to procedures established by, or reasonably acceptable to, the Administrative Agent. Any Lender approached to participate in such Extension may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to participate in such Extension. If the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Commitments and/or Term Loans in respect of which Lenders shall have accepted the relevant Extension Offer shall exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount of Revolving Commitments and/or Term Loans, as applicable, subject to the Extension Offer as set forth in the Extension notice, then the Revolving Commitments and/or Term Loans, as applicable, of the applicable Lenders shall be extended ratably up to such maximum amount based on the respective principal amounts with respect to which such Lenders have accepted such Extension Offer.
- (b) The following shall be conditions precedent to the effectiveness of any Extension: (i) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing immediately prior to and immediately after giving effect to such Extension, (ii) the representations and warranties contained in Article VI and the other Credit Documents are true and correct in all material respects (or, if qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) on and as of the effective date of such Extension, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct in all material respects (or, if qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, in all respects) as of such earlier date, (iii) the L/C Issuers and the Swingline Lender shall have consented to any Extension of the Revolving Commitments, in each case to the extent that such Extension provides for the issuance or extension of Letters of Credit or making of Swingline Loans at any time during the extended period, and (iv) the terms of such Extended Revolving Commitments and Extended Term Loans shall comply with Section 2.18(c).
- (c) The terms of each Extension shall be determined by the Borrower and the applicable extending Lenders and set forth in an Extension Amendment; provided that (i) the final

maturity date of any Extended Revolving Commitment or Extended Term Loan shall be no earlier than the Maturity Date for the Revolving Commitments so extended or the Term Loans so extended, as applicable, (ii) (A) there shall be no scheduled amortization of the loans or reductions of commitments under any Extended Revolving Commitments, and (B) the weighted average life to maturity of the Extended Term Loans shall be no shorter than the remaining weighted average life to maturity of the Term Loans so extended, (iii) the Extended Revolving Loans and the Extended Term Loans will rank pari passu in right of payment and with respect to security with the existing Revolving Loans and the existing Term Loans and the borrower and guarantors of the Extended Revolving Commitments or Extended Term Loans, as applicable, shall be the same as the Borrower and Guarantors with respect to the existing Revolving Loans and the existing Term Loans, as applicable, (iv) the interest rate margin, rate floors, fees, original issue discount and premium applicable to any Extended Revolving Commitment (and the Extended Revolving Loans thereunder) and Extended Term Loans shall be determined by the Borrower and the applicable extending Lenders, and (v) to the extent the terms of the Extended Revolving Commitments or Extended Term Loans are inconsistent with the terms set forth herein (except as set forth in clause (i) through (iv) above), such terms shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

In connection with any Extension, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and each applicable extending Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Extension Amendment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 11.01, the Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into, and the Lenders agree that this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents shall be amended by, any Extension Amendment entered into in connection with any Extension to the extent (and only to the extent) the Administrative Agent deems necessary in order to (i) reflect the existence and terms of such Extension, (ii) make such other changes to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents consistent with the provisions and intent of such Extension, and (iii) effect such other amendments to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.18. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender as to the effectiveness of each Extension Amendment. The effectiveness of any Extension Amendment shall be subject to the receipt by the Administrative Agent of (A) to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, customary opinions of legal counsel to the Credit Parties, addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Lender (including each Person providing any portion of such Extension) dated as of the effective date of such Extension, and (ii) such other documents and certificates it may reasonably request relating to the necessary authority for such Extension, and any other matters relevant thereto, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE III.

TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

- 3.01 Taxes.
- (a) Payments Free of Taxes; Obligation to Withhold; Payments on Account of Taxes.
- (i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party under any Credit Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable Laws. If any applicable Laws (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Administrative Agent or any Credit Party, as applicable) require the deduction or

withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Administrative Agent or a Credit Party, then the Administrative Agent or such Credit Party shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding, upon the basis of the information and documentation to be delivered pursuant to clause (e) below.

- If any Credit Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by the Internal Revenue Code to withhold or deduct any Taxes, including both United States Federal backup withholding and withholding taxes, from any payment, then (A) the Administrative Agent shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by the Administrative Agent to be required based upon the information and documentation it has received pursuant to clause (e) below, (B) the Administrative Agent shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 3.01) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made. Each Recipient shall use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Credit Parties in seeking a refund of any payment made pursuant to this Section 3.01 in respect of Taxes that, in the opinion of the independent certified public accountants to the Borrower, were not correctly or legally asserted, unless, in such Recipient's sole discretion, such Recipient determines that such cooperation could have an adverse consequence to such Recipient.
- (iii) If any Credit Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by any applicable Laws other than the Internal Revenue Code to withhold or deduct any Taxes from any payment, then (A) such Credit Party or the Administrative Agent, as required by such Laws, shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by it, in its good faith discretion, to be required based upon the information and documentation it has received pursuant to clause (e) below, (B) such Credit Party or the Administrative Agent, to the extent required by such Laws, shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with such Laws, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 3.01) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made.
- (b) Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower. Without limiting the provisions of clause (a) above, the Credit Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) Tax Indemnifications.

(i) Each of the Credit Parties shall, and does hereby, jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after written demand therefor (accompanied by any supporting documentation received from the taxing authority imposing such Indemnified Taxes, except to the extent the applicable Recipient deems such information to be confidential), for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this <u>Section 3.01</u>) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to

such Recipient, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; provided, however, that no payment shall be required that would duplicate a payment made pursuant to clause (a) above. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender or the L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each of the Credit Parties shall, and does hereby, jointly and severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for any amount which a Lender or the L/C Issuer for any reason fails to pay indefeasibly to the Administrative Agent as required pursuant to Section 3.01(c)(ii) below.

- Each Lender and the L/C Issuer shall, and does hereby, severally indemnify, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after demand therefor, (A) the Administrative Agent against any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender or the L/C Issuer (but only to the extent that any Credit Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), (B) the Administrative Agent and the Credit Parties, as applicable, against any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 11.06(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (C) the Administrative Agent and the Credit Parties, as applicable, against any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent or a Credit Party in connection with any Credit Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this clause (ii).
- (d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. Upon request by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower or by the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this <u>Section 3.01</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent shall deliver to the Borrower, as the case may be, the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of any return required by Laws to report such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be.

(e) Status of Lenders; Tax Documentation.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding

anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in <u>Section 3.01(e)(ii)(A)</u>, (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,
 - (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Credit Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;
 - (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Credit Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
 - (1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Credit Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Credit Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;
 - (2) executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;
 - (3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 3.01(e)-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, as applicable; or
 - (4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 3.01(e)-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or

indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 3.01(e)-4</u> on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Credit Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Credit Agreement.
- (iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 3.01</u> expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.
- (f) Treatment of Certain Refunds. Unless required by applicable Laws, at no time shall the Administrative Agent have any obligation to file for or otherwise pursue on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, or have any obligation to pay to any Lender or the L/C Issuer, any refund of Taxes withheld or deducted from funds paid for the account of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be. If any Recipient determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund (including any application thereof to another amount owed to the refunding Governmental Authority) of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Credit Party or with respect to which any Credit Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.01, it shall pay to the Credit Party an amount equal to such refund (including any application thereof to another amount owed to the refunding Governmental Authority) (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by a Credit Party under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Credit Party, upon the request of the Recipient, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Credit Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the

Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund (including any application thereof to another amount owed to the refunding Governmental Authority) to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this clause (f), in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Credit Party pursuant to this clause (f) the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This clause (f) shall not be construed to require any Recipient to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to any Credit Party or any other Person.

(g) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 3.01</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender or the L/C Issuer, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

3.02 Illegality.

If any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of. Dollars in the London interbank market, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to the Borrower through the Administrative Agent, (i) any obligation of such Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended and (ii) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender making or maintaining Base Rate Loans the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender, shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, in each case until such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, (x) the Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all of such Lender's Eurodollar Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans (the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate), either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans and (y) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender determining or charging interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, the Administrative Agent shall during the period of such suspension compute the Base Rate applicable to such Lender without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component thereof until the Administrative Agent is advised in writing by such Lender that it is no longer illegal for such Lender to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.03 <u>Inability to Determine Rates.</u>

If the Required Lenders determine that for any reason in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof that (a) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period

of such Eurodollar Rate Loan, (b) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the Eurodollar Base Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan or in connection with an existing or proposed Base Rate Loan, or (c) the Eurodollar Base Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Loan, the Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended and (y) in the event of a determination described in the preceding sentence with respect to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, the utilization of the Eurodollar Rate component in determining the Base Rate shall be suspended, in each case until the Administrative Agent (upon the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein.

3.04 Increased Costs.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the Eurodollar Rate) or the L/C Issuer;
- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes,
 (B) Taxes described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through <u>(d)</u> of the definition of Excluded Taxes and
 (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its Ioans, Ioan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Credit Agreement or Eurodollar Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender of making, converting to or continuing or maintaining any Loan the interest on which is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender or the L/C Issuer of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) <u>Capital and Liquidity Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the L/C Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements has or would have the effect of materially reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Credit Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the L/C Issuer, to a level materially below that which such Lender or

the L/C Issuer or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company with respect to capital adequacy) by a cost or an amount the Lender deems in good faith material, then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in <u>clause (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> of this <u>Section 3.04</u> and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) days after receipt thereof.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 3.04</u> shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 3.04</u> for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than six (6) months prior to the date that such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the six (6)-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 3.04</u>, no Lender or L/C Issuer shall demand compensation for any increased cost or reduction pursuant to this <u>Section 3.04</u> if it shall not at the time be the general policy or practice of such Lender or L/C Issuer to demand such compensation from borrowers similarly situated in similar circumstances under comparable provisions of other credit agreements.

3.05 Compensation for Losses.

Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:

- (a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Eurodollar Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);
- (b) any failure by the Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Eurodollar Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or
- (c) any assignment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 11.13;

including any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it, excluding any loss of anticipated profits, to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. The Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under this <u>Section 3.05</u>, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it at the Eurodollar Base Rate used in determining the Eurodollar Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Eurodollar Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

- Designation of a Different Lending Office. If (x) any Lender requests (a) compensation under Section 3.04, (y) the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender, the L/C Issuer, or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 3.01, or (z) any Lender gives a notice pursuant to Section 3.02, then such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.01 or 3.04, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to Section 3.02, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by any Lender or the L/C Issuer in connection with any such designation or assignment.
- (b) <u>Replacement of Lenders</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, and, in each case, such Lender is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with <u>Section 3.06(a)</u>, the Borrower may replace such Lender in accordance with <u>Section 11.13</u>.

3.07 Successor LIBOR.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Documents, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), or the Borrower or the Required Lenders notify the Administrative Agent (with, in the case of the Required Lenders, a copy to the Borrower) that the Borrower or the Required Lenders (as applicable) have determined, that:
 - (i) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining LIBOR for any Interest Period hereunder or any other tenors of LIBOR, including, without limitation, because the LIBOR Screen Rate is not available or published on a current basis and such circumstances are unlikely to be temporary; or
 - (ii) the administrator of the LIBOR Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Administrative Agent or such administrator has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which LIBOR or the LIBOR

Screen Rate shall no longer be made available, or used for determining the interest rate of loans; <u>provided</u>, that, at the time of such statement, there is no successor administrator that is satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, that will continue to provide LIBOR after such specific date (such specific date, the "<u>Scheduled Unavailability Date</u>"); or

- (iii) the administrator of the LIBOR Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over such administrator has made a public statement announcing that all Interest Periods and other tenors of LIBOR are no longer representative; or
- (iv) syndicated loans currently being executed, or that include language similar to that contained in this Section, are being executed or amended (as applicable) to incorporate or adopt a new benchmark interest rate to replace LIBOR;

then, in the case of clauses (i)-(iii) above, on a date and time determined by the Administrative Agent (any such date, the "LIBOR Replacement Date"), which date shall be at the end of an Interest Period or on the relevant interest payment date, as applicable, for interest calculated and shall occur within a reasonable period of time after the occurrence of any of the events or circumstances under clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above and, solely with respect to clause (ii) above, no later than the Scheduled Unavailability Date, LIBOR will be replaced hereunder and under any Credit Document with, subject to the proviso below, the first available alternative set forth in the order below for any payment period for interest calculated that can be determined by the Administrative Agent, in each case, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document (the "LIBOR Successor Rate"); and any such rate before giving effect to the Related Adjustment, the "Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate"):

- (x) Term SOFR plus the Related Adjustment; and
- (y) SOFR plus the Related Adjustment;

and in the case of clause (iv) above, the Borrower and Administrative Agent may amend this Credit Agreement solely for the purpose of replacing LIBOR under this Credit Agreement and under any other Credit Document in accordance with the definition of "LIBOR Successor Rate" and such amendment will become effective at 5:00 p.m., on the fifth Business Day after the Administrative Agent shall have notified all Lenders and the Borrower of the occurrence of the circumstances described in clause (iv) above unless, prior to such time, Lenders comprising the Required Lenders have delivered to the Administrative Agent written notice that such Required Lenders object to the implementation of a LIBOR Successor Rate pursuant to such clause;

<u>provided</u>, that, if the Administrative Agent determines that Term SOFR has become available, is administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent and would have been identified as the Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate in accordance with the foregoing if it had been so available at the time that the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect was so identified, and the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and each Lender of such availability, then from and after the beginning of the Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, in each case, commencing no less than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, the Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate shall be Term SOFR and the LIBOR Successor Rate shall be Term SOFR plus the relevant Related Adjustment.

The Administrative Agent will promptly (in one or more notices) notify the Borrower and each Lender of (x) any occurrence of any of the events, periods or circumstances under clauses (i) through (iii) above, (y) a LIBOR Replacement Date and (z) the LIBOR Successor Rate.

Any LIBOR Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner consistent with market practice; <u>provided</u> that to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, such LIBOR Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything else herein, if at any time any LIBOR Successor Rate as so determined would otherwise be less than 0%, the LIBOR Successor Rate will be deemed to be 0% for the purposes of this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

In connection with the implementation of a LIBOR Successor Rate, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Credit Document, any amendments implementing such LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Credit Agreement; provided that, with respect to any such amendment effected, the Administrative Agent shall post each such amendment implementing such LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes to the Borrower and the Lenders reasonably promptly after such amendment becomes effective.

If the events or circumstances of the type described in Section 3.07(a)(i)-(iii) have occurred with respect to the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect, then the successor rate thereto shall be determined in accordance with the definition of "LIBOR Successor Rate."

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) after any such determination by the Administrative Agent or receipt by the Administrative Agent of any such notice described under Section 3.07(a)(i)-(iii), as applicable, if the Administrative Agent determines that none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available on or prior to the LIBOR Replacement Date, (ii) if the events or circumstances described in Section 3.07(a)(iv) have occurred but none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available, or (iii) if the events or circumstances of the type described in Section 3.07(c)(i)-(iii) have occurred with respect to the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect and the Administrative Agent determines that none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available, then in each case, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Credit Agreement solely for the purpose of replacing LIBOR or any then current LIBOR Successor Rate in accordance with this Section at the end of any Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, as applicable, with another alternate benchmark rate giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar Dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities for such alternative benchmarks and, in each case, including any Related Adjustments and any other mathematical or other adjustments to such benchmark giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar Dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities for such benchmarks, which adjustment or method for calculating such adjustment shall be published on an information service as selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion and may be periodically updated. For the avoidance of doubt, any such proposed rate and adjustments shall constitute a LIBOR Successor Rate. Any such amendment shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Business Day after the Administrative Agent shall have posted such proposed amendment to all Lenders and the Borrower unless, prior to such time, Lenders comprising the Required Lenders have delivered to the Administrative Agent written notice that such Required Lenders object to such amendment.

(c) If, at the end of any Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, no LIBOR Successor Rate has been determined in accordance with clause (a) or (b) of this Section and the circumstances under clauses (a)(i) or (a)(iii) above exist or the Scheduled Unavailability Date has occurred (as applicable), the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended, (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans, Interest Periods, interest payment dates or payment periods), and (y) the Eurodollar Rate component shall no longer be utilized in determining the Base Rate, until the LIBOR Successor Rate has been determined in accordance with clause (a) or (b) above. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans, Interest Periods, interest payment dates or payment periods) or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans (subject to the foregoing clause (y)) in the amount specified therein.

3.08 Survival.

All of the Credit Parties' obligations under this <u>Article III</u> shall survive termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, repayment of all other Obligations hereunder (other than contingent Obligations with respect to which no claim has been made), and resignation of the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE IV.

GUARANTY

4.01 The Guaranty.

Each of the Guarantors hereby jointly and severally guarantees to each Swap Contract Provider, each Treasury Management Bank, the Administrative Agent and each Lender, as primary obligor and not as surety, the prompt payment of the Obligations in full when due (whether at stated maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleration, as a mandatory Cash Collateralization or otherwise) strictly in accordance with the terms thereof. The Guarantors hereby further agree that if any of the Obligations are not paid in full when due (whether at stated maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleration, as a mandatory Cash Collateralization or otherwise), the Guarantors will, jointly and severally, promptly pay the same, without any demand or notice whatsoever, and that in the case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any of the Obligations, the same will be promptly paid in full when due (whether at extended maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleration, as a mandatory Cash Collateralization or otherwise) in accordance with the terms of such extension or renewal.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other of the Credit Documents, Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements, the obligations of each Guarantor under this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents shall not exceed an aggregate amount equal to the largest amount that would not render such obligations subject to avoidance under applicable Debtor Relief Laws.

4.02 Obligations Unconditional.

The obligations of the Guarantors under <u>Section 4.01</u> are joint and several, absolute and unconditional, irrespective of the value, genuineness, validity, regularity or enforceability of any of the Credit Documents, any Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements or any other documents

relating to the Obligations, or any substitution, release, impairment or exchange of any other guarantee of or security for any of the Obligations, and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws, irrespective of any other circumstance whatsoever which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a surety or guarantor (other than a payment in full of all outstanding Obligations, unless such any payment with respect to such Obligations is rescinded or must be otherwise restored by any holder of the Obligations), it being the intent of this Section 4.02 that the obligations of the Guarantors hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances. Each Guarantor agrees that such Guarantor shall have no right of subrogation, indemnity, reimbursement or contribution against the Borrower or any other Guarantor for amounts paid under this Article IV until such time as the Obligations have been paid in full and the Commitments have expired or terminated. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is agreed that, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, the occurrence of any one (1) or more of the following shall not alter or impair the liability of any Guarantor hereunder, which shall remain absolute and unconditional as described above:

- (a) at any time or from time to time, without notice to any Guarantor, the time for any performance of or compliance with any of the Obligations shall be extended, or such performance or compliance shall be waived;
- (b) any of the acts mentioned in any of the provisions of any of the Credit Documents, any Swap Contract between any Credit Party and any Swap Contract Provider or any Treasury Management Agreement between any Credit Party and any Treasury Management Bank, or any other agreement or instrument expressly incorporated by reference in the Credit Documents, such Swap Contracts or such Treasury Management Agreements shall be done or omitted:
- (c) the maturity of any of the Obligations shall be accelerated, or any of the Obligations shall be modified, supplemented or amended in any respect, or any right under any of the Credit Documents, any Swap Contract between any Credit Party and any Swap Contract Provider or any Treasury Management Agreement between any Credit Party and any Treasury Management Bank, or any other agreement or instrument expressly incorporated by reference in the Credit Documents, such Swap Contracts or such Treasury Management Agreements shall be waived or any other guarantee of any of the Obligations or any security therefor shall be released, impaired or exchanged in whole or in part or otherwise dealt with;
- (d) any Lien granted to, or in favor of, the Administrative Agent or any other holder of the Obligations as security for any of the Obligations shall fail to attach or be perfected; or
- (e) any of the Obligations shall be determined to be void or voidable (including, without limitation, for the benefit of any creditor of any Guarantor) or shall be subordinated to the claims of any Person (including, without limitation, any creditor of any Guarantor).

With respect to its obligations hereunder, each Guarantor hereby expressly waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, protest and all notices whatsoever, and any requirement that the Administrative Agent or any other holder of the Obligations exhaust any right, power or remedy or proceed against any Person under any of the Credit Documents, any Swap Contract between any Credit Party and any Swap Contract Provider or any Treasury Management Agreement between any Credit Party and any Treasury Management Bank, or any other agreement or instrument expressly incorporated by reference in the Credit Documents, such Swap Contracts or such Treasury Management Agreements, or against any other Person under any other guarantee of, or security for, any of the Obligations.

4.03 Reinstatement.

The obligations of the Guarantors under this <u>Article IV</u> shall be automatically reinstated if and to the extent that for any reason any payment by or on behalf of any Person in respect of the Obligations is rescinded or must be otherwise restored by any holder of any of the Obligations, whether as a result of any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, and each Guarantor agrees that it will indemnify the Administrative Agent and each other holder of the Obligations on demand for all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation, the fees, charges and disbursements of counsel) incurred by the Administrative Agent or such holder of the Obligations in connection with such rescission or restoration, including any such costs and expenses incurred in defending against any claim alleging that such payment constituted a preference, fraudulent transfer or similar payment under any Debtor Relief Law.

4.04 Certain Additional Waivers.

Each Guarantor further agrees that such Guarantor shall have no right of recourse to security for the Obligations, except through the exercise of rights of subrogation pursuant to <u>Section 4.02</u> and through the exercise of rights of contribution pursuant to <u>Section 4.06</u>.

4.05 Remedies.

The Guarantors agree that, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent and the other holders of the Obligations, on the other hand, the Obligations may be declared to be forthwith due and payable as specified in Section 9.02 (and shall be deemed to have become automatically due and payable in the circumstances specified in Section 9.02) for purposes of Section 9.02) notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such declaration (or preventing the Obligations from becoming automatically due and payable) as against any other Person and that, in the event of such declaration (or the Obligations being deemed to have become automatically due and payable), the Obligations (whether or not due and payable by any other Person) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for purposes of Section 4.01. The Guarantors acknowledge and agree that their obligations hereunder are secured in accordance with the terms of the Security Documents and that the holders of the Obligations may exercise their remedies thereunder in accordance with the terms thereof.

4.06 Rights of Contribution.

The Guarantors hereby agree as among themselves that, if any Guarantor shall make an Excess Payment (as defined below), such Guarantor shall have a right of contribution from each other Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Guarantor's Contribution Share (as defined below) of such Excess Payment. The payment obligations of any Guarantor under this Section 4.06 shall be subordinate and subject in right of payment to the Obligations until such time as the Obligations have been paid-in-full and the Commitments have terminated, and none of the Guarantors shall exercise any right or remedy under this Section 4.06 against any other Guarantor until such Obligations have been paid-in-full and the Commitments have terminated. For purposes of this Section 4.06, (a) "Excess Payment" shall mean the amount paid by any Guarantor in excess of its Ratable Share of any Obligations; (b) "Ratable Share" shall mean, for any Guarantor in respect of any payment of Obligations, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) as of the date of such payment of Obligations of (i) the amount by which the aggregate present fair salable value of all of its assets and properties exceeds the amount of all debts and liabilities of such Guarantor (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured, and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of such Guarantor hereunder) to (ii) the amount by which the aggregate present fair salable value of all assets and other properties of all of the Credit Parties exceeds the amount of all of the debts and liabilities (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured, and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of the Credit Parties hereunder) of the Credit Parties; provided, however, that, for purposes of calculating the Ratable Shares of the Guarantors in respect of any payment of Obligations, any Guarantor that became a Guarantor subsequent to the date of any such payment shall be deemed to have been a Guarantor on the date of such payment and the financial information for such Guarantor as of the date such Guarantor became a Guarantor shall be utilized for such Guarantor in connection with such payment; and (c) "Contribution Share" shall mean, for any Guarantor in respect of any Excess Payment made by any other Guarantor, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) as of the date of such Excess Payment of (i) the amount by which the aggregate present fair salable value of all of its assets and properties exceeds the amount of all debts and liabilities of such Guarantor (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured, and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of such Guarantor hereunder) to (ii) the amount by which the aggregate present fair salable value of all assets and other properties of the Credit Parties other than the maker of such Excess Payment exceeds the amount of all of the debts and liabilities (including contingent, subordinated, unmatured, and unliquidated liabilities, but excluding the obligations of the Credit Parties) of the Credit Parties other than the maker of such Excess Payment; provided, however, that, for purposes of calculating the Contribution Shares of the Guarantors in respect of any Excess Payment, any Guarantor that became a Guarantor subsequent to the date of any such Excess Payment shall be deemed to have been a Guarantor on the date of such Excess Payment and the financial information for such Guarantor as of the date such Guarantor became a Guarantor shall be utilized for such Guarantor in connection with such Excess Payment. This Section 4.06 shall not be deemed to affect any right of subrogation, indemnity, reimbursement or contribution that any Guarantor may have under Law against the Borrower in respect of any payment of Obligations.

4.07 Guarantee of Payment; Continuing Guarantee.

The guarantee in this <u>Article IV</u> is a guaranty of payment and not of collection, is a continuing guarantee, and shall apply to all Obligations whenever arising.

4.08 Keepwell.

Each Credit Party that is a Qualified ECP Guarantor at the time the Guaranty or the grant of the security interest under the Credit Documents, in each case, by any Specified Loan Party, becomes effective with respect to any Swap Obligation, hereby jointly and severally, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support to each Specified Loan Party with respect to such Swap Obligation as may be needed by such Specified Loan Party from time to time to honor all of its obligations under this Guaranty and the other Credit Documents in respect of such Swap Obligation (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering such Qualified ECP Guarantor's obligations and undertakings under this Article IV voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section 4.08 shall remain in full force and effect until the Obligations (other than contingent Obligations with respect to which no claim has been made) have been indefeasibly paid and performed in full. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor intends this Section 4.08 to constitute, and this Section 4.08 shall be deemed to constitute, a guarantee of the obligations of, and a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of, each Specified Loan Party for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

4.09 Appointment of Borrower.

Each of the Credit Parties hereby appoints the Borrower to act as its agent for all purposes of this Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and all other documents and electronic platforms entered into in connection herewith and agrees that (a) the Borrower may execute and deliver such documents and provide such authorizations on behalf of such Credit Parties as the Borrower deems necessary,

appropriate or desirable in its sole discretion and each Credit Party shall be obligated by all of the terms of any such document and/or authorization executed on its behalf, (b) any notice or communication delivered by the Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer or a Lender to the Borrower shall be deemed delivered to each Credit Party and (c) the Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer or the Lenders may accept, and be permitted to rely on, any document, authorization, instrument or agreement executed and delivered by the Borrower on behalf of each of the Credit Parties.

ARTICLE V.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

5.01 Conditions of Effectiveness.

This Credit Agreement shall become effective upon, and the obligation of each Lender to make the initial Loans is subject to, the satisfaction (or waiver in accordance with <u>Section 11.01</u>) of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) Execution of Credit Agreement and Credit Documents. Receipt of (i) a counterpart of this Credit Agreement, (ii) a counterpart of the Pledge Agreement, and (iii) for the account of each Lender requesting a promissory note, a Note, executed by a duly authorized officer of each party thereto.
- (b) <u>Legal Opinion</u>. Receipt of a New York counsel legal opinion and, to the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, applicable local counsel opinions relating to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents and the transactions contemplated herein and therein, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, which opinions shall include, without limitation, (i) an opinion that the execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents and the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby will not conflict with any material Indebtedness of the Credit Parties or any of the Credit Parties' organizational documents and (ii) opinions as to perfection of the Liens granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement.
- (c) <u>Financial Statements</u>. Receipt of (i) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended 2016, 2017 and 2018, including balance sheets, income statements and cash flow statements audited by independent public accountants of recognized national standing and prepared in conformity with GAAP and (ii) the Interim Financial Statements.
- (d) <u>Corporate Documents</u>. Receipt of the following (or their equivalent) for each Credit Party, each (other than with respect to <u>clause (iv)</u>) certified by the secretary or assistant secretary of such Credit Party as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect pursuant to a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 5.01(d):
 - (i) Articles of Incorporation. Copies of the articles of incorporation or charter documents certified to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state of its organization (or a certification that such articles of incorporation or charter documents previously delivered to the Administrative Agent have not been amended and remain in full force and effect).

- (ii) <u>Resolutions</u>. Copies of resolutions of the board of directors or comparable managing body approving and adopting the respective Credit Documents, the transactions contemplated therein and authorizing execution and delivery thereof.
- (iii) <u>Bylaws</u>. Copies of the bylaws, operating agreement or partnership agreement certified by a secretary or assistant secretary as of the Closing Date to be true and correct and in force and effect as of such date (or a certification that such bylaws, operating agreement or partnership agreement previously delivered to the Administrative Agent have not been amended and remain in full force and effect).
- (iv) <u>Good Standing</u>. Copies, where applicable, of certificates of good standing, existence or its equivalent certified as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authorities of the State of organization.
- (v) <u>Incumbency</u>. An incumbency certificate of each Credit Party certified by a secretary or assistant secretary to be true and correct as of the Closing Date.
- (e) <u>Personal Property Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:
 - (i) (A) searches of UCC filings in the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, as applicable, of the Credit Parties, copies of the financing statements on file in such jurisdictions evidencing that no Liens exist other than Permitted Liens and (B) tax lien, judgment and pending litigation searches;
 - (ii) completed UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral;
 - (iii) stock or membership certificates, if any, evidencing the Equity Interests pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement and duly executed in blank undated stock or transfer powers; and
 - (iv) duly executed consents as are necessary to perfect the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that, to the extent any lien search or Pledged Collateral (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) (including the creation or perfection of any security interest therein) is not or cannot be provided and/or perfected on the Closing Date (other than (x) UCC lien searches in the jurisdiction of organization of the Borrower or any Guarantor, (y) a lien on such pledged Collateral that may be perfected solely by the filing of a financing statement under the UCC and (z) the pledge and perfection of the security interests in the Equity Interests of the Borrower and the Guarantors with respect to which a Lien may be perfected on the Closing Date by the delivery of a stock or equivalent certificate) after the Borrower uses commercially reasonable efforts to do so or without undue burden or expense, then the provision of any such lien search and/or provision and/or perfection of a security interest in such pledged Collateral shall not constitute a condition precedent to the obligation of each Lender to make its initial Credit Extension on the Closing Date, but may instead be delivered within forty-five (45) days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree in its discretion) after the Closing Date.

- (f) <u>Fees.</u> Receipt by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders of all fees, if any, then owing pursuant to the Fee Letters, <u>Section 2.09</u> or pursuant to any Credit Document and receipt by legal counsel to the Administrative Agent of all reasonable and documented fees, expenses and disbursements required to be paid on or before the Closing Date that have been invoiced at least three (3) days prior to the Closing Date.
- (g) Officer's Certificate. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower on the Closing Date certifying that after giving effect to the Credit Extensions and other transactions contemplated herein, the conditions specified in Sections 5.01(h) and 5.02(a)(i) have been satisfied as of the Closing Date.
- (h) <u>No Material Adverse Effect</u>. There shall not have occurred since January 27, 2018 any event or condition that has had or would be reasonably expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (i) <u>Consents</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence that all necessary governmental consents and approvals, if any, in connection with the financings and other transactions contemplated hereby have been received.
- (j) <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received an officer's certificate for the Credit Parties prepared by the chief financial officer of the Borrower in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 5.01(j)</u>.
- (k) <u>"Know Your Customer" and Patriot Act Information</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent or any Lender of all documentation and other information that the Administrative Agent or such Lender shall have reasonably requested at least ten (10) days prior to the Closing Date in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering laws and regulations, including (i) the Patriot Act and (ii) if the Borrower qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to the Borrower.
- (I) <u>Existing Credit Agreement</u>. The Borrower shall have (i) paid all accrued and unpaid interest with respect to the outstanding loans under the Existing Credit Agreement through the Closing Date, (ii) paid all accrued fees owing to the lenders under the Existing Credit Agreement through the Closing Date and (iii) repaid any loans under the Existing Credit Agreement to the extent necessary to keep the outstanding loans ratable with the revised commitments under this Credit Agreement as of the Closing Date.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the last paragraph of <u>Section 10.03</u>, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this <u>Section 5.01</u>, each Lender that has signed this Credit Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

5.02 Conditions to all Credit Extensions.

(a) The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension is subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (i) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties made by any Credit Party herein or in any other Credit Document or which are contained in any certificate furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith shall (i) with respect to representations and warranties that contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct (after giving effect to such materiality qualification set forth therein) and (ii) with respect to representations and warranties that do not contain a materiality qualification, be true and correct in all material respects, in each case, on and as of the date of such Credit Extension as if made on and as of such date except for any representation or warranty made as of an earlier date, in which case any such representation or warranty shall be true and correct (or true and correct in all material respects, as applicable) as of such earlier date.
- (ii) No Default or Event of Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the Credit Extension to be made on such date.
- (iii) <u>Outstanding Amounts</u>. Immediately after giving effect to the Credit Extension to be made on such date (and the application of the proceeds thereof), (i) the Total Revolving Outstandings at such time shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, (ii) the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit and (iii) the outstanding Swingline Loans shall not exceed the Swingline Sublimit.
- (iv) Request for Credit Extension. The Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof.
- (b) Each Request for Credit Extension submitted by the Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in <u>Sections 5.02(a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE VI.

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Lenders to enter into this Credit Agreement and to make Credit Extensions herein provided for, each of the Credit Parties hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and to each Lender that:

6.01 Financial Condition.

The Borrower has delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders balance sheets and the related statements of income and of cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the Borrower's fiscal year ended January 30, 2021 audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, certified public accountants. The financial statements referred to above are, in all material respects, true and correct and present fairly the consolidated financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP as of such date. All such financial statements, including the related schedules and notes thereto, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods involved (except as disclosed therein).

6.02 No Material Adverse Change.

Since January 30, 2021, there has been no development or event which has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.03 Organization; Existence.

Each Credit Party (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has the corporate or other necessary power and authority, and the legal right to own and operate its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged, except as would not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect and (c) is duly qualified as a foreign entity and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, other than in such jurisdictions where the failure to be so qualified and in good standing would not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.04 Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations.

- (a) Each Credit Party has the corporate or other necessary power and authority, and the legal right, to make, deliver and perform the Credit Documents to which it is a party and has taken all necessary corporate or other action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance by it of the Credit Documents to which it is a party.
- (b) No consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with acceptance of any Credit Extension by the Borrower or the making of the guaranties hereunder or with the execution, delivery or performance of any Credit Documents by the Credit Parties (other than those which have been obtained) or with the validity or enforceability of any Credit Document against the Credit Parties.
- (c) Each Credit Document to which it is a party constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of each Credit Party enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

6.05 Conflict.

The execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents, the Borrowings hereunder and the use of the proceeds of the Loans will not (a) violate any Requirement of Law or Sanctions applicable to the Credit Parties or the Restricted Subsidiaries (except those as to which waivers or consents have been obtained), (b) conflict with, result in a breach of or constitute a default under (i) the articles of incorporation, bylaws or other organizational documents of such Person, (ii) any material indenture, material agreement or other material instrument to which such Person is a party or by which any of its properties may be bound or (iii) any approval of any Governmental Authority relating to such Person, or (c) result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of their respective properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law.

6.06 No Material Litigation

No claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Credit Parties, threatened by or against any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their respective properties which (a) relates to the Credit

Documents or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or (b) could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.07 No Default.

No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

6.08 Taxes.

Each of the Credit Parties and its Subsidiaries has filed, or caused to be filed, all federal and state income tax returns and other material tax returns required to be filed and paid (a) all amounts of taxes shown thereon to be due (including interest and penalties) and (b) all other material taxes, fees, assessments and other governmental charges (including mortgage recording taxes, documentary stamp taxes and intangibles taxes) owing by it, except, in either case, for such taxes (i) which are not yet delinquent or (ii) that are being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings, and against which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP. Neither any of the Credit Parties nor any of its Subsidiaries are aware as of the First Amendment Effective Date of any proposed tax assessments against it or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.09 ERISA.

- (a) There are no pending claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Pension Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, (i) no ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably to occur with respect to any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (ii) as of the most recent valuation date for any Pension Plan, the funding target attainment percentage (as defined in Section 430(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code) is sixty percent (60%) or higher; (iii) neither any Credit Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability to the PBGC other than for the payment of premiums, and there are no premium payments which have become due that are unpaid; and (iv) neither any Credit Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Section 4069 or Section 4212(c) of ERISA.
- (c) The Borrower represents and warrants as of the First Amendment Effective Date that the Borrower is not and will not be using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to the Borrower's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments or this Credit Agreement.

6.10 Governmental Regulations, Etc.

(a) No part of the proceeds of the Loans hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any "margin stock" within the meaning of Regulation U. No Indebtedness being reduced or retired out of the proceeds of the Loans hereunder was or will be incurred for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U or any "margin security" within the meaning of Regulation T. "Margin stock" within the meaning of Regulation U does not constitute more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the value of the consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries. Neither the execution and delivery hereof by the Borrower, nor the performance by it of any of

the transactions contemplated by this Credit Agreement (including, without limitation, the direct or indirect use of the proceeds of the Loans) will violate or result in a violation of Regulation T, U or X.

(b) None of the Credit Parties is an "investment company" registered or required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

6.11 Subsidiaries.

Set forth on <u>Schedule 6.11</u> (or such later schedule delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(a)</u>) is a list of all the Subsidiaries of the Credit Parties, including a list setting forth Material Domestic Subsidiaries, Material Foreign Subsidiaries, Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries, Immaterial Foreign Subsidiaries, Immaterial Guarantors and Unrestricted Subsidiaries on the First Amendment Effective Date (or as of the date on which <u>Schedule 6.11</u> was most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(a)</u>), the jurisdiction of their incorporation and the direct or indirect ownership interest of the Borrower therein.

6.12 Use of Proceeds.

The Credit Extensions will be used solely (a) to refinance certain existing Indebtedness, (b) to provide general working capital, (c) for other general corporate purposes and (d) for Permitted Acquisitions.

6.13 Compliance with Laws.

Each Credit Party and each Subsidiary is in compliance with all Requirements of Law and Sanctions, except to the extent that the failure to comply therewith would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.14 Accuracy and Completeness of Information.

All written information, other than the Projections (as defined below), which has been made available to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders by any Credit Party or any Credit Parties' representatives, taken as a whole together with all supplements delivered by any Credit Party to the Administrative Agent or any Lender from time to time, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby is true and correct in all material respects and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in any material manner, in light of the circumstances under which it has been made, and all financial projections concerning the Borrower and its Subsidiaries that have been made available to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or any of their representatives (the "Projections") have been prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed in good faith by the Borrower to be reasonable at the time furnished, it being understood and agreed that the Projections are subject to uncertainty and that there can be no assurances that they will be achieved and that actual results may differ materially from the Projections. There is no fact now known to any of the Credit Parties which has, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect which fact has not been set forth herein, in the financial statements of the Credit Parties furnished to the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders, or in any certificate, opinion or other written statement made or furnished by, or on behalf of, the Credit Parties to the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders or disclosed in any filing made by any Credit Party with the SEC. As of the First Amendment Effective Date, to the knowledge of the Credit Parties the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification, if any, is true and correct in all respects.

6.15 Environmental Matters.

- (a) Except where such non-compliance or violation or liability would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by any of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries (the "Properties") do not contain any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations which (i) constitute a violation of, or (ii) have resulted in liability under, any Environmental Law.
- (b) Except where such non-compliance or violation would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and to the best knowledge of the Credit Parties with respect to Properties that are leased, the Properties and all operations of the Credit Parties and their Subsidiaries at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last three (3) years been in compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws.
- (c) Except where such non-compliance, violation or liability would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, none of the Credit Parties or any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice of, or otherwise become aware of, any violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability regarding environmental matters or compliance with Environmental Laws with regard to any of the Properties or the business operated by any of the Credit Parties for which any of the Credit Parties has liability (the "Business").
- (d) Except where such violation or liability would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location which has given rise to liability under any Environmental Law, nor have any Materials of Environmental Concern been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that has given rise to liability under, any applicable Environmental Law.
- (e) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of any Credit Party, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which any of the Credit Parties is or, to the knowledge of any Credit Party, would reasonably be expected to be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other administrative or judicial directives outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business.
- (f) Except where such violation or remediation would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, there has been no release or threat of release of Materials of Environmental Concern at or from the Properties, or arising from or related to the operations of any of the Credit Parties in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner requiring remediation under Environmental Laws.

6.16 Solvency.

The amount of "fair saleable value" of the assets of the Credit Parties, on a consolidated basis, exceeds (i) the value of all liabilities of the Credit Parties, on a consolidated basis, including contingent and other liabilities, and (ii) the amount that will be required to pay the probable liabilities of the Credit Parties, on a consolidated basis, on their existing debts (including contingent liabilities) as such debts become absolute and matured. The Credit Parties, on a consolidated basis, (a) do not have an

unreasonably small amount of capital for the operation of the businesses in which they are engaged or (b) are able to pay their liabilities, including contingent and other liabilities, as they mature. For purposes of this Section 6.16, (x) "not have an unreasonably small amount of capital for the operation of the businesses in which it is engaged or proposed to be engaged" and "able to pay its liabilities, including contingent and other liabilities, as they mature" means that the Credit Parties, on a consolidated basis, will be able to generate enough cash from operations, asset dispositions or refinancing, or a combination thereof, to meet its obligations as they become due, and (y) the amount of any contingent liability has been computed as the amount that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances existing as of the First Amendment Effective Date, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

6.17 Insurance.

As of the Closing Date, the present insurance coverage of the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries complies with the requirements set forth in Section 7.05.

6.18 Anti-Corruption Laws.

The Borrower and its Subsidiaries are currently conducting their businesses in compliance with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other similar anti-corruption laws applicable to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and have instituted and currently maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws in all material respects.

6.19 Sanctions.

Neither the Borrower, nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, any director, officer, employee or affiliate thereof, is an individual or entity that is, or is owned fifty percent (50%) or more, individually or in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, or controlled by one or more individuals or entities that are (i) currently the subject of any Sanctions, (ii) included on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals, HMT's Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets and the Investment Ban List, or any similar published list enforced by any other relevant sanctions authority applicable to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or (iii) located, organized or resident in a Designated Jurisdiction.

6.20 Security Documents.

The Security Documents create valid security interests in, and Liens on, the Collateral purported to be covered thereby. Except as set forth in the Security Documents, upon the filing of appropriate financing statements with the Secretary of State of the state of incorporation or organization for each Credit Party and the Administrative Agent obtaining control or possession (in the State of New York, with respected to certificated securities) over those items of Collateral in which a security interest is perfected through control or possession, the Administrative Agent shall have perfected security interests and Liens in the Collateral, prior to all other Liens other than Permitted Liens.

6.21 No Affected Financial Institution.

No Credit Party is an Affected Financial Institution.

ARTICLE VII.

AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

The Credit Parties covenant and agree that on the Closing Date, and so long as this Credit Agreement is in effect and until the Commitments have been terminated, no Loans remain outstanding and all amounts owing hereunder or under any other Credit Document (other than (A) indemnification obligations which survive the termination of this Credit Agreement and (B) any obligations and liabilities under Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements other than such outstanding obligations then due and payable as to which arrangements satisfactory to the applicable Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank have not been made) have been paid in full, the Credit Parties shall, and shall cause each Restricted Subsidiary to:

7.01 Financial Statements.

Furnish, or cause to be furnished, to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders:

- (a) <u>Audited Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available, but in any event within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower (commencing with the fiscal year ending January 26, 2019), a consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of the fiscal year and the related consolidated statements of income, retained earnings, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year, audited by an independent certified public accounting firm of nationally recognized standing, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, reported without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception, or qualification indicating that the scope of the audit was inadequate to permit such independent certified public accountants to certify such financial statements without such qualification.
- (b) <u>Company-Prepared Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available, but in any event within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three (3) fiscal quarters of the Borrower (commencing with the fiscal quarter ending October 27, 2018), a company-prepared consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the end of the quarter and related company-prepared consolidated statements of income for such quarterly period and for the fiscal year to date and cash flows for the fiscal year to date; in each case setting forth in comparative form the consolidated figures for the corresponding period or periods of the preceding fiscal year or the portion of the fiscal year ending with such period, as applicable, in each case subject to normal recurring year-end adjustments.
- (c) <u>Annual Operating Budget</u>. As soon as available, but in any event within sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of a detailed annual operating budget of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the next four (4) fiscal quarter period prepared on a quarterly basis, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, together with a summary of the material assumptions made in the preparation of such annual budget.
- (d) <u>Unrestricted Subsidiaries</u>. For any period in which Unrestricted Subsidiaries collectively account for more than seven and one-half percent (7.5%) of Consolidated Total Assets, (i) within the time periods specified in <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> and (b) (as applicable), unaudited consolidating financial statements reflecting adjustments necessary to eliminate the assets, accounts and operations of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries from such financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b), subject to normal recurring year-end adjustments,

and (ii) within the time period specified in <u>Section 7.01(c)</u>, a schedule to the annual operating budget delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(c) providing a break-out of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries.

All such financial statements shall be true and correct in all material respects (subject, in the case of interim statements, to normal recurring year-end adjustments) and shall be prepared in reasonable detail and in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods reflected therein and further accompanied by a description of, and an estimation of the effect on the financial statements on account of, a change in the application of accounting principles as provided in <u>Section 1.03</u>.

7.02 Certificates; Other Information.

Furnish, or cause to be furnished, to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the Lenders:

- (a) Accountant's Certificate and Reports. Concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Section 7.01(a) above, a certificate of the independent certified public accountants reporting on such financial statements stating that in making the examination necessary therefor no knowledge was obtained of any Default or Event of Default relating to financial or accounting matters or violations of Section 7.07, except as specified in such certificate.
- Officer's Certificate. Concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements (b) referred to in Sections 7.01(a) and 7.01(b) above, a certificate of a Responsible Officer, delivered to the Administrative Agent at its credit contact address, with a copy to the Administrative Agent at its syndication agency services address, in each case as set forth in Section 11.02 (which delivery may, unless the Administrative Agent, or a Lender requests executed originals, be by electronic communication including fax or email and shall be deemed to be an original authentic counterpart thereof for all purposes), stating that, to the best of such Responsible Officer's knowledge and belief, (i) the financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the parties covered by such financial statements, (ii) during such period each Credit Party has observed or performed its covenants and other agreements hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, and satisfied the conditions contained in this Credit Agreement to be observed, performed or satisfied by it (except to the extent cured or waived in accordance with the provisions hereof) and (iii) such Responsible Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate. Such certificate shall include (i) the calculations required to indicate compliance with Section 7.07 as of the last day of the period covered by such financial statements and (ii) solely with respect to the certificate delivered in connection with Section 7.01(a), an updated Schedule 6.11 as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter of the Borrower; provided that the Borrower shall deliver an updated Schedule 6.11 each time a Guarantor is required to be added pursuant to Section 7.09 or is released from its obligations in a transaction permitted by this Credit Agreement. A form of Compliance Certificate is attached as Exhibit 7.02(b).
- (c) <u>Public Information</u>. Promptly after the same are sent, copies of all reports (other than those otherwise provided pursuant to <u>Section 7.01</u> or accessible to the public via www.sec.gov or any successor or other website maintained by the SEC) and other financial information which any Credit Party sends to its public stockholders, and promptly upon written request after the same are filed, copies of all financial statements and non-confidential reports which any Credit Party may make to, or file with, the SEC.

- (d) <u>Permitted Acquisition Report</u>. Where the total consideration, including, without limitation, assumed Indebtedness, Earn Out Obligations and any other deferred payments (the "<u>Total Consideration</u>") for such Permitted Acquisition is expected to exceed \$150,000,000:
 - (i) not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition, a reasonably detailed description of the material terms of (A) such Permitted Acquisition (including, without limitation, the purchase price and method and structure of payment) and (B) each Target;
 - (A) if the Total Consideration is expected to be greater than \$150,000,000 but less than \$300,000,000, not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition, audited financial statements (or, if unavailable, management-prepared financial statements) of the Target for its most recent fiscal year and unaudited year-to-date statements through the most recently prepared fiscal quarter and (B) if the Total Consideration is expected to be greater than or equal to \$300,000,000, (I) not later than the date and time required by the SEC for delivery of such audited financial statements of the Target, audited financial statements of the Target for its most recent fiscal year prepared by a nationally recognized independent certified public accountants or by independent certified public accountants reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and unaudited fiscal year-to-date statements for the most recent fiscal quarter or (II) if the audited or unaudited financial statements of the Target referenced in clause (I) are unavailable five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition, not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition, unaudited financial statements of the Target and its Subsidiaries, certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of the Target to the effect that such statements are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the consolidated financial statements of the Target and its Subsidiaries, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes:
 - (iii) if the Total Consideration is expected to be greater than \$300,000,000, consolidated projected income statements of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries (giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and the consolidation with the Borrower of each relevant Target) for the three (3)-year period following the consummation of such Permitted Acquisition, in reasonable detail, together with any appropriate statement of assumptions and pro forma adjustments reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent; and
 - (iv) a certificate, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, executed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower (A) setting forth the best good faith estimate of the Total Consideration to be paid for each Target, (B) certifying that (y) such Permitted Acquisition complies with the requirements of this Credit Agreement and (z) after giving effect to such Permitted Acquisition and any borrowings in connection therewith, the Borrower believes in good faith that it will have sufficient availability under the Aggregate Revolving Commitments to meet its ongoing working capital requirements and (C) demonstrating compliance with clauses (b) and (d) of the definition of "Permitted Acquisition".
- (e) Regulation U Certificate. Upon the written request of any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) or the Administrative Agent, a certificate in conformity with the requirements of FR Form U-1 referred to in Regulation U, signed by a Responsible Officer,

stating that no part of the proceeds of the Loans under this Credit Agreement will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any "margin stock" within the meaning of Regulation U, or for the purpose of purchasing or carrying or trading in any securities.

- (f) Patriot Act; Beneficial Ownership Regulation. Promptly following any written request therefor, information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) for purposes of compliance with applicable "know your customer" requirements under the Patriot Act, the Beneficial Ownership Regulation or other applicable anti-money laundering laws.
- (g) Other Information. Promptly, such additional financial and other information as the Administrative Agent, at the request of any Lender, may from time to time reasonably request.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> or <u>Section 7.02(c)</u> (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which the Borrower posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on the Borrower's website on the Internet at the website address listed on <u>Schedule 11.02</u> or on the website of the SEC at http://www.sec.gov; or (ii) on which such documents are posted on the Borrower's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent); <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall deliver paper copies of such documents to the Administrative Agent upon its written request to the Borrower to deliver such paper copies until a written request to cease delivering paper copies is given by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery of or to maintain paper copies of the documents referred to above.

The Borrower hereby acknowledges that (a) the Administrative Agent and/or the Joint Lead Arrangers may, but shall not be obligated to, make available to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Borrower hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting the Borrower Materials on Debt Domain, IntraLinks, Syndtrak or another similar electronic system (the "Platform") and (b) certain of the Lenders (each a "Public Lender") may have personnel who do not wish to receive MNPI with respect to the Borrower or its Affiliates, or the respective securities of any of the foregoing, and who may be engaged in investment and other marketrelated activities with respect to such Persons' securities. The Borrower hereby agrees that so long as the Borrower is the issuer of any outstanding debt or equity securities that are registered (w) all Borrower Materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," the Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any MNPI (although it may be sensitive and proprietary) with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 11.07); (y) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Side Information;" and (z) the Administrative Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC" as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated "Public Side Information". Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall be under no obligation to mark any Borrower Materials "PUBLIC."

7.03 Notices.

Give notice to the Administrative Agent (for distribution to the Lenders) of:

- (a) <u>Defaults</u>. Promptly (but in any event within three (3) Business Days), after any Credit Party knows or has reason to know thereof, the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, if and to the extent such Default or Event of Default shall then be continuing.
- (b) <u>Legal Proceedings</u>. Promptly, any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding (including without limitation, any environmental proceeding) known to a Credit Party, relating to a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries which would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>ERISA</u>. Promptly, (i) the occurrence of (or if a Responsible Officer determines it is reasonably expected to occur) any Reportable Event with respect to any Pension Plan, the creation of any Lien in favor of the PBGC (other than a Permitted Lien) or a Pension Plan or any withdrawal from, or the termination or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan, that in each case is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the institution of proceedings or the taking of any other action by the PBGC or the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate or any Multiemployer Plan with respect to the withdrawal from, or the terminating or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan, that in each case is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) Other. Promptly, any other development or event which a Responsible Officer of the Borrower determines is reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to this <u>Section 7.03</u> shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.

7.04 Maintenance of Existence; Compliance with Laws.

- (a) (i) Except as permitted under <u>Section 8.04</u>, preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect the corporate existence of (A) each of the Credit Parties and (B) each Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party, where such failure to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect the corporate existence of such Subsidiary could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business other than any such rights, privileges, licenses and franchises the loss of which would not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Comply with all Requirements of Law (including, without limitation, all Environmental Laws and ERISA) applicable to it except to the extent that failure to comply therewith would not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.05 Maintenance of Property; Insurance.

Keep all material property useful and necessary in its business in reasonably good working order and condition (ordinary wear and tear excepted); maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies casualty, liability, business interruption and such other insurance (which may include plans of self-insurance) with such coverage and deductibles, and in such amounts as may be consistent with prudent business practice and in any event consistent with normal industry practice; and furnish to the

Administrative Agent such information as to the insurance carried as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request in writing.

7.06 Inspection of Property; Books and Records; Discussions.

Keep proper books of records and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP and all Requirements of Law shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its businesses and activities; and permit, during regular business hours and upon reasonable prior notice by the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent to visit and inspect any of its properties and examine and make abstracts (including photocopies) from any of its books and records at any reasonable time, and to discuss the business, operations, properties and financial and other condition of the Credit Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries with officers and employees of the Credit Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries and with their independent certified public accountants; provided, however, that so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such right more than twice in any calendar year. The cost of the inspection referred to in the preceding sentence shall be for the account of the Lenders unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, in which case the cost of such inspection shall be for the account of the Borrower.

7.07 Financial Covenants.

Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio. Maintain a Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, which shall be calculated at the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, of not greater than 3.50:1.00; provided, however, that the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio level set forth above may, at the election of the Borrower and upon written notice to the Administrative Agent prior to the consummation of a Qualified Permitted Acquisition, be increased by 0.50:1.00 (a "half-turn") in connection with a Permitted Acquisition with aggregate cash and non-cash consideration (including assumed Indebtedness, the good faith estimate by the Borrower of the maximum amount of any deferred purchase price obligations (including the Borrower's good faith estimate of any anticipated Earn Out Obligations) and Equity Interests) paid in connection therewith in excess of \$150,000,000 (each such Permitted Acquisition, a "Qualified Permitted Acquisition"), with a 0.25:1.0 step-down for the first four fiscal quarter period ending after the date that is six (6) months after such Permitted Acquisition and another 0.25:1.0 step-down (returning the required Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio to the then otherwise required ratio) for the first four fiscal quarter period ending after the date that is twelve (12) months after such Permitted Acquisition; provided further that, (w) in any event, the maximum Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio for any period of four fiscal quarters shall not be increased to be greater than 4.00:1.00, (x) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio levels shall not be increased pursuant to the foregoing proviso on more than two occasions during the term of this Credit Agreement (commencing on the First Amendment Effective Date), (y) following any increase in the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio level pursuant to the foregoing proviso, no subsequent increase in the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio level pursuant to the foregoing proviso may be made until after the required Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio has been at the applicable level set forth above (without giving effect to any increase pursuant to the foregoing proviso) for at least one full fiscal quarter and (z) any such increase of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio levels pursuant to this Section 7.07(a) shall apply only with respect to the calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio for purposes of determining compliance with this Section 7.07(a) and for purposes of any Qualified Permitted Acquisition Pro Forma Calculation.

(b) <u>Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio.</u> Maintain a Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, which shall be calculated at the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, of not less than 3.00:1.00.

7.08 Use of Proceeds.

Use the Loans solely for the purposes provided in Section 6.12.

7.09 Additional Guarantors.

- (a) Cause each of the Borrower's Material Domestic Subsidiaries (other than U.S. Foreign Holdcos) that is a Restricted Subsidiary which is not a party to this Credit Agreement, whether newly formed, after acquired or otherwise existing to promptly become a "Guarantor" hereunder by way of execution and delivery of a Guarantor Joinder Agreement, together with a secretary's certificate, an incumbency certificate, resolutions, a good standing certificate, organization documents, a New York legal counsel opinion (with customary opinions regarding enforceability, no conflicts with Laws or specified agreements of material indebtedness, governmental consents and approvals, status under Investment Company Act of 1940, execution (to the extent governed by New York Law) and security (attachment and perfection of pledged Equity Interests)) and, solely with respect to Material Domestic Subsidiaries, a local counsel opinion (with customary existence, power, authority, execution (to the extent governed by local Law), no conflicts with Laws or organizational documents and governmental consents and approvals).
- To the extent that the Borrower's Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries and U.S. Foreign Holdcos) which are not Guarantors collectively own greater than twenty percent (20%) of Consolidated Total Assets, cause one (1) or more of such Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries to promptly become a "Guarantor" hereunder by way of execution and delivery of a Guarantor Joinder Agreement, together with a secretary's certificate, an incumbency certificate, resolutions, a good standing certificate, organization documents and a New York legal counsel opinion (with customary opinions regarding enforceability, no conflicts with Laws or specified agreements of material indebtedness, governmental consents and approvals, status under Investment Company Act of 1940, execution (to the extent governed by New York Law) and security (attachment and perfection of Equity Interests)), to reduce the Consolidated Total Assets ownership percentage of the remaining Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors to twenty percent (20%) or below; provided that (i) the Credit Parties may elect to release any Immaterial Domestic Subsidiary as a Guarantor hereunder to the extent the Borrower delivers to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying that, after giving effect to such release, the Borrower's Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors collectively own no more than twenty percent (20%) of Consolidated Total Assets and (ii) it is acknowledged and agreed that upon receipt of such certificate, such Immaterial Domestic Subsidiary shall be released as a Guarantor hereunder and the Administrative Agent shall promptly take such action to evidence such release of such Immaterial Domestic Subsidiary from its Guaranty as is reasonably requested by, and at the expense of, the Credit Parties.
- (c) At the option of the Borrower, cause any Domestic Subsidiary that is not otherwise required to become a Guarantor pursuant to <u>Section 7.09(a)</u> or <u>7.09(b)</u> to become a "Guarantor" hereunder by way of execution and delivery of a Guarantor Joinder Agreement, together with a secretary's certificate, an incumbency certificate, resolutions, a good standing

certificate (if applicable) and organization documents; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to deliver a legal opinion in connection with such joinder.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 7.09</u>, if (i) the Borrower designates any Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary or (ii) any Guarantor is sold or otherwise Disposed of in a transaction that is not prohibited under the terms of this Credit Agreement, it is acknowledged and agreed that, in any of such cases, such Guarantor shall be automatically released from its Guaranty without the need to take any further action and that the Administrative Agent shall promptly take such action to evidence such release of such Guarantor from its Guaranty as is reasonably requested by, and at the expense of, the Credit Parties.

7.10 Payment of Taxes.

Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy before becoming delinquent, all of its federal taxes, state income taxes and other material taxes and any additional costs that are imposed as a result of any failure to so pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy such taxes, except when the amount or validity of such taxes and costs is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves, if applicable, in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on the books of the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be.

7.11 Environmental Laws.

- (a) Comply in all material respects with, and take commercially reasonably steps to ensure compliance in all material respects by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all applicable Environmental Laws and obtain and comply in all material respects with and maintain, and take commercially reasonably steps to ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply in all material respects with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and
- (b) Conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply in all material respects with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws except to the extent that the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and the pendency of such proceedings would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.12 Pledged Equity Interests.

Cause one hundred percent (100%) of the Equity Interests in each of its direct or indirect Domestic Subsidiaries (other than U.S. Foreign Holdcos, Unrestricted Subsidiaries, Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries and direct or indirect Subsidiaries of Foreign Subsidiaries) and sixty-five percent (65%) (or such greater percentage that, as a result of a Change in Law, could not reasonably be expected to cause the undistributed earnings of such Foreign Subsidiary or U.S. Foreign Holdco, as applicable, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, to be included in the income of a direct, indirect or constructive shareholder of such Foreign Subsidiary or U.S. Foreign Holdco or otherwise to cause any materially adverse tax consequences to the Borrower or any Guarantor) of the voting Equity Interests and one hundred percent (100%) of the non-voting Equity Interests (provided that any Equity Interests constituting "stock entitled to vote" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation section 1.956-2(c)(2) shall be treated as voting Equity Interests) of its first-tier Foreign Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted

Subsidiaries and Immaterial Foreign Subsidiaries) and its U.S. Foreign Holdcos, in each case to the extent directly owned by such Credit Party, to be subject to a first priority, perfected Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Security Documents; provided that the Credit Parties shall not be required to grant or maintain any such Liens after the Collateral Release Date and the Administrative Agent shall promptly take all action reasonably required to release such Liens, including the delivery to the Borrower of all stock certificates and stock powers held by the Administrative Agent and the filing of UCC financing termination statements; provided, further, however, if, on or after the Collateral Release Date, the Borrower's corporate family rating from Moody's is downgraded below Baa3 or the Borrower's corporate rating from S&P is downgraded below BBB-, or either the Borrower's corporate family rating from Moody's or the Borrower's corporate rating from S&P fails to be in effect, each Credit Party shall grant to the Administrative Agent the Liens contemplated by this Section 7.12 and shall take all actions required hereunder to reinstate the Liens on Collateral granted pursuant to the Security Documents immediately prior to the Collateral Release Date.

In the event that (a) a Guarantor is designated by the Borrower as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary, (b) any Equity Interests pledged under the Pledge Agreement are Disposed of in a transaction not prohibited under the terms of this Credit Agreement, (c) any issuer of Equity Interests pledged under the Pledge Agreement is dissolved in compliance with this Credit Agreement, (d) any Pledgor is released, dissolved or the subject of a merger (in which the Pledgor is not the surviving entity) in a transaction permitted under this Credit Agreement (including, without limitation, pursuant to Section 7.09), (e) any Pledgor is no longer required to be a Credit Party by the terms of this Credit Agreement, including, without limitation, due to such Pledgor ceasing to be a Guarantor pursuant to the terms of this Credit Agreement or (f) any Equity Interests pledged under the Pledge Agreement are no longer required to be pledged by the terms of this Credit Agreement, the Lien on such Equity Interests or such Pledgor, as the case may be, shall be automatically released without the need for any further action, and the Administrative Agent shall promptly take such actions reasonably requested by, and at the expense of, the Credit Parties to evidence the release of the Lien on such Equity Interests or to release such Pledgor, including without limitation the delivery to the Borrower of such Subsidiary's certificated Equity Interests and stock powers previously delivered to it, if any, and the filing of a UCC termination statement with respect to any UCC financing statement pertaining to such Equity Interests.

7.13 Further Assurances.

- (a) To the extent the Credit Parties are required to pledge any Collateral in accordance with the terms hereof or the Security Documents, upon the reasonable written request of the Administrative Agent, promptly perform or cause to be performed any and all acts and execute or cause to be executed any and all documents for filing under the provisions of the UCC or any other Requirement of Law which are necessary or advisable to maintain in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, Liens on the Collateral that are duly perfected in accordance with the requirements of, or the obligations of the Credit Parties under, the Credit Documents and all applicable Requirements of Law.
- (b) Upon the request of the Administrative Agent and other than as expressly provided in Section 7.09(c), promptly cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent a local counsel opinion, in form and substance substantially similar to the local counsel opinions received on the First Amendment Effective Date and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and at the Credit Parties' expense, with respect to any Guarantor that has become a Material Domestic Subsidiary since the First Amendment Effective Date for which the Administrative Agent did not receive a legal opinion on the First Amendment Effective Date.

7.14 Anti-Corruption Laws.

- (a) Conduct its businesses in compliance with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other similar anti-corruption laws applicable to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws in all material respects.
- (b) Not directly or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, indirectly use the proceeds of any Credit Extension for any purpose which would result in a violation in any material respect of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other similar anti-corruption laws applicable to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

7.15 Sanctions.

Not directly or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, indirectly use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other individual or entity, (i) to fund in violation of Sanctions any activities of or business with any individual or entity, or in any Designated Jurisdiction, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions, or (ii) in any other manner that would constitute a violation of Sanctions by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Swingline Lender or any Lender as a result of their participation in the transaction.

ARTICLE VIII.

NEGATIVE COVENANTS

The Credit Parties covenant and agree that on the Closing Date, and so long as this Credit Agreement is in effect and until the Commitments have been terminated, no Loans remain outstanding and all amounts owing hereunder or under any other Credit Document (other than (A) indemnification obligations which survive the termination of this Credit Agreement and (B) any obligations and liabilities under Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements other than such outstanding obligations then due and payable as to which arrangements satisfactory to the applicable Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank have not been made) have been paid in full:

8.01 Indebtedness.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

- (a) Indebtedness arising or existing under this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries existing as of the First Amendment Effective Date as referenced in the financial statements referenced in Section 6.01 (and set out more specifically in Schedule 8.01) hereto and any Permitted Refinancing thereof;
- (c) Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the First Amendment Effective Date consisting of Capital Leases or Indebtedness incurred to provide all or a portion of the purchase price or cost of construction of an asset; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Indebtedness when incurred shall not exceed the purchase price or cost of construction of such

- asset; (ii) no such Indebtedness shall be refinanced for a principal amount in excess of the principal balance outstanding thereon at the time of such refinancing <u>plus</u> any reasonable fees, premiums and other financing costs payable in connection therewith; and (iii) the total amount of all such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$100,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (d) unsecured intercompany Indebtedness among the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, <u>provided</u> that any such Indebtedness shall be fully subordinated to the Obligations hereunder on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;
- (e) Indebtedness and obligations owing under Swap Contracts entered into in order to manage existing or anticipated interest rate, exchange rate or commodity price risks and not for speculative purposes;
- (f) Indebtedness and obligations of the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries owing under documentary letters of credit for the purchase of goods or other merchandise generally;
- (g) Guaranty Obligations in respect of Indebtedness of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary to the extent such Indebtedness is permitted to exist or be incurred pursuant to this Section 8.01;
- (h) obligations with respect to performance, payment and other surety bonds incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (i) Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and Restricted Subsidiaries not otherwise contemplated by this <u>Section 8.01</u> in an aggregate amount not to exceed the sum of (i) \$75,000,000 at any time outstanding plus (ii) such additional amount so long as at the time of incurrence, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 3.00:1.00 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness, it being understood and agreed that any Indebtedness so incurred shall be deemed to have been incurred under clause (ii) prior to clause (i) above; <u>provided</u> that (x) not more than \$75,000,000 of such Indebtedness may be secured and (y) the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness incurred by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Credit Parties pursuant to this <u>Section 8.01(i)</u> shall not exceed \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (j) Indebtedness of the Borrower in the form of senior, unsecured notes in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$500,000,000 and issued pursuant to that certain Indenture dated as of the First Amendment Effective Date, with U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (and any Permitted Refinancing thereof);
- (k) Subordinated Indebtedness of the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries so long as at the time of incurrence, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 3.25:1.00 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness;
- (I) Indebtedness arising from netting services, overdraft protection, treasury management obligations and otherwise in connection with deposit, securities and commodities accounts in the ordinary course of business;
- (m) Indebtedness arising from agreements providing for Earn Out Obligations or similar obligations, or from guaranties, performance, payment or other surety bonds securing the

performance of the Borrower and any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to such agreements, in connection with Permitted Acquisitions or dispositions permitted hereunder;

- (n) Indebtedness consisting of Investments permitted by <u>clauses</u> (c), (j), (k), (l) and (m) the definition of Permitted Investments;
- (o) Indebtedness incurred in connection with any Sale and Leaseback Transaction permitted by Section 8.10;
- (p) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower after the First Amendment Effective Date or assumed in connection with a Permitted Acquisition, which Indebtedness is existing at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower or at the time of the Permitted Acquisition and was not incurred solely in contemplation of such Person's becoming a Subsidiary or such Permitted Acquisition;
- (q) unsecured Convertible Bond Indebtedness, as the same may be refinanced pursuant to any Permitted Refinancing thereof; <u>provided</u> that at the time of incurrence, the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 2.75:1.00 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness;
- (r) Attributable Receivables Amounts; <u>provided</u> that the aggregate of all such Attributable Receivables Amounts outstanding at any time pursuant to this clause (r) shall not exceed the highest amount that is or would have been permitted under the definition of "Permitted Receivables Transaction":
- (s) any repurchase or indemnification obligations arising as a result of any breach of any covenant or representation made as part of any Permitted Receivables Transaction; and
- (t) all premiums (if any), interest (including post-petition interest), fees, expenses, charges and additional or contingent interest on obligations described in the foregoing clauses.

8.02 Liens.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, contract, create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien with respect to any of its property or assets of any kind (whether real or personal, tangible or intangible), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except for Permitted Liens.

8.03 Nature of Business.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, alter the character of its business in any material respect from that conducted as of the First Amendment Effective Date.

8.04 Consolidation, Merger, Sale or Purchase of Assets, Etc.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to,

(a) dissolve, liquidate or wind up its affairs, sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of its property or assets except that the following, without duplication, shall be expressly permitted:

- (i) the sale, transfer (including by way of license), lease or other disposition of inventory, materials, tools, property, equipment, software and intellectual property whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business (including, without limitation, Dispositions of vehicles for purposes of fleet maintenance that are substantially consistent with the Credit Parties' past practices and that are in the ordinary course of business), including any of the foregoing with an Unrestricted Subsidiary (subject to Section 8.06) (it being understood that a Disposition of all of the Equity Interests of, or all or substantially all of the assets of, a Subsidiary or a Disposition of a line of business or a division of a Credit Party or a Subsidiary shall not constitute Disposition in the ordinary course of business);
- (ii) the sale, lease, transfer or other disposition of obsolete or worn-out property or assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business;
- (iii) the sale, transfer or other disposition of cash and Cash Equivalents for fair market value;
- (iv) Dispositions (A) of accounts receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof in the ordinary course of business and (B) made as part of a Permitted Receivables Transaction;
- (v) licenses, sublicenses, leases or subleases granted to others not interfering in any material respect with the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries;
- (vi) the disposition of property or assets as a direct result of a Recovery Event:
- (vii) (A) the sale, lease or transfer (including by way of license) of property or assets between Credit Parties, (B) the sale, lease or transfer (including by way of license) of other property or assets between (1) any Credit Party and any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 during the term of this Credit Agreement (commencing on the First Amendment Effective Date) and (2) subject to Section 8.06, any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party and any Unrestricted Subsidiary in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 during the term of this Credit Agreement (commencing on the First Amendment Effective Date), (C) the sale, lease or transfer (including by way of license) of property or assets between Subsidiaries that are not Credit Parties and (D) any conversion of a Restricted Subsidiary from one corporate form to another;
- (viii) (A) the sale, lease or transfer (including by way of license) of property or assets not to exceed \$60,000,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year and (B) the sale, lease or transfer (including by way of license) of property or assets not to exceed \$50,000,000 during the term of this Credit Agreement (commencing on the First Amendment Effective Date); provided, that the aggregate amount of property or assets sold, leased or transferred (including by way of license) pursuant to the immediately foregoing clauses (A) and (B) shall not exceed \$75,000,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year;
- (ix) the liquidation and/or dissolution of any Immaterial Domestic Subsidiary or any Immaterial Foreign Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that the Credit Parties shall remain in compliance with Section 7.09(b) after giving effect to any such liquidation or dissolution;

- (x) Dispositions and Investments permitted under Section 8.05; and
- (xi) Dispositions of non-core assets acquired in a Permitted Acquisition; <u>provided</u> that (A) such Dispositions are completed within eighteen (18) months of such Permitted Acquisition and (B) such non-core assets do not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total tangible assets acquired in such Permitted Acquisition.

<u>provided</u>, that, in the case of <u>clauses (i)</u>, <u>(iii)</u> and <u>(vi)</u> above, at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the consideration received therefor by the Borrower or any such Subsidiary is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents; or

(b) (i) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire (including by way of license), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, the property or assets of any Person (other than purchases or other acquisitions of inventory, materials, tools, property, equipment, software or intellectual property in the ordinary course of business, including any of the foregoing with an Unrestricted Subsidiary (subject to Section 8.06), except as otherwise limited or prohibited herein) or (ii) enter into any transaction of merger or consolidation, except, in each case, for (A) Investments or acquisitions permitted pursuant to Section 8.05, (B) the merger or consolidation of a Credit Party or other Subsidiary with and into another Credit Party (with the Credit Party being the surviving entity; provided, that, if the Borrower is a party to such transaction, the Borrower shall be the surviving entity), (C) the merger or consolidation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary with and into any Restricted Subsidiary or another Unrestricted Subsidiary or (D) the merger or consolidation of a Restricted Subsidiary with and into another Restricted Subsidiary.

8.05 Advances; Investments and Loans.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make any Investment except for (a) Permitted Investments, (b) other Investments not permitted by clause (a); provided that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall exist immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such Investment, (ii) the Credit Parties shall be in compliance with the financial covenants in Section 7.07 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Investment, and (iii) the aggregate amount of all Investments made pursuant to this clause (b) plus the aggregate amount of all Restricted Payments made pursuant to Section 8.09(I) shall not exceed \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding, and (c) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (i) to make Investments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 for the period from the First Amendment Effective Date through the Maturity Date and (ii) if the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would be less than or equal to 3.00 to 1.0 as of the last fiscal quarter end on a Pro Forma Basis, after giving effect thereto, to make unlimited Investments (it being understood and agreed that Investments made pursuant to this clause (ii) shall not be included in the calculation of the amount available for Investments pursuant to the foregoing clause (i)).

8.06 Transactions with Affiliates.

Except as permitted under this Credit Agreement or among Credit Parties or wholly owned Restricted Subsidiaries, each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any transaction or series of transactions, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, with any officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate other than on terms and conditions substantially as favorable as would be obtainable in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person other than an officer, director, shareholder or Affiliate.

8.07 Fiscal Year; Organizational Documents.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, (a) change its fiscal year and (b) amend, modify or change its articles of incorporation (or corporate charter or other similar organizational document) or bylaws (or other similar document) in any manner materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Required Lenders; provided that no Credit Party shall (i) except as permitted under Section 8.04, alter its legal existence or, in one transaction or a series of transactions, merge into or consolidate with any other entity, or sell all or substantially all of its assets, (ii) change its state of incorporation or organization, without providing ten (10) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may consent to) and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require or (iii) change its registered legal name, without providing ten (10) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may consent to) and without filing (or confirming that the Administrative Agent has filed) such financing statements and amendments to any previously filed financing statements as the Administrative Agent may require.

8.08 Limitation on Restricted Actions.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any such Person to (a) pay dividends or make any other distributions to any Credit Party on its Equity Interests or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, (b) pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to any Credit Party, (c) make loans or advances to any Credit Party, (d) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to any Credit Party, or (e) act as a Guarantor and pledge its assets pursuant to the Credit Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clauses (a)-(d) above) for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, (ii) applicable Laws, (iii) any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Sections 8.01(c), (i), (j), (k), (o) or (q); provided that with respect to Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Sections 8.01(i), (j), (k) and (q), any such restriction shall not apply to this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document or (iv) any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien; provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien.

8.09 Restricted Payments.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, declare, order, make or set apart any sum for or pay any Restricted Payment, except (a) to make dividends or other distributions payable solely in the same class of Equity Interests of such Person; (b) to make dividends or other distributions payable to any Credit Party (directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries); (c) subject to the subordination terms thereof, to make regularly scheduled interest payments under any Subordinated Indebtedness; (d) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Borrower held by any current or former officer, director or employee of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to any equity subscription agreement, stock option agreement, shareholders' agreement or similar agreement; provided that (i) the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests may not exceed \$25,000,000 in any twelve (12)-month period plus the portion of such amount available but unused from prior twelve (12)-month periods and (ii) such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed (A) the net cash proceeds received by the Borrower from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the

Borrower to members of management or directors of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries that occurs after the First Amendment Effective Date (to the extent such cash proceeds from the sale of such Equity Interests have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments), plus (B) the net cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the First Amendment Effective Date, less (C) the amount of any Restricted Payments made pursuant to clauses (ii)(A) and (ii)(B) of this clause (d); (e) the repurchase of Equity Interests deemed to occur (i) upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, convertible securities constituting Convertible Bond Indebtedness) to the extent such Equity Interests represent a portion of the exercise price thereof or (ii) upon the transfer of shares of restricted stock to the Borrower in connection with the payment of withholding tax by the Borrower or a Restricted Subsidiary following a sale of shares of restricted stock by the holder thereof; (f) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (i) to make dividends, repurchase shares of its Equity Interests and make other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$175,000,000 for the period from the First Amendment Effective Date through the Maturity Date and (ii) if the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio would be less than or equal to 3.00 to 1.0 as of the last fiscal guarter end on a Pro Forma Basis, after giving effect thereto, to make unlimited dividends, share repurchases and other Restricted Payments (it being understood and agreed that Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (ii) shall not be included in the calculation of the amount available for Restricted Payments pursuant to the foregoing clause (i)); (g) the Borrower may (i) enter into Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions in connection with the issuance of Convertible Bond Indebtedness permitted under Section 8.01(g) and satisfy its obligations to pay premiums upon entering into such transactions and (ii) make any payment in connection therewith by delivery of shares of the Borrower's common stock upon net share settlement thereof (together with cash in lieu of fractional shares) or set-off, netting and/or payment of an early termination payment or similar payment thereunder upon any early termination thereof, in each case made in Borrower's common stock; (h) the Borrower may issue shares of its common stock, make cash payments of interest required pursuant to the related indenture, make cash payments required to be made under the related indenture in an amount (excluding any required payment of interest with respect to such Convertible Bond Indebtedness and excluding any payment of cash in lieu of a fractional share) equal to or less than the principal amount of the Convertible Bond Indebtedness in respect of which such cash payment is made and/or make cash payments in lieu of issuing fractional shares, in each case, to satisfy obligations in respect of Convertible Bond Indebtedness (including, for the avoidance of doubt, cash payments in lieu of issuing fractional shares pursuant to the terms of any related Capped Call Transaction, Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction or Warrant Transaction); (i) the Borrower may make cash payments to satisfy obligations in respect of Convertible Bond Indebtedness, Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions solely to the extent the Borrower does not have the option of satisfying such payment obligations through the issuance of the Borrower's common stock or is required to satisfy such payment obligations in cash, it being understood and agreed that any payment made in cash in connection with Convertible Bond Indebtedness, Capped Call Transactions, Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions and Warrant Transactions by set-off, netting and/or payment of an early termination payment or similar payment thereunder upon any early termination thereof, in each case, after using commercially reasonable efforts to satisfy such obligation (or the portion thereof remaining after giving effect to any netting or set-off against termination or similar payments under an applicable Convertible Bond Hedge Transaction) by delivery of shares of the Borrower's common stock shall be deemed to be a payment obligation required to be satisfied in cash; (j) the Borrower may receive shares of its own common stock and/or cash on account of settlements and/or early terminations or unwinds howsoever documented or agreed of any Convertible Bond Hedge Transactions, Capped Call Transactions or Warrant Transactions; (k) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Borrower in connection with any Convertible Bond Indebtedness with proceeds received (or substantially simultaneously received) from the issuance of such Convertible Bond Indebtedness, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$100,000,000, it being understood and agreed

that any payment, repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Borrower made in connection with any Permitted Refinancing shall be permitted and shall not be subject to any dollar limitation; and (I) other Restricted Payments not permitted by the foregoing clauses; provided that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall exist immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such Restricted Payment, (ii) the Credit Parties shall be in compliance with the financial covenants in Section 7.07 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Restricted Payment, and (iii) the aggregate amount of all Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (I) plus the aggregate amount of all Investments made pursuant to Section 8.05(b) shall not exceed \$50,000,000 at any time outstanding.

8.10 Sale and Leaseback Transactions.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction; <u>provided</u> that any of the Credit Parties and the Restricted Subsidiaries will be permitted to enter into Sale and Leaseback Transactions so long as (a) the sale of the property is for fair market value and otherwise permitted by this Credit Agreement and (b) the rental payments to be made with respect to all such Sale and Leaseback Transactions does not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year.

8.11 No Further Negative Pledges.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into, assume or become subject to any agreement prohibiting or otherwise restricting the creation or assumption of any Lien upon its properties or assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or requiring the grant of any security for such obligation if security is given for some other obligation, except (a) pursuant to this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents, (b) pursuant to any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Sections 8.01(b), (c), (i), (j), (k), (o) or (q) provided that, (i) with respect to Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 8.01(c), any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith and (ii) with respect to Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Sections 8.01(i), (j), (k), (o) and (q), any such restriction shall not apply to this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, and, and (c) in connection with any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien, provided that any such restrictions contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien.

8.12 Capital Expenditures.

Each of the Credit Parties will not, nor will it permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, make or become legally obligated to make Consolidated Capital Expenditures (excluding normal replacements and maintenance that are properly charged to current operations), except for Consolidated Capital Expenditures in the ordinary course of business not exceeding, in the aggregate for the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, the sum of (i) \$250,000,000 during any fiscal year plus (ii) Consolidated Capital Proceeds during such fiscal year plus (iii) thirty percent (30%) of Consolidated EBITDA (determined after giving effect to all Permitted Acquisitions on a Pro Forma Basis), provided that the amount set forth in this clause (iii) shall be available only to the extent that there shall exist no Default or Event of Default immediately before and immediately after giving effect to any proposed expenditure.

ARTICLE IX.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

9.01 Events of Default.

An Event of Default shall exist upon the occurrence of any of the following specified events (each an "Event of Default"):

- (a) The Borrower shall fail to pay any principal on any Loan when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to reimburse the L/C Issuer for any L/C Obligations when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or other amount payable hereunder when due in accordance with the terms hereof and such failure shall continue unremedied for three (3) Business Days (or any Guarantor shall fail to pay on the Guaranty in respect of any of the foregoing or in respect of any other Guaranty Obligations thereunder within the aforesaid period of time); or
- (b) Any representation or warranty made or deemed made herein or in any of the other Credit Documents or which is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished at any time under or in connection with this Credit Agreement shall prove to have been incorrect, false or misleading in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; provided however, that if such representation or warranty is capable of being cured, it shall not constitute an Event of Default unless such representation or warranty continues uncured for a period of ten (10) Business Days following the earlier of a Responsible Officer of the applicable Credit Party obtaining knowledge thereof or receipt by such Credit Party of a written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent; or
- (c) (i) Any Credit Party shall fail to perform, comply with or observe any term, covenant or agreement applicable to it contained in Sections 7.03(a), 7.04(a)(i) (but only with respect to the Borrower and its Material Domestic Subsidiaries), 7.07 or 7.08 or in Article VIII or (ii) any Credit Party shall fail to perform, comply with or observe any covenant or agreement contained in Section 7.01 and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of five (5) Business Days; or (iii) any Credit Party shall fail to comply with any other covenant contained in this Credit Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any other agreement, document or instrument among any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders or executed and delivered by any Credit Party in favor of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders (other than as described in Sections 9.01(a), 9.01(b), 9.01(c)(i) or 9.01(c)(ii) above), and such failure is capable of cure but continues for thirty (30) days following the earlier of a Responsible Officer of the applicable Credit Party obtaining knowledge thereof or receipt by such Credit Party of a written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent; or
- (d) Any Credit Party or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall (i) default in any payment of principal of or interest on any Indebtedness (other than as specified in clause (a) above) in a principal amount outstanding of at least the Threshold Amount in the aggregate for the Credit Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries beyond the period of grace, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created or (ii) default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any Indebtedness in a principal amount outstanding of at least the Threshold Amount in the aggregate for the Credit Parties and their Restricted Subsidiaries or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due or required to be prepaid, repurchased or redeemed prior to its stated maturity; provided that this clause (d) shall not apply to (x) Indebtedness that

becomes due as a result of a voluntary sale, transfer or other disposition (including as a result of a casualty or condemnation event) of property or assets, (y) termination events or similar events pursuant to the terms of any Swap Contract (other than a failure to make a payment required as a result of such termination or similar event) and (z) any redemption, settlement, conversion (or satisfaction of a condition permitting holders of Convertible Bond Indebtedness to convert), required repurchase (or satisfaction of a condition permitting holders of Convertible Bond Indebtedness in accordance with its terms and the satisfaction by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary of its obligations in connection therewith (other than, in either case, as a result of a default by the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary thereunder or an event of the type that constitutes an Event of Default); or

- (i) Any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor shall commence any (e) case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future Law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above which (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of sixty (60) days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of its assets which results in the entry of an order for any such relief which shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within sixty (60) days from the entry thereof; or (iv) any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor shall take any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) above; or (v) any Credit Party other than an Immaterial Guarantor shall generally not, or shall be unable to, or shall admit in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or
- (f) One (1) or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against any Credit Party or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate a liability (to the extent not paid when due or covered by insurance) of the Threshold Amount or more and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been paid and satisfied, vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within sixty (60) days from the entry thereof; or
- (g) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of one or more Credit Parties under Title IV of ERISA that, together with all other such ERISA Events, if any, could have a Material Adverse Effect; or
 - (h) There shall occur a Change of Control; or
- (i) The Guaranty or any provision thereof shall cease to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor or any Person acting by or on behalf of any Guarantor shall, in writing, purport to revoke, terminate or rescind any Guarantor's obligations under the Guaranty, except in accordance with the Credit Documents; or

(j) Any Credit Document (other than those which are ministerial or immaterial in nature) shall fail to be in full force and effect or to give the Administrative Agent and/or the Lenders the security interests, liens, rights, powers, priority and privileges purported to be created thereby (except as such documents may be terminated or no longer in force and effect in accordance with the terms thereof, other than those indemnities and provisions which by their terms shall survive) or, except any Lien shall fail to be a first priority, perfected Lien on a material portion of the Collateral or any Credit Party or any Person acting by or on behalf of any Credit Party shall, in writing, purport to revoke, terminate or rescind any Obligation, except in accordance with the Credit Documents.

9.02 Remedies upon Event of Default.

If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:

- (a) declare the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
- (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Credit Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower;
- (c) require that the Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the then Outstanding Amount thereof); and
- (d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer all rights and remedies available to it, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under the Credit Documents or applicable Laws;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code, the obligation of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of the Administrative Agent or any Lender.

9.03 Application of Funds.

After the exercise of remedies provided for in <u>Section 9.02</u> (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to <u>Section 9.02</u>), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by the Administrative Agent in the following order:

<u>First</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>) payable to the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, interest and Letter of Credit Fees) payable to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuer arising under the Credit Documents and amounts payable under Article III), ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Second payable to them;

<u>Third</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Letter of Credit Fees and interest on the Loans and L/C Borrowings and fees, premiums and scheduled periodic payments, and any interest accrued thereon, due under any Swap Contract between any Credit Party or any Subsidiary and any Swap Contract Provider, to the extent such Swap Contract is permitted by <u>Section 8.01(e)</u>, ratably among the Lenders (and, in the case of such Swap Contracts, Affiliates of Lenders) and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this <u>clause Third</u> held by them;

Fourth, to (a) payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings, (b) payment of breakage, termination or other payments, and any interest accrued thereon, due under any Swap Contract between any Credit Party and any Swap Contract Provider, to the extent such Swap Contract is permitted by Section 8.01(e), (c) payments of amounts due under any Treasury Management Agreement between any Credit Party and any Treasury Management Bank and (d) Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit, in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth, ratably among the Lenders (and, in the case of such Swap Contracts and Treasury Management Agreements, Swap Contract Providers or Treasury Management Banks, as applicable) and the L/C Issuer; and

<u>Last</u>, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Law.

Subject to Section 2.03(c), amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause Fourth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Obligations arising under Swap Contracts and Treasury Management Agreements may be excluded from the application described above without any liability to the Administrative Agent, if the Administrative Agent has not received written notice, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank. Each Swap Contract Provider and Treasury Management Bank not a party to this Credit Agreement that has given the notice contemplated by the preceding sentence shall, by such notice, be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted the appointment of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of Article X for itself and its Affiliates as if a "Lender" party hereto.

ARTICLE X.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

10.01 Appointment and Authority.

Each of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, and no Credit Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions other than as provided in Section 10.06 and Section 10.10. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Credit Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable Law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

The Administrative Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Credit Documents, and each of the Lenders (on behalf of itself and its Affiliates) (including in its capacities as a Lender, Swingline Lender, Swap Contract Provider and/or Treasury Management Bank, as applicable) and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to act as the agent of such Lender (and its Affiliates) and the L/C Issuer for purposes of acquiring, holding and enforcing any and all Liens on Collateral granted by any of the Credit Parties to secure any of the Obligations, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. In this connection, the Administrative Agent, as "collateral agent" and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 10.05 for purposes of holding or enforcing any Lien on the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Security Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of the Administrative Agent, shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this Article X and Article XI (including Section 11.04(c), as though such co-agents, subagents and attorneys-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Credit Documents) as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.

10.02 Rights as a Lender.

The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with any Credit Party or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

10.03 Exculpatory Provisions.

The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, and its duties hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent:

(a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;

- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Credit Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Credit Documents), <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Credit Document or applicable Laws, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to any Credit Party or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in <u>Sections 11.01</u> and <u>9.02</u>) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, a Lender or the L/C Issuer.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, or the creation, perfection or priority of any Lien purported to be created by the Security Documents, (v) the value or the sufficiency of any Collateral, or (vi) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article V or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

10.04 Reliance by Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the L/C Issuer unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Credit

Parties), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

10.05 Delegation of Duties.

The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Credit Document by or through any one (1) or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent.

10.06 Resignation of Administrative Agent.

- (a) The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the L/C Issuer and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, with the consent of the Borrower so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) on behalf of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above. Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.
- (b) If the Person serving as Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Clause (d) of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable law, by notice in writing to the Borrower and such Person remove such Person as Administrative Agent and, with the consent of the Borrower so long as no Event of Default has occurred and continues, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, appoint a successor. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Removal Effective Date"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.
- (c) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable) (i) the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer under any of the Credit Documents, the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (ii) except for any indemnity payments or other amounts then owed to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent, all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the L/C Issuer directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent with the consent of the Borrower so long as no Event of Default has

occurred and is continuing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or removed) Administrative Agent (other than as provided in Section 3.01(g) and other than any rights to indemnity payments or other amounts owed to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent as of the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date, as applicable), and the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section 10.06). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring or removed Administrative Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, the provisions of this Article X and Section 11.04 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring or removed Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

Any resignation or removal of the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 10.10 shall also constitute its resignation or removal as L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender. The retiring L/C Issuer shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation or removal as L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to Section 2.03(c). The retiring Swingline Lender shall retain all the rights of the Swingline Lender provided for hereunder with respect to Swingline Loans made by it and outstanding as of the effective date of such resignation or removal, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in outstanding Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(c). Upon the appointment by the Borrower of a successor L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender hereunder (which successor shall in all cases be a Lender other than a Defaulting Lender), (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender, as applicable, (b) the retiring L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents and (c) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring L/C Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

10.07 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders.

Each Lender and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Credit Agreement. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

10.08 No Other Duties; Etc.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the bookrunners, arrangers, syndication agents, co-documentation agents or co-agents shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Credit Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder.

10.09 Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim; Credit Bids.

- (a) In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:
 - (i) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations and all other Obligations arising under the Credit Documents that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders, the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent under Sections 2.03(h) and (i), 2.09 and 11.04) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
 - (ii) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the L/C Issuer to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, if the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Administrative Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Administrative Agent under Sections 2.09 and 11.04.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or the L/C Issuer to authorize the Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or the L/C Issuer in any such proceeding.

(b) The holders of the Obligations hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent, at the direction of the Required Lenders, to credit bid all or any portion of the Obligations (including accepting some or all of the Collateral in satisfaction of some or all of the Obligations pursuant to a deed in lieu of foreclosure or otherwise) and in such manner purchase (either directly or through one or more acquisition vehicles) all or any portion of the Collateral (x) at any sale thereof conducted under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including under Sections 363, 1123 or 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, or any similar Laws in any other jurisdictions to which a Credit Party is subject, (y) at any other sale or foreclosure or acceptance of collateral in lieu of debt conducted by (or with the consent or at the direction of) the Administrative Agent (whether by judicial action or otherwise) in accordance with any applicable

Law. In connection with any such credit bid and purchase, the Obligations owed to the holders thereof shall be entitled to be, and shall be, credit bid on a ratable basis (with Obligations with respect to contingent or unliquidated claims receiving contingent interests in the acquired assets on a ratable basis that would vest upon the liquidation of such claims in an amount proportional to the liquidated portion of the contingent claim amount used in allocating the contingent interests) in the asset or assets so purchased (or in the Equity Interests or debt instruments of the acquisition vehicle or vehicles that are used to consummate such purchase). In connection with any such bid (i) the Administrative Agent shall be authorized to form one or more acquisition vehicles to make a bid, (ii) to adopt documents providing for the governance of the acquisition vehicle or vehicles (provided that any actions by the Administrative Agent with respect to such acquisition vehicle or vehicles, including any disposition of the assets or Equity Interests thereof shall be governed, directly or indirectly, by the vote of the Required Lenders, irrespective of the termination of this Credit Agreement and without giving effect to the limitations on actions by the Required Lenders contained in clauses (a)(i) through (a)(vii) of Section 11.01, and (ii) to the extent that Obligations that are assigned to an acquisition vehicle are not used to acquire Collateral for any reason (as a result of another bid being higher or better, because the amount of Obligations assigned to the acquisition vehicle exceeds the amount of debt credit bid by the acquisition vehicle or otherwise), such Obligations shall automatically be reassigned to the Lenders pro rata and the Equity Interests and/or debt instruments issued by any acquisition vehicle on account of the Obligations that had been assigned to the acquisition vehicle shall automatically be cancelled, without the need for any Lender or any acquisition vehicle to take any further action.

10.10 Collateral and Guaranty Matters.

Without limiting the provisions of <u>Section 10.09</u>, each of the Lenders (including in its capacities as a potential Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank) and the L/C Issuer irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent, at its option and in its discretion,

- (a) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document (i) upon termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than (A) contingent Obligations and (B) any obligations and liabilities under Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements other than such outstanding obligations then due and payable as to which arrangements satisfactory to the applicable Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank have not been made) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made), (ii) that is transferred or to be transferred as part of or in connection with any Disposition permitted hereunder or under any other Credit Document or any Recovery Event, (iii) that is permitted to be released pursuant to Section 7.12 or (iii) as approved in accordance with Section 11.01;
- (b) to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Credit Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted by Section 8.02 and clause (c) in the definition of "Permitted Liens"; and
- (c) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder, including, without limitation, if such release is permitted under the terms of Sections 7.09(b) or (c).

Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or

items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty, pursuant to this Section 10.10.

In each case as specified in this <u>Section 10.10</u>, the Administrative Agent will promptly execute and deliver to the applicable Credit Party, at the Credit Parties' sole expense, such documents as any Credit Party may reasonably request in order to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the security interest granted under the Security Documents or to subordinate its security interest in such item or to release such Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty, as applicable, in each case in accordance with the terms of this Section 10.10 and the Credit Documents.

The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for or have a duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral, the existence, priority or perfection of the Administrative Agent's Lien thereon, or any certificate prepared by any Credit Party in connection therewith, nor shall the Administrative Agent be responsible or liable to the Lenders for any failure to monitor or maintain any portion of the Collateral.

10.11 Secured Treasury Management Agreements and Secured Swap Contracts.

No Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank that obtains the benefit of the provisions of Section 9.03, the Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or any Credit Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Credit Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) (or to notice of or to consent to any amendment, waiver or modification of the provisions hereof or of the Guaranty or any Credit Document) other than in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Credit Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article X to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements except to the extent expressly provided herein and unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice of such Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Swap Contract Provider or Treasury Management Bank. The Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Swap Contracts or Treasury Management Agreements in the case of a Maturity Date.

10.12 ERISA Matters.

- (a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Credit Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:
 - (i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments or this Credit Agreement,
 - (ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified

professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Credit Agreement,

- (iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Credit Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Credit Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Credit Agreement, or
- (iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.
- (b) In addition, unless either (1) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Credit Party, that the Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Credit Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Credit Agreement, any Credit Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

10.13 Recovery of Erroneous Payments.

Without limitation of any other provision in this Credit Agreement, if at any time the Administrative Agent makes a payment hereunder in error to any Lender or any L/C Issuer (each, a "Loan Party"), whether or not in respect of an Obligation due and owing by the Borrower at such time, where such payment is a Rescindable Amount, then in any such event, each Loan Party receiving a Rescindable Amount severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the Rescindable Amount received by such Loan Party in immediately available funds in the currency so received, with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such Rescindable Amount is received by it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation. Each Loan Party irrevocably waives any and all defenses, including any "discharge for value" (under which a creditor might otherwise claim a right to retain funds mistakenly paid by a third party in respect of a debt owed by another) or similar defense to its obligation to return any

Rescindable Amount. The Administrative Agent shall inform each Loan Party promptly upon determining that any payment made to such Loan Party comprised, in whole or in part, a Rescindable Amount.

ARTICLE XI.

MISCELLANEOUS

11.01 Amendments, Etc.

No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, and no consent to any departure by any Credit Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and the Borrower or the applicable Credit Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by the Administrative Agent, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, that

- (a) no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:
- (i) extend or increase the Commitment of a Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u>) without the written consent of such Lender whose Commitment is being extended or increased (it being understood and agreed that a waiver of any condition precedent set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> or of any Default or a mandatory reduction in Commitments is not considered an extension or increase in Commitments of any Lender);
- (ii) postpone any date fixed by this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document for any payment (excluding mandatory prepayments) of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Lenders (or any of them) or any scheduled reduction of the Commitments hereunder or under any other Credit Document without the written consent of each Lender entitled to receive such payment or whose Commitments are to be reduced:
- (iii) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to <u>clause (i)</u> of the final proviso to this <u>Section 11.01</u>) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Credit Document without the written consent of each Lender entitled to receive such amount; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to (A) amend the definition of "Default Rate" or waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest or Letter of Credit Fees at the Default Rate or (B) to amend any financial covenant hereunder (or any definition used therein) even if the effect of such amendment would be to reduce the rate of interest on any Loan or L/C Borrowing or to reduce any fee payable hereunder:
- (iv) change any provision of this <u>Section 11.01(a)</u> or the definition of "Required Lenders" without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
- (v) release all or substantially all of the Collateral without the written consent of each Lender whose Obligations are secured by such Collateral;

- (vi) change <u>Section 2.05</u>, <u>Section 2.13</u>, <u>Section 2.17</u> or <u>Section 9.03</u> in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;
- (vii) release the Borrower without the consent of each Lender, or, except in connection with a transaction permitted under <u>Section 8.04</u>, all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranty without the written consent of each Lender whose Obligations are guaranteed thereby, except to the extent such release is permitted pursuant to <u>Section 10.10</u> (in which case such release may be made by the Administrative Agent acting alone); or
- (b) prior to the termination of the Revolving Commitments, unless also signed by Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) holding in the aggregate at least a majority of the Revolving Commitments, no such amendment, waiver or consent shall, (i) waive any Default for purposes of Section 5.02(a)(ii), (ii) amend, change, waive, discharge or terminate Sections 5.02 or 9.01 in a manner adverse to such Lenders or (iii) amend, change, waive, discharge or terminate Section 7.07 (or any definition used therein) or this Section 11.01(b); or

(c) [reserved];

- (d) unless also signed by any L/C Issuer, no amendment, waiver or consent shall affect the rights or duties of such L/C Issuer under this Credit Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it;
- (e) unless also signed by the Swingline Lender, no amendment, waiver or consent shall affect the rights or duties of the Swingline Lender under this Credit Agreement;
- (f) unless also signed by the Administrative Agent, no amendment, waiver or consent shall affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document;
- (g) for the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this Section 11.01 or elsewhere in this Credit Agreement, this Credit Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent (and the consent of the Lenders or the Required Lenders shall not be required, other than the consent of any Lenders providing the Incremental Credit Facilities referred to below) for the purpose of including one (1) or more Incremental Credit Facilities as contemplated by Section 2.01(c) by (i) increasing the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and/or (ii) adding one (1) or more Term Loans hereunder or otherwise to effect the provisions of Section 2.01(c);

provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) each of the Fee Letters may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed and delivered only by the parties thereto, (ii) each Lender is entitled to vote as such Lender sees fit on any bankruptcy reorganization plan that affects the Loans, and each Lender acknowledges that the provisions of Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code supersedes the unanimous consent provisions set forth herein, (iii) the Required Lenders shall determine whether or not to allow a Credit Party to use cash collateral in the context of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding and such determination shall be binding on all of the Lenders, (iv) (A) the L/C Commitment reflected on Schedule 2.03 may be amended from time to time by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer, to reflect the L/C Commitment of such L/C Issuer in effect from time to time and (B) the Swingline Commitment reflected on Schedule 2.04 may be amended from time to time by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Swingline Lender to reflect the

Swingline Commitment of the Swingline Lender in effect from time to time and (v) any provision of this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into between the Borrower and the Administrative Agent for the purpose of curing any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency so long as, in each case, the Lenders shall have received at least five (5) Business Days' prior notice thereof and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five (5) Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (and any amendment, waiver or consent which by its terms requires the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender may be effected with the consent of the applicable Lenders other than Defaulting Lenders), except that (x) the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (y) any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender that by its terms affects any Defaulting Lender more adversely than other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.

11.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications.

- (a) <u>Notices Generally</u>. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in <u>clause (b)</u> below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:
 - (i) if to any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 11.02</u>; and
 - (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire (including, as appropriate, notices delivered solely to the Person designated by a Lender on its Administrative Questionnaire then in effect for the delivery of notices that may contain MNPI relating to the Borrower).

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in clause (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such clause (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Article II</u> if such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept

notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), provided that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

- THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS The Platform. AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to the Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for Iosses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of the Borrower's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the Internet, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided, however, that in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to the Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages).
- (d) Change of Address, Etc. Each of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swingline Lender may change its address, electronic address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, electronic address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swingline Lender. In addition, each Lender agrees to notify the Administrative Agent from time to time to ensure that the Administrative Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, telecopier number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender. Furthermore, each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one (1) individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the "Private Side Information" or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender's compliance procedures and applicable Laws, including United States Federal and state securities laws, to make reference to Borrower Materials that are not made available through the "Public Side

Information" portion of the Platform and that may contain MNPI with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities laws.

(e) Reliance by Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders. The Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including, without limitation, telephonic or electronic notices, Loan Notices, Letter of Credit Applications, Notice of Loan Prepayment and Swingline Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of any Credit Party even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Credit Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of a Credit Party. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with the Administrative Agent may be recorded by the Administrative Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

11.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement.

No failure by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Credit Document preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided, and provided under each other Credit Document are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by Law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Credit Document, the authority to enforce rights and remedies hereunder and under the other Credit Documents against the Credit Parties or any of them shall be vested exclusively in, and all actions and proceedings at law in connection with such enforcement shall be instituted and maintained exclusively by, the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.02 for the benefit of all the Lenders and the L/C Issuer; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit (a) the Administrative Agent from exercising on its own behalf the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Administrative Agent) hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, (b) the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender from exercising the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender, as the case may be) hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, (c) any Lender from exercising setoff rights in accordance with Section 11.08 (subject to the terms of Section 2.13), or (d) any Lender from filing proofs of claim or appearing and filing pleadings on its own behalf during the pendency of a proceeding relative to any Credit Party under any Debtor Relief Law; provided, further, that if at any time there is no Person acting as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, then (i) the Required Lenders shall have the rights otherwise ascribed to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 9.02 and (ii) in addition to the matters set forth in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of the preceding proviso and subject to Section 2.13, any Lender may, with the consent of the Required Lenders, enforce any rights and remedies available to it and as authorized by the Required Lenders.

11.04 Expenses; Indemnity; and Damage Waiver.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Credit Parties shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, its Affiliates and the Joint Lead Arrangers (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and

disbursements of counsel for the Administrative Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the L/C Issuer in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), and shall pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket legal fees and time charges for attorneys (other than internal counsel), in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents, including its rights under this Section 11.04, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

Indemnification by the Credit Parties. The Credit Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the L/C Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable and documented fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), and shall indemnify and hold harmless each Indemnitee from all fees and time charges and disbursements for attorneys who may be employees of any Indemnitee, incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by any Credit Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) and its Related Parties only, the administration of this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (including, without duplication, in respect of any matters addressed in Section 3.01), (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the L/C Issuer to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Materials of Environmental Concern on or from any property owned or operated by a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by any Credit Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (y) result from a claim brought by any Credit Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Credit Document, if such Credit Party has obtained a final and non-appealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (z) result from disputes solely among Indemnitees other than any claims against an Indemnitee in its capacity or in fulfilling its role as the Administrative Agent or a Joint Lead Arranger and other than any claims arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Borrower or any of its affiliates. Without limiting the provisions of <u>Section 3.01(c)</u>, this <u>Section 11.04(b)</u> shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claims.

- (c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that the Credit Parties for any reason fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required under clause (a) or (b) of this Section 11.04 to be paid by them to the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), the L/C Issuer or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), the L/C Issuer or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount, provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) or the L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) or L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.12(d).
- (d) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws, no party hereto shall assert, and each party hereto hereby waives, any claim against any other party, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; provided, that this sentence shall in no way diminish the Borrower's indemnification obligations under Section 11.04(b). No Indemnitee referred to in clause (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Credit Agreement or the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- (e) <u>Payments</u>. All amounts due under this <u>Section 11.04</u> shall be payable not later than ten (10) Business Days after written demand therefor.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements in this <u>Section 11.04</u> and the indemnity provisions of <u>Section 11.02(e)</u> shall survive the resignation of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swingline Lender, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.

11.05 Payments Set Aside.

To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of any Credit Party is made to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender, or the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended

to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and the L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Credit Agreement.

11.06 Successors and Assigns.

- Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and thereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of clause (b) of this Section 11.06, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of clause (d) of this Section 11.06 or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of clause (f) of this Section 11.06 (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Credit Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in clause (d) of this Section 11.06 and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Credit Agreement.
- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one (1) or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this <u>clause (b)</u>, participations in L/C Obligations and in Swingline Loans) at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the related Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds that equal at least the amount specified in clause(b)(i)(B) of this Section 11.06 in the aggregate or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in <u>clause (b)(i)(A)</u> of this <u>Section 11.06</u>, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of such Trade Date, shall not be less than \$10,000,000, in the case of any assignment in respect of the revolving credit facility provided hereunder, or

\$5,000,000, in the case of any assignment in respect of the term loan facility provided hereunder, unless (1) for the remaining outstanding amount under the revolving credit facility or term loan facility hereunder, or (2) each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

- (ii) Proportionate Amounts. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's Loans and Commitments, and rights and obligations with respect thereto, assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not (A) apply to the Swingline Lender's rights and obligations in respect of Swingline Loans or (B) prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations in respect of its Revolving Commitment (and the related Revolving Loans thereunder) and its outstanding Term Loans, if any, on a non-pro rata basis;
- (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by clause (b)(i)(B) of this Section 11.06 and, in addition:
 - (A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) shall be required unless (1) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or, in the case of an assignment of Term Loans, an Approved Fund; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof;
 - (B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of (1) any Revolving Loans or Revolving Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender with a Revolving Commitment or an Affiliate of such Lender or (2) any Term Loan to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; and
 - (C) the consent of the L/C Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment in respect of Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments; and
 - (D) the consent of the Swingline Lender (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment in respect of Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments.
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.
- (v) <u>No Assignment to Certain Persons</u>. No such assignment shall be made to (A) the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (B) any Defaulting

Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this <u>clause</u> (B), or (C) a natural person.

Certain Additional Payments. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Laws without compliance with the provisions of this clause (vi), then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Credit Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to clause (c) of this Section 11.06, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Credit Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Credit Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Credit Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Credit Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05 and 11.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment); provided, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender. Upon request, the Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Credit Agreement that does not comply with this clause (b) shall be treated for purposes of this Credit Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with clause (d) of this Section 11.06.

(c) Register. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower (and such agency being solely for tax purposes), shall maintain at the Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it (or the equivalent thereof in electronic form) and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive (absent manifest error), and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of

this Credit Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. In addition, the Administrative Agent shall maintain on the Register information regarding the designation, and revocation of designation, of any Lender as a Defaulting Lender. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person, a Defaulting Lender or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Credit Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations and/or Swingline Loans) owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Credit Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the other Lenders and the L/C Issuer shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Credit Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 11.04(c) without regard to the existence of any participation.

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Credit Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Credit Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in clauses (i) through (vii) of Section 11.01(a) that affects such Participant. Subject to clause (e) of this Section 11.06, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 3.05 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 11.06 (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 3.01(e) shall be delivered to the Lender who sells the participation) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 11.06; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 3.06 and 11.13 as if it were an assignee under clause (b) of this Section 11.06 and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 3.01 or 3.04, with respect to any participation, than the Lender from whom it acquired the applicable participation would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 3.06 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by Law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 11.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.13 as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Credit Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Credit Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Credit Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

- (e) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Credit Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- Resignation as L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender after Assignment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Bank of America assigns all of its Revolving Commitment and Revolving Loans pursuant to clause (b) above, Bank of America may, (i) upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Borrower and the Lenders, resign as L/C Issuer and/or (ii) upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Borrower, resign as Swingline Lender. In the event of any such resignation as L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender, the Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender hereunder; provided, however, that no failure by the Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Bank of America as L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender, as the case may be. If Bank of America resigns as L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto (including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to Section 2.03(c)). If Bank of America resigns as Swingline Lender, it shall retain all the rights of the Swingline Lender provided for hereunder with respect to Swingline Loans made by it and outstanding as of the effective date of such resignation, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in outstanding Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.04(c). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C Issuer and/or Swingline Lender, (1) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer or Swingline Lender, as the case may be, and (2) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.

11.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality.

(a) Information and Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, advisors and representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any

remedies hereunder or under any other Credit Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 11.07, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Credit Agreement or any Eligible Assignee invited to become a Lender pursuant to Section 2.01(c) or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to a Credit Party and its obligations, (g) on a confidential basis to (i) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided hereunder or (ii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers or other market identifiers with respect to the credit facilities provided hereunder, (h) with the consent of the Borrower or (i) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 11.07 or other confidentiality obligations owing to the Borrower or any other Credit Party but only to the extent the Administrative Agent, such Lender or such L/C Issuer has actual knowledge of such other confidentiality obligations or (y) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any of their respective Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower.

For purposes of this <u>Section 11.07</u>, "<u>Information</u>" means all information received from or on behalf of a Credit Party or any Subsidiary relating to the Credit Parties or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by such Credit Party or any Subsidiary, <u>provided</u> that, in the case of information received from a Credit Party or any Subsidiary after the Closing Date, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this <u>Section 11.07</u> shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that (a) the Information may include MNPI concerning a Credit Party or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (b) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of MNPI and (c) it will handle such MNPI in accordance with applicable Laws, including United States Federal and state securities Laws.

(b) <u>Customary Advertising Material</u>. The Credit Parties consent to the publication by the Administrative Agent or any Lender of customary advertising material relating to the transactions contemplated hereby using the name, product photographs, logo or trademark of the Credit Parties.

11.08 Set-off.

If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of any Credit Party against any and all of the obligations of such Credit Party now or hereafter existing under this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the L/C Issuer shall have made any demand under this

Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document and although such obligations of such Credit Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or the L/C Issuer different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided, that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.15 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, the L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section 11.08 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

11.09 Interest Rate Limitation.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Credit Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Credit Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Laws (the "Maximum Rate"). If the Administrative Agent or any Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Administrative Agent or a Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Laws, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

11.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness; Amendment and Restatement.

- (a) This Credit Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 5.01, this Credit Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed and delivered by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Credit Agreement by facsimile or other electronic imaging means (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Credit Agreement.
- (b) The parties to the Existing Credit Agreement each hereby agrees that, at such time as this Credit Agreement shall have become effective pursuant to the terms of Section 5.01, (a) the Existing Credit Agreement automatically shall be deemed amended and restated in its entirety by this Credit Agreement, and (b) the Commitments and Loans under the Existing Credit Agreement and as defined therein automatically shall be replaced with the Commitments and Loans hereunder. This Credit Agreement is not a novation of the Existing Credit Agreement.

11.11 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Credit Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Administrative Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of any Credit Extension, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding.

11.12 Severability.

If any provision of this Credit Agreement or the other Credit Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this Section 11.12, if and to the extent that the enforceability of any provisions in this Credit Agreement relating to Defaulting Lenders shall be limited by Debtor Relief Laws, as determined in good faith by the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swingline Lender, as applicable, then such provisions shall be deemed to be in effect only to the extent not so limited.

11.13 Replacement of Lenders.

If (a) any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, (b) the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount or indemnification payment to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, (c) a Lender (a "<u>Non-Consenting Lender</u>") does not consent to a proposed change, waiver, discharge or termination with respect to any Credit Document that has been approved by the Required Lenders as provided in <u>Section 11.01</u> but requires unanimous consent of all Lenders or all Lenders directly affected thereby (as applicable) or (d) any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort and with the reasonable assistance and cooperation of such Lender, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 11.06</u>), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Credit Agreement and the related Credit Documents to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:

- (a) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee specified in Section 11.06(b) (unless waived by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion);
- (b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and L/C Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (including any amounts under Section 3.05) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);

- (c) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u> or payments required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;
 - (d) such assignment does not conflict with applicable Laws; and
- (e) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a Non-Consenting Lender's failure to consent to a proposed change, waiver, discharge or termination with respect to any Credit Document, the applicable replacement bank, financial institution or Fund consents to the proposed change, waiver, discharge or termination; provided that the failure by such Non-Consenting Lender to execute and deliver an Assignment and Assumption shall not impair the validity of the removal of such Non-Consenting Lender and the mandatory assignment of such Non-Consenting Lender's Commitments and outstanding Loans and participations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans pursuant to this Section 11.13 shall nevertheless be effective without the execution and delivery by such Non-Consenting Lender of an Assignment and Assumption.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

11.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. EACH CREDIT **PARTY** (b) IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT COMMENCE ANY ACTION. LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION. WHETHER IN LAW OR EQUITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY LENDER, THE L/C ISSUER, OR ANY RELATED PARTY OF THE FOREGOING IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATING HERETO OR THERETO, IN ANY FORUM OTHER THAN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY LENDER OR THE L/C ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT

OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AGAINST ANY CREDIT PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

- (c) <u>WAIVER OF VENUE</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN <u>CLAUSE (B)</u> OF THIS <u>SECTION 11.14</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.
- (d) <u>SERVICE OF PROCESS</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN <u>SECTION 11.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS.

11.15 Waiver of Right to Trial by Jury.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAWS, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS CREDIT AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 11.15.

11.16 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document), each of the Credit Parties acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) (A) the arranging and other services regarding this Credit Agreement provided by the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Lenders are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Lenders, on the other hand, (B) each of the Credit Parties has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and (C) each of the Credit Parties is capable of evaluating, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Credit Documents; (ii) (A) the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and each Lender each is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Credit Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) neither the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers nor any Lender has any obligation to the Credit Parties or any of their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby

except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents; and (iii) the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Lenders and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers nor any Lender has any obligation to disclose any of such interests to the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, each of the Credit Parties hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

11.17 Electronic Execution.

This Credit Agreement and any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice, certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Credit Agreement (each a "Communication"), including Communications required to be in writing, may be in the form of an Electronic Record and may be executed using Electronic Signatures. Each Credit Party agrees that any Electronic Signature on or associated with any Communication shall be valid and binding on such Credit Party to the same extent as a manual, original signature, and that any Communication entered into by Electronic Signature, will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of such Credit Party enforceable against such in accordance with the terms thereof to the same extent as if a manually executed original signature was delivered. Any Communication may be executed in as many counterparts as necessary or convenient, including both paper and electronic counterparts, but all such counterparts are one and the same Communication. For the avoidance of doubt, the authorization under this paragraph may include, without limitation, use or acceptance by the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders of a manually signed paper Communication which has been converted into electronic form (such as scanned into PDF format), or an electronically signed Communication converted into another format, for transmission, delivery and/or retention. The Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders may, at its option, create one or more copies of any Communication in the form of an imaged Electronic Record ("Electronic Copy"), which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of the such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document. All Communications in the form of an Electronic Record, including an Electronic Copy, shall be considered an original for all purposes, and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent is under no obligation to accept an Electronic Signature in any form or in any format unless expressly agreed to by the Administrative Agent pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, further, without limiting the foregoing, (a) to the extent the Administrative Agent has agreed to accept such Electronic Signature, the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders shall be entitled to rely on any such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of any Credit Party without further verification and (b) upon the request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by such manually executed counterpart. For purposes hereof, "Electronic Record" and "Electronic Signature" shall have the meanings assigned to them, respectively, by 15 USC §7006, as it may be amended from time to time.

11.18 Patriot Act Notice.

Each Lender that is subject to the Patriot Act and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Patriot Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act. The Borrower shall, promptly following a request by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, provide all

documentation and other information that the Administrative Agent or such Lender requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act.

11.19 Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Credit Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Lender that is an Affected Financial Institution arising under any Credit Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any Lender that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
 - (b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
 - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
 - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document; or
 - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

11.20 Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs.

To the extent that the Credit Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for any Swap Contract or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, "QFC Credit Support", and each such QFC, a "Supported QFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Credit Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a "Covered Party") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the

Credit Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Credit Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

[SIGNATURE PAGES OMITTED]

Schedule 2.01

COMMITMENTS AND APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES

	Revolving	Applicable Percentage of Aggregate Revolving		Applicable Percentage of
<u>Lender</u>	Commitment	Commitments	Term Loan A	Term Loan A
Bank of America, N.A.	\$81,250,000.00	12.500000000%	\$43,750,000.00	12.500000000%
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	\$81,250,000.00	12.500000000%	\$43,750,000.00	12.500000000%
Truist Bank	\$81,250,000.00	12.500000000%	\$43,750,000.00	12.500000000%
Citizens Bank, N.A.	\$55,250,000.00	8.500000000%	\$29,750,000.00	8.500000000%
MUFG Union Bank, N.A.	\$55,250,000.00	8.500000000%	\$29,750,000.00	8.500000000%
PNC Bank, National Association	\$55,250,000.00	8.500000000%	\$29,750,000.00	8.500000000%
BMO Harris Bank, N.A.	\$42,250,000.00	6.500000000%	\$22,750,000.00	6.500000000%
Capital One, National Association	\$42,250,000.00	6.500000000%	\$22,750,000.00	6.500000000%
Fifth Third Bank	\$42,250,000.00	6.500000000%	\$22,750,000.00	6.500000000%
TD Bank, N.A.	\$42,250,000.00	6.500000000%	\$22,750,000.00	6.500000000%
Bank of the West	\$30,875,000.00	4.750000000%	\$16,625,000.00	4.750000000%
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	\$30,875,000.00	4.750000000%	\$16,625,000.00	4.750000000%
Synovus Bank	\$9,750,000.00	1.500000000%	\$5,250,000.00	1.500000000%
Total:	\$650,000,000.00	100.000000000%	\$350,000,000.00	100.000000000%

Schedule 6.11

SUBSIDIARIES

Subsidiary	Jurisdiction	Equity Interest Holder	Percent Ownership (%)
Material Domestic Subsidiaries			
Ansco & Associates, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Dycom Capital Management, Inc.	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Dycom Corporate Identity, Inc.	Delaware	Dycom Capital Management, Inc.	100
Dycom Investments, Inc.	Delaware	Dycom Industries, Inc.	100
Dycom Identity, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Corporate Identity, Inc. Locating, Inc.	97.461 2.539
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Lambert's Cable Splicing Company, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
UtiliQuest, LLC	Georgia	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries	- Guarantors		
Apex Digital, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Atlantic Communications Services, LLC	Delaware	RJE Telecom, LLC	100
Blair Park Services, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Broadband Express, LLC	Delaware	Broadband Installation Services, LLC	100
Broadband Installation Services, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
CableCom, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
C-2 Utility Contractors, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Cavo Broadband Communications, LLC	Delaware	Prince Telecom, LLC	100
CCLC, Inc.	Delaware	Spectrum Wireless Solutions, LLC	100
Communications Construction Group, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Engineering Associates, LLC	Georgia	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Fiber Technologies Solutions, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Globe Communications, LLC	North Carolina	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Golden State Utility Co.	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100

Subsidiary	Jurisdiction	Equity Interest Holder	Percent Ownership (%)
Ivy H. Smith Company, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Kanaan Communications, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Locating, Inc.	Washington	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Midtown Express, LLC	Delaware	Broadband Installation Services, LLC	100
NeoCom Solutions, LLC	Georgia	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Nichols Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
North Sky Communications, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
OSP Services, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Parkside Site & Utility Company Corporation	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Parkside Utility Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Pauley Construction, LLC	Arizona	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Point to Point Communications, Inc.	Louisiana	Dycom Identity, LLC	100
Precision Valley Communications of Vermont, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Prince Telecom, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Professional Teleconcepts, LLC	Illinois	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Professional Teleconcepts, LLC	New York	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
RJE Telecom, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Sage Telecommunications Corp. of Colorado, LLC	Colorado	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Spectrum Wireless Solutions, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Star Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Stevens Communications, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
TCS Communications, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
TelCom Construction, LLC	Minnesota	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Tesinc, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Texas	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Tjader & Highstrom Utility Services, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Trawick Construction Company, LLC	Florida	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100

Subsidiary	Jurisdiction	Equity Interest Holder	Percent Ownership (%)
Triple-D Communications, LLC	Delaware	Globe Communications, LLC	100
Underground Specialties, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
VCI Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
VCI Utility Services Holdings, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
VCI Utility Services, LLC	Delaware	VCI Utility Services Holdings, LLC	100
White Mountain Cable Construction, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Immaterial Domestic Subsidiarie	s - Non-Guarantor		
Alabama Broadband, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Dycom Aviation, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
NCS, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
North Sky Telecom, Inc.	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
RJE Canada, Inc.	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
UNTRA EXPRESS, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Aviation, LLC	100
Immaterial Foreign Subsidiaries	- Non-Guarantor		
North Sky Telecom, ULC	British Columbia Canada	North Sky Telecom, Inc.	100
RJE Canada, ULC	Alberta Canada	RJE Canada, Inc.	100
Unrestricted Subsidiaries		<u></u>	
CertusView Solutions, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
CertusView Technologies, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100
Gardens Capital Management, LLC	Delaware	Dycom Investments, Inc.	100

Schedule 8.01

INDEBTEDNESS EXISTING ON THE CLOSING DATE

- 1) Lost Instrument Bond in the amount of \$160,000.00.
- 2) Indebtedness incurred in connection with the Liens described in <u>Schedule 8.02</u>.
- 3) Indebtedness incurred under the 2021 Convertible Notes.

Schedule 8.02

EQUIPMENT LIENS

Equipment Liens listed below and any extension, renewal, refinancing, refunding or replacement thereof:

Debtor	Secured Party	Filing Number	Date of Filing	Collateral
C-2 Utility Contractors, LLC	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2005 3345544	10/27/2005	Equipment Lease
Cablecom, LLC	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2006 63377975	9/29/2006	Equipment Lease
Cablecom, LLC	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	2018 3346257	5/16/2018	Equipment Lease
Cablecom, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2019 0993639	2/12/2019	Equipment Lease
Dycom Industries, Inc.	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	2016 08970440	9/26/2016	Equipment Lease
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC	Brandeis Machinery & Supply Company	2016 3344775	6/3/2016	Equipment Lease
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC	Datamax of Kansas City	2017 3487938	5/26/2017	Equipment Lease
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC	Datamax of Kansas City	2017 3488043	5/26/2017	Equipment Lease
Ervin Cable Construction, LLC	GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation	2019 7974160	11/12/2019	Equipment Lease
Golden State Utility Co.	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2009 4084635	12/21/2009	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2016 5913460	9/27/2016	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2016 5914021	9/27/2016	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2016 5914278	9/27/2016	Equipment Leas
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 3083629	5/7/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 3534365	5/24/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 4381691	6/27/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 5621798	8/15/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 5901737	8/27/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 5992009	8/30/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 6822023	10/3/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 7603414	11/2/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 7705102	11/7/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 7914050	11/15/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8004745	11/19/2018	Equipment Leas

Debtor	Secured Party	Filing Number	Date of Filing	Collateral
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8173128	11/27/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8203529	11/28/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8206084	11/28/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8206480	11/28/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2018 8206696	11/28/2018	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2019 0711312	1/31/2019	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2019 3054934	5/2/2019	Equipment Lease
Niels Fugal Sons Company, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	2019 4522400	7/1/2019	Equipment Lease
North Sky Communications, Inc.	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2010 0335525	1/29/2010	Equipment Lease
Prince Telecom, LLC	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2012 0069478	1/6/2012	Equipment Lease
RJE Telecom, LLC	GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation	2017 2283783	4/7/2017	Equipment Lease
Sage Telecommunications Corp. of Colorado, LLC	All Copy Products, Inc.	20202020751	2/28/2020	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Dell Financial Services LLC	201436554163	5/12/2014	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota, Inc.	891630400029	6/10/2016	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota, Inc.	891636800021	6/10/2016	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota, Inc.	891643000026	6/10/2016	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota, Inc.	891659600022	6/10/2016	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota, Inc.	891663100021	6/10/2016	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	993218900558	1/9/2018	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & Iowa	1054291700022	12/14/2018	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1074472900021	3/13/2019	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & Iowa	1074473900022	3/13/2019	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & Iowa	1082354100020	4/25/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1082389800028	4/25/2019	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1082404200029	4/25/2019	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1082408200023	4/25/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1082432800028	4/26/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	U.S. Bank Equipment	1124172501287	12/11/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Pinance Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1126690000020	12/19/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1126693600025	12/19/2019	Equipment Leas
TelCom Construction, LLC	lowa Ditch Witch of Minnesota &	1128723100028	12/27/2019	Equipment Lease

Debtor	Secured Party	Filing Number	Date of Filing	Collateral
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1128730200020	12/27/2019	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & Iowa	1136574400027	1/22/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1139104100025	1/31/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	U.S. Bank Equipment Finance	1140316801421	2/6/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1141332100021	2/11/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1141336900021	2/11/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1145027300025	2/27/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1145029700025	2/27/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1145032900025	2/27/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1147259100028	3/9/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & Iowa	1147260400028	3/9/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1149247400021	3/17/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1149251000020	3/17/2020	Equipment Lease
TelCom Construction, LLC	Ditch Witch of Minnesota & lowa	1223585500029	3/11/2021	Equipment Lease
Tesinc, LLC	CIT Bank, N.A.	2017 6911595	10/17/2017	Equipment Lease
Tesinc, LLC	CIT Bank, N.A.	2020 3380492	5/13/2020	Equipment Lease
Tesinc, LLC	CIT Bank, N.A.	2020 4533057	6/30/2020	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc.	11-0031993461	11/1/2011	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Ditch Witch Financial Services, a Program of Bank of the West	16-0015319107	5/11/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	16-0022190465	7/7/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	16-0022304705	7/8/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	16-0029028290	9/3/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	16-0029236837	9/5/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Financial Servicing, LLC	16-0031181445	9/21/2016	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	17-0005133050	2/14/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035736335	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035737609	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035738973	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035740774	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035743323	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease

Debtor	Secured Party	Filing Number	Date of Filing	Collateral
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035745729	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035750179	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035751685	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	RDO Equipment Co.	17-0035754092	10/23/2017	Equipment Lease
Texstar Enterprises, LLC	McGrath RentCorp	20-0007442867	2/25/2020	Equipment Lease
Underground Specialties, LLC	Les Schwab Warehouse Center, Inc.	2007 0960574	3/14/2007	Equipment Lease
UtiliQuest, LLC	LEAF Capital Funding, LLC	007-2020-052164	10/16/2020	Equipment Lease

Schedule 8.05

INVESTMENTS EXISTING ON THE CLOSING DATE

The Investments as of the Closing Date in the following Subsidiaries:

Unrestricted Subsidiaries:

CertusView Technologies, LLC US \$114,969,929

CertusView Solutions, LLC US \$959,000

Gardens Capital Management, LLC US \$4,000,000

Foreign Subsidiaries:

RJE Canada, ULC US \$216,558

North Sky Telecom, ULC US \$848,576

Non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries:

Investments constituting ownership of the non-Guarantor Restricted Subsidiaries as set forth under the headings "Immaterial Domestic Subsidiaries – Non-Guarantor" and "Immaterial Foreign Subsidiaries – Non-Guarantor" on Schedule 6.11.

Exhibit 2.02

[FORM OF] LOAN NOTICE

To: Bank o	of Ameri	ca, N.A., as Administrativ	ve Agent	Date: _						
Ladies and Gentlemen:										
(as amended, retime, the "Cre"), the and Bank of A	Reference is made to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of October 19, 2018 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, modified, supplemented, increased or extended from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), by and among Dycom Industries, Inc., a Florida corporation (the "Borrower"), the Guarantors from time to time party thereto, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and L/C Issuer. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings provided in the Credit Agreement.									
The undersigned	ed hereby	y requests (select one):								
	A Borr	owing of [Revolving][Te	rm] Loans							
	A conv	version or continuation of	[Revolving][Term] Loans							
	1.	On	(a Business Day).							
	2.	In the amount of \$	¹							
	3.	Comprised of [Base Rat	e Loans][Eurodollar Rate Lo	oans].						
	[4.	For Eurodollar Rate Loa	ans: with an Interest Period	of [1, 2, 3	or 6] months.]					
[With respect to such Borrowing, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants that (a) such request complies with the requirements of <u>Section 2.01</u> of the Credit Agreement and (b) each of the conditions set forth in (i) <u>Section 5.02(a)</u> of the Credit Agreement and (ii) <u>Section 5.01</u> of the Credit Agreement, solely with regard to the initial Request for Credit Extension on the Closing Date, have been satisfied or waived in accordance with <u>Section 11.01</u> of the Credit Agreement on and as of the date of such Borrowing.] ²										
DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC., a Florida corporation										
			By: Name: Title:							

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¹ In the case of a Borrowing of, or conversion to, Eurodollar Rate Loans, not less than \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and in the case of a Borrowing of, or conversion to, Base Rate Loans, not less than \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof.

² Insert bracketed language solely in connection with a borrowing. Not applicable to a conversion or continuation of Loans.

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO RULES 13A-14(A) OR 15D-14(A) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Steven E. Nielsen, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Dycom Industries, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 26, 2021

/s/ Steven E. Nielsen

Steven E. Nielsen

President and Chief Executive Officer

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC. CERTIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO RULES 13A-14(A) OR 15D-14(A) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

I, H. Andrew DeFerrari, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Dycom Industries, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the
 registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - di) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 26, 2021

/s/ H. Andrew DeFerrari

H. Andrew DeFerrari Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dycom Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending May 1, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge:

- 1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 26, 2021
/s/ Steven E. Nielsen
Steven E. Nielsen
President and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, has been provided to Dycom Industries, Inc. and will be retained by Dycom Industries, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This certification will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 even if the document with which it is submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission is so incorporated by reference.

DYCOM INDUSTRIES, INC.

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dycom Industries, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ending May 1, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certifies that to the best of his knowledge:

- 1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 26, 2021
/s/ H. Andrew DeFerrari
H. Andrew DeFerrari
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, has been provided to Dycom Industries, Inc. and will be retained by Dycom Industries, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This certification will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. This certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 even if the document with which it is submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission is so incorporated by reference.