# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 2, 2012

**MGP** Ingredients, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

0-17196 (Commission File Number)

45-4082531 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Cray Business Plaza 100 Commercial Street** Box 130 Atchison, Kansas 66002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 367-1480

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On November 2, 2012, MGP Ingredients, Inc. (the "Company"), as a guarantor and a party, and its subsidiaries MGPI Processing, Inc., MGPI Pipeline, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC as the "Borrowers", entered into a 5 year, \$55,000,000 revolving loan pursuant to an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement and associated schedules (the "Restated Credit Agreement") with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"). The Restated Credit Agreement amends and restates the Company's existing revolving credit facility under the Credit and Security Agreement between the Company and Wells Fargo dated July 21, 2009, as amended. The Restated Credit Agreement differs from the Company's prior revolving loan agreement by substituting the Company's subsidiaries as borrowers in lieu of the Company and increasing the size of the total potential borrowing from \$45,000,000 to \$55,000,000. A copy of the executed Restated Credit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated by reference into this description of the Restated Credit Agreement. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning provided to such terms in the Restated Credit Agreement.

#### Restated Credit Agreement

The material terms of the Restated Credit Agreement are as follows:

The Restated Credit Agreement, which matures on November 2, 2017, provides for the provision of letters of credit and revolving loans with a Maximum Revolver Commitment of \$55,000,000, subject to borrowing base limitations, generally based upon the value of eligible inventory, as defined in the Restated Credit Agreement, and accounts receivable owned by the Borrowers. The Restated Credit Agreement includes a possible future \$5,000,000 fixed asset sub-line facility that increases the applicable borrowing base by up to \$5,000,000 in the event that certain unencumbered real estate is mortgaged (*e.g.*, the real estate at the Lawrenceburg distillery) and certain Excess Availability thresholds are satisfied on a pro forma basis. Borrowings under the Restated Credit Agreement may bear interest either on a Base Rate model or a LIBOR Rate model. For LIBOR Rate Loans, the interest rate is equal to the per annum LIBOR Rate (based on 1, 2, 3 or 6 months) plus 2.00 – 2.50% (depending upon the average Excess Availability, as described below). For Base Rate Loans, the interest rate shall be the greatest of (a) 1.00%, (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50%, (c) one-month LIBOR Rate plus 1.00%, and (d) Wells Fargo's "prime rate" as announced from time to time. The Restated Credit Agreement provides for an unused line fee equal to 0.375% per annum multiplied by the difference of the total revolving loan commitment less the average outstanding revolving loans and letters of credit for the given period, as well as customary field examination and appraisal fees, letter of credit fees and other administrative fees.

The Restated Credit Agreement contains various covenants, including covenants related to financial statements reporting, inspection rights, environmental aspects, the joinder of subsidiaries to the Restated Security Agreement, prohibitions on the disposal of assets and other customary covenants. Specifically, the Restated Credit Agreement contains the following covenants:

*Financial Covenants.* For all periods in which the Excess Availability (which is the total availability for loans, less the Company's and its subsidiaries' trade payables aged in excess of historical levels and book overdrafts) is less than \$9,625,000, the Borrowers are required to have a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, measured on a month end basis, of at least 1.10:1.00 (a) for each month-end until October 31, 2013 and (b) as of each month-end commencing November 30, 2013 using a trailing twelve-month measure. Moreover, Borrowers are required to maintain Excess Availability on a consolidated basis of at least \$4,000,000 at all times prior to the later of (x) November 2, 2013 and (y) the last day of the first twelve month period for which Borrowers have maintained a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1.10:1.00.

Other restrictions. If the Company does not maintain Excess Availability of at least \$9,625,000 and a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the most recently ended twelve months of at least 1.20:1.00, then certain restrictions and payment limitations apply, including payment of cash dividends and distributions. The Company is also generally prohibited from incurring any liabilities, or acquiring any assets, except for ordinary holding company activities as further described in the Restated Credit Agreement. Wells Fargo has significant lending discretion under the Restated Credit Agreement, and may modify borrowing base and advance rates, the effect of which may limit the amount of loans that the Borrowers may have outstanding at any given time. Wells Fargo may also terminate or accelerate the Company's obligations under the Restated Credit Agreement upon the occurrence of various events in addition to payment defaults and other breaches, including such matters as a change of control of the Company, defaults under other material contracts with third parties, and ERISA violations.

#### Guaranty and Security Agreement

The Restated Credit Agreement is secured pursuant to an Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated November 2, 2012, by and among the Company, the Borrowers and Wells Fargo (the "GSA"). The GSA continues the previously granted first priority security interest in substantially all of the personal property of the Company and the Borrowers. The Restated Credit Agreement also continues to be secured by a a second priority security interest on certain real estate of the Borrowers previously mortgaged to Union Bank of Everest d/b/a Bank of Atchison. A copy of the executed GSA is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 and is incorporated by reference into this description.

#### Intellectual Property Security Agreements

The Restated Credit Agreement is secured by a first priority security interest in substantially all of the Company's and the Borrowers' personal property pursuant to the GSA. The personal property constituting patents and trademarks is specifically secured pursuant to an Amended and Restated Patent Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 among MGPI Processing, Inc. and Wells Fargo (the "Patent Security Agreement") and a Trademark Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 among MGPI Processing, Inc. and Wells Fargo (the "Trademark Security Agreement"). The Patent Security Agreement and the Trademark Security Agreement amend the Company's Patent and Trademark Security Agreement dated July 21, 2009 between MGPI Processing, Inc. and Wells Fargo originally filed as Exhibit 4.1.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 by updating the borrower(s) and updating the obligations under the Restated Credit Agreement. A copy of the Patent Security Agreement and the Trademark Security Agreement are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.3 and Exhibit 10.4 respectively and are incorporated by reference into this description.

#### Bond Pledge Agreements

In connection with the execution of the GSA, MGPI Processing, Inc. entered into an Amended and Restated Bond Pledge and Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 with Commerce Bank and Wells Fargo related to the City of Atchison, Kansas \$7,000,000 original principal amount Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 (the "Bond Pledge") in order to update references to the borrower(s) and the obligations under the Restated Credit Agreement. The Bond Pledge amends the Bond Pledge and Security Agreement dated February 15, 2010 by and among MGPI Processing, Inc., Commerce Bank, as Trustee, and Wells Fargo relating to City of Atchison, Kansas, \$7,000,000 original principal amount of Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 originally filed as Exhibit 4.1.14 of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010. A copy of the Bond Pledge is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.5 and is incorporated by reference into this description.

#### Intercreditor Agreement

In connection with the execution of the GSA, the Company acknowledged on November 2, 2012 the execution of an Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement dated October 31, 2012 between Wells Fargo and Union State Bank of Everest d/b/a Bank of Atchison (the "Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement"). The Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement and Restated Intercreditor Agreement between Wells Fargo and Union State Bank of Everest, originally filed by the Company as Exhibit 4.7 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009 to update references to the borrower(s) and the obligations under the Restated Credit Agreement and the GSA. A copy of the Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.6 and is incorporated by reference into this description.

#### Mortgage Agreements

In connection with the execution of the GSA, the Leasehold Mortgage, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated February 15, 2010 and the Amended and Restated Mortgage, Assignment of Rents and Leases, Security Agreement and Fixture Filing dated as of August 31, 2009, originally filed as Exhibit 4.1.13 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010 and Exhibit 4.1.6 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2009, respectively, were amended in an immaterial way to reflect the Restated Credit Agreement.

#### Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

Reference is made to Item 1.01 above.

#### Item 3.03 Material Modifications to Rights of Security Holders.

Reference is made to Item 1.01 above.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- \*10.1 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated November 2, 2012, by and among MGPI Processing, Inc., MGPI Pipeline, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC as Borrowers, MGP Ingredients, Inc., and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- \*10.2 Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated November 2, 2012, by and among MGP Ingredients, Inc., MGPI Processing, Inc., MGPI Pipeline, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC as Grantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- \*10.3 Amended and Restated Patent Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 among MGPI Processing, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- \*10.4 Trademark Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 among MGPI Processing, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.
- \*10.5 Amended and Restated Bond Pledge and Security Agreement dated November 2, 2012 among MGPI Processing, Inc, Commerce Bank as Trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association related to the City of Atchison, Kansas \$7,000,000 original principal amount Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006.
- \*10.6 Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement dated October 31, 2012 between Wells Fargo Bank, National Association and Union State Bank of Everest d/b/a Bank of Atchison.

\* Filed 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

By:

Date: November 8, 2012

/s/ Timothy W. Newkirk Timothy W. Newkirk, President and Chief Executive Officer

# WELLS FARGO

AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

by and among

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Sole Lead Arranger,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Sole Book Runner,

THE LENDERS THAT ARE PARTIES HERETO

as the Lenders,

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

as Parent, and

MGPI PROCESSING, INC., MGPI PIPELINE, INC. and

MGPI OF INDIANA, LLC,

as Borrowers

Dated as of November 2, 2012

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is entered into as of November 2, 2012 by and among the lenders identified on the signature pages hereof (each of such lenders, together with its successors and permitted assigns, is referred to hereinafter as a "Lender", as that term is hereinafter further defined), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as administrative agent for the Lenders (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, "Agent"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association as sole lead arranger (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Lead Arranger"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association as sole book runner (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Lead Arranger"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association as sole book runner (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Lead Arranger"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association as sole book runner (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Book Runner"), MGPI INGREDIENTS, INC., a Kansas corporation ("Parent"), MGPI PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation ("MGPI Processing"), MGPI PIPELINE, INC., a Kansas corporation ("MGPI Pipeline"), and MGPI OF INDIANA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("MGPI Indiana, together with MGPI Processing and MGPI Pipeline, are referred to hereinafter each individually as a "Borrower", and individually and collectively, jointly and severally, as the "Borrowers").

MGPI Processing (formerly known as MGP Ingredients, Inc.) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the 'Existing Lender'') executed and delivered that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified prior to the Closing Date, the "Existing Credit Agreement"), and MGPI Processing executed and delivered to Existing Lender an Amended and Restated Revolving Note dated as of July 21, 2009 (the "Existing Note"). The obligations, liabilities and rights of MGPI Processing under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Existing Note were assigned to, and assumed by, Parent (formerly known as MGPI Holdings, Inc.) pursuant to that certain Assumption of Note and Credit Agreement and Fourth Amendment to the Credit Agreement dated as of January 3, 2012. Pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance dated as of the date hereof, Parent has assigned to MGPI Processing, and MGPI Processing has accepted, all obligations, liabilities and rights of Parent under the Existing Credit Agreement and the Existing Note. From and after the date hereof, the indebtedness evidenced by this Agreement and the Existing Note shall no longer be in effect. MGPI Processing has requested, and, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Agent and Lenders have agreed, effective on the Closing Date, to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement on the terms and conditions contained herein, including without limitation to add MGPI Pipeline and MGPI Indiana as borrowers hereunder.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, such parties hereby agree, effective on the Closing Date, as follows:

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# 1. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION.

1.1. Definitions. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings specified therefor on Schedule 1.1.

1.2. Accounting Terms. All accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP:provided, that if Borrowers notify Agent that Borrowers request an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any Accounting Change occurring after the Closing Date or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if Agent notifies Borrowers that the Required Lenders request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such Accounting Change or in the application thereof, then Agent and Borrowers agree that they will negotiate in good faith amendments to the provisions of this Agreement that are directly affected by such Accounting Change with the intent of having the respective positions of the Lenders and Borrowers after such Accounting Change conform as nearly as possible to their respective positions as of the date of this Agreement and, until any such amendments have been agreed upon and agreed to by the Required Lenders, the provisions in this Agreement shall be calculated as if no such Accounting Change had occurred. When used herein, the term "financial statements" shall include the notes and schedules thereto. Whenever the term "Parent" is used in respect of a financial covenant or a related definition, it shall be understood to mean Parent and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contared herein, (a) all financial Accounting Standards No. 159 (or any similar accounting principle) permitting a Person to value its financial liabilities or Indetedness at the fair value thereof, and (b) the term "unqualified opinion" as used herein to refer to opinions or reports provided by accountants shall mean an opinion or report that is (i) unqualified, and (ii) does not include any explanation, supplemental comment, or other comment concerning the ability of the applicable Person to continue as a

1.3. <u>Code</u>. Any terms used in this Agreement that are defined in the Code shall be construed and defined as set forth in the Code unless otherwise defined herein; <u>provided</u>, that to the extent that the Code is used to define any term herein and such term is defined differently in different Articles of the Code, the definition of such term contained in Article 9 of the Code shall govern.

1.4. <u>Construction</u>. Unless the context of this Agreement or any other Loan Document clearly requires otherwise, references to the plural include the singular, references to the singular include the plural, the terms "includes" and "including" are not limiting, and the term "or" has, except where otherwise indicated, the inclusive meaning represented by the phrase "and/or." The words "hereof," "herein," "hereby," "hereunder," and similar terms in this Agreement or any other Loan Document refer to this Agreement or such other Loan Document, as the case may be, as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement or such other Loan Document, as the case may be. Section, subsection, clause, schedule, and exhibit references herein are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified. Any reference in this Agreements, substitutions, renewals, replacements, substitutions, applements, thereto and thereof, as applicable (subject to any restrictions on such alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, replacements, substitutions, joinders, and supplements set forth herein). 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. Any reference herein or in any other Loan Document to the satisfaction, repayment, or payment in full of the Obligations shall

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mean (a) the payment or repayment in full in immediately available funds of (i) the principal amount of, and interest accrued and unpaid with respect to, all outstanding Loans, together with the payment of any premium applicable to the repayment of the Loans, (ii) all Lender Group Expenses that have accrued and are unpaid regardless of whether demand has been made therefor, (iii) all fees or charges that have accrued hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the Letter of Credit Collateralization, (c) in the case of contingent reimbursement obligations with respect to outstanding Letters of Credit, providing Letter of Credit Collateralization, (c) in the case of obligations for which a claim or demand for payment has been made on or prior to such time or in respect of matters or circumstances known to Agent or a Lender at such time that are reasonably expected to result in any loss, cost, damage, or expense (including attorneys' fees and legal expenses), such cash collateral to be in such amount as Agent reasonably determines is appropriate to secure such contingent Obligations, (ii) unasserted contingent obligations, (iii) any Bank Product Obligations (including the payment of any termination amount then applicable (or which would or could become applicable as a result of the repayment of the other Obligations) under Hedge Agreements) other than (i) unasserted contingent indemnification Obligations, (ii) any Bank Product Obligations (other than Hedge Obligations) that, at such time, are allowed to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid or cash collateralized, and (iii) any Hedge Obligations that, at such time, are allowed to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid or cash collateralized, and (iii) any Hedge Obligations that, at such time, are allowed to remain outstanding without being required to a writing contained herein or in any other Loans of the Loans, (ii) any Federal Contained herein or in any other Loans Document shall be satisfied by the transmission of a R

1.5. <u>Time References</u>. Unless the context of this Agreement or any other Loan Document clearly requires otherwise, all references to time of day refer to Central standard time or Central daylight saving time, as in effect in Chicago, Illinois on such day. For purposes of the computation of a period of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" each means "to and including"; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to a computation of fees or interest payable to Agent or any Lender, such period shall in any event consist of at least one full day.

1.6. Schedules and Exhibits. All of the schedules and exhibits attached to this Agreement shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference.

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#### 1.7. Effect of Amendment and Restatement; No Novation.

On the Closing Date, upon the effectiveness of this Agreement, the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety by this Agreement. The Existing Obligations shall continue in full force and effect, as amended hereby, and the effectiveness of this Agreement on the Closing Date shall not constitute a novation or repayment of the Existing Obligations. Such Existing Obligations, together with any and all additional Obligations incurred by Borrowers under this Agreement or under any of the other Loan Documents, shall continue to be secured by, among other things, the Collateral, whether now existing or hereafter acquired and wheresoever located, all as more specifically set forth in the Loan Documents. To the extent applicable, each Borrower and Parent hereby reaffirms its obligations, liabilities, grants of security interests, pledges and the validity of all covenants by it contained in any and all Loan Documents, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified by this Agreement as a Borrower hereunder, with the same effect as if each was originally a party to the Existing Credit Agreement. On the Closing Date, any and all references in any Loan Documents to the Existing Credit Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to refer to this Agreement.

# 2. LOANS AND TERMS OF PAYMENT.

#### 2.1. Revolving Loans.

(a) On the Closing Date, the outstanding principal balance of the Advances (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) is \$22,916,800.84. All Advances outstanding under the Existing Credit Agreement on the Closing Date shall be continued and shall, for all purposes of this Agreement, constitute Revolving Loans hereunder owing to Lenders as if such Advances had been made by Lenders to Borrowers hereunder. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and during the term of this Agreement, each Revolving Lender agrees (severally, not jointly or jointly and severally) to make revolving loans ("<u>Revolving Loans</u>") to Borrowers in an amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the lesser of:

(i) such Lender's Revolver Commitment, or

(ii) such Lender's Pro Rata Share of an amount equal to the lesser of:

(A) the amount equal to (1) the Maximum Revolver Amount less (2) the sum of (y) the Letter of Credit Usage at such time, plus (z) the principal amount of Swing Loans outstanding at such time, and

(B) the amount equal to the Borrowing Base as of such date (based upon the most recent Borrowing Base Certificate delivered by Borrowers to Agent) less the sum of (1) the Letter of Credit Usage at such time, plus (2) the principal amount of Swing Loans outstanding at such time.

(b) Amounts borrowed pursuant to this Section 2.1 may be repaid and, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, reborrowed at any time during the term of this Agreement. The outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans, together with interest accrued and unpaid thereon, shall constitute Obligations and shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date or, if earlier, on the date on which they are declared due and payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

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(c) Anything to the contrary in this Section 2.1 notwithstanding, Agent shall have the right (but not the obligation), in the exercise of its Permitted Discretion, to establish and increase or decrease Receivable Reserves, Inventory and Fixed Asset Reserves, Bank Product Reserves, the Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve, the Rail Reserve and other Reserves against the Borrowing Base or the Maximum Revolver Amount. The amount of any Receivable Reserve, Inventory and Fixed Asset Reserve, Bank Product Reserve, the Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve, Bank Product Reserve, the Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve, the Rail Reserve, or any other Reserve established by Agent shall have a reasonable relationship to the event, condition, other circumstance, or fact that is the basis for such reserve and shall not be duplicative of any other reserve established and currently maintained.

### 2.2. Borrowing Procedures and Settlements.

(a) **Procedure for Borrowing Revolving Loans**. Each Borrowing shall be made by a written request by an Authorized Person delivered to Agent and received by Agent no later than 12:00 noon (i) on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date (A) in the case of a request for a Swing Loan or (B) if there has not been a Loan Assignment, and (ii) on the Business Day that is 1 Business Day prior to the requested Funding Date in the case of all other requests, in each case specifying (1) the amount of such Borrowing and (2) the requested Funding Date (which shall be a Business Day); <u>provided</u>, that Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to accept as timely requests that are received later than 12:00 noon on the applicable Business Day. At Agent's election, in lieu of delivering the above-described written request, any Authorized Person may give Agent telephonic notice of such request by the required time. In such circumstances, Borrowers agree that any such telephonic notice will be confirmed in writing within 24 hours of the giving of such telephonic notice, but the failure to provide such written confirmation shall not affect the validity of the request.

(b) **Making of Swing Loans**. In the case of a request for a Revolving Loan and so long as either (i) the aggregate amount of Swing Loans made since the last Settlement Date, minus all payments or other amounts applied to Swing Loans since the last Settlement Date, plus the amount of the requested Swing Loan does not exceed \$5,500,000, or (ii) Swing Lender, in its sole discretion, agrees to make a Swing Loan notwithstanding the foregoing limitation, Swing Lender shall make a Revolving Loan (any such Revolving Loan made by Swing Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 2.2(b)</u> being referred to as a "<u>Swing Loan</u>" and all such Revolving Loans being referred to as '<u>Swing Loans</u>") available to Borrowers on the Funding Date applicable thereto by transferring immediately available funds in the amount of such requested Borrowing to the Designated Account. Each Swing Loan shall be deemed to be a Revolving Loan hereunder and shall be subject to all the terms and conditions (including <u>Section 3</u>) applicable to other Revolving Loans, except that all payments (including interest) on any Swing Loan shall be payable to Swing Lender solely for its own account. Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.2(d)(ii)</u>. Swing Lender shall not make and shall not be obligated to make any Swing Loan if Swing Lender has actual knowledge that (i) one or more of the applicable conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u> will not be satisfied on the requested Funding Date for the applicable Borrowing, or (ii) the requested Borrowing would exceed the Availability on such Funding Date. Swing Lender shall not otherwise be required to determine whether the applicable conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u> have been satisfied on the Funding Date applicable thereto prior to making any Swing Loan. The Swing Loans shall be secured by Agent's Liens, constitute Revolving Loans and Obligations, and bear interest at the rate applicable from time to time to time to Revolving Loans shall be secured by Agent's Liens, constitute contrary contained herein,

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#### (c) Making of Revolving Loans.

(i) In the event that Swing Lender is not obligated to make a Swing Loan, then after receipt of a request for a Borrowing pursuant tsection 2.2(a). Agent shall notify the Lenders by telecopy, telephone, email, or other electronic form of transmission, of the requested Borrowing; such notification to be sent on the Business Day that is 1 Business Day prior to the requested Funding Date, if a Loan Assignment has occurred, and otherwise, no later than 12:00 noon on the Funding Date. If Agent has notified the Lenders of a requested Borrowing available to Agent in immediately available funds, to Agent's Account, not later than 12:00 noon on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date (or, if no Loan Assignment has occurred, on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date (or, if no Loan Assignment has occurred, on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date (or, if no Loan Assignment has occurred, on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date (or, if no Loan Assignment has occurred, available to Borrowers on the applicable Funding Date). After Agent's receipt of the proceeds of such Revolving Loans from the Lenders, Agent shall make the proceeds thereof available to Borrowers on the applicable Funding Date by transferring immediately available funds equal to such proceeds received by Agent to the Designated Account; provided, that, subject to the provisions of Section 2.2(d)(ii), no Lender shall have an obligation to make any Revolving Loan, if (1) one or more of the applicable conditions precedent set forth in Section 3 will not be satisfied on the requested Funding Date.

(ii) Unless Agent receives notice from a Lender prior to 9:30 a.m. on the Business Day that is the requested Funding Date relative to a requested Borrowing as to which Agent has notified the Lenders of a requested Borrowing that such Lender will not make available as and when required hereunder to Agent for the account of Borrowers the amount of that Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Borrowing, Agent may assume that each Lender has made or will make such amount available to Agent in immediately available funds on the Funding Date and Agent may (but shall not be so required), in reliance upon such assumption, make available to Borrowers a corresponding amount. If, on the requested Funding Date, any Lender shall not have remitted the full amount that it is required to make available to Agent in immediately available funds and if Agent has made available to Borrowers such amount on the requested Funding Date, then such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the requested Funding Date, the available to Borrowers such amount on the requested Funding Date, then such Lender shall make the amount of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the requested Funding Date in immediately available funds, to Agent's Account, no later than 12:00 noon on the Business Day that is the first Business Day after the requested Funding Date (in which case, the interest accrued on such Lender's portion of such Borrowing for the Funding Date shall be for Agent's separate account). If any Lender shall not remit the full amount that it is required to Agent in immediately available to Agent in immediately available to Borrowers such amount, then that Lender

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shall be obligated to immediately remit such amount to Agent, together with interest at the Defaulting Lender Rate for each day until the date on which such amount is so remitted. A notice submitted by Agent to any Lender with respect to amounts owing under this <u>Section 2.2(c)(ii)</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error. If the amount that a Lender is required to remit is made available to Agent, then such payment to Agent shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan for all purposes of this Agreement. If such amount is not made available to Agent on the Business Day following the Funding Date and the other Lenders are not obligated to fund such Revolving Loans pursuant to the terms hereof, Agent will notify Borrowers of such failure to fund and, upon demand by Agent, Borrowers shall pay such amount to Agent for Agent's account, together with interest thereon for each day elapsed since the date of such Borrowing, at a rate per annum equal to the interest rate applicable at the time to the Revolving Loans composing such Borrowing.

#### (d) Protective Advances and Optional Overadvances.

(i) Any contrary provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document notwithstanding, but subject to <u>Section 2.2(d)(iv)</u>, at any time (A) after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, or (B) that any of the other applicable conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u> are not satisfied, Agent hereby is authorized by Borrowers and the Lenders, from time to time, in Agent's sole discretion, to make Revolving Loans to, or for the benefit of, Borrowers, on behalf of the Revolving Lenders, that Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, deems necessary or desirable (1) to preserve or protect the Collateral, or any portion thereof, or (2) to enhance the likelihood of repayment of the Obligations (other than the Bank Product Obligations) (the Revolving Loans described in this <u>Section 2.2(d)(i)</u> shall be referred to as "<u>Protective Advances</u>"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate amount of all Protective Advances outstanding at any one time shall not exceed \$5,500,000.

(ii) Any contrary provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document notwithstanding, but subject to <u>Section 2.2(d)(iv)</u>, the Lenders hereby authorize Agent or Swing Lender, as applicable, and either Agent or Swing Lender, as applicable, may, but is not obligated to, knowingly and intentionally, continue to make Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans) to Borrowers notwithstanding that an Overadvance exists or would be created thereby, so long as (A) after giving effect to such Revolving Loans, the outstanding Revolver Usage does not exceed the Borrowing Base by more than \$5,500,000, and (B) after giving effect to such Revolving Loans, the outstanding Revolver Usage (except for and excluding amounts charged to the Loan Account for interest, fees, or Lender Group Expenses) does not exceed the Maximum Revolver Amount. In the event Agent obtains actual knowledge that the Revolver Usage exceeds the amounts permitted by the immediately foregoing provisions, regardless of the amount of, or reason for, such excess, Agent shall notify the Lenders as soon as practicable (and prior to making any (or any additional) intentional Overadvances (except for and excluding amounts charged to the Loan Account for one Expenses) unless Agent determines that prior notice would result in imminent harm to the Collateral or its value, in which case Agent may make such Overadvances and provide notice as promptly as practicable thereafter), and the Lenders with Revolver Commitments thereupon shall, together with Agent, jointly determine the terms of arrangements that shall be implemented with Borrowers intended to reduce, within a reasonable time, the outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans to

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Borrowers to an amount permitted by the preceding sentence. In such circumstances, if any Lender with a Revolver Commitment objects to the proposed terms of reduction or repayment of any Overadvance, the terms of reduction or repayment thereof shall be implemented according to the determination of the Required Lenders. The foregoing provisions are meant for the benefit of the Lenders and Agent and are not meant for the benefit of Borrowers, which shall continue to be bound by the provisions of <u>Section 2.3(e)(1)</u>. Each Lender with a Revolver Commitment shall be obligated to settle with Agent as provided in <u>Section 2.2(e)</u> (or <u>Section 2.2(g)</u>, as applicable) for the amount of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of any unintentional Overadvances by Agent reported to such Lender, any intentional Overadvances made as permitted under this <u>Section 2.2(d)(ii)</u>, and any Overadvances resulting from the charging to the Loan Account of interest, fees, or Lender Group Expenses.

(iii) Each Protective Advance and each Overadvance (each, an "<u>Extraordinary Advance</u>") shall be deemed to be a Revolving Loan hereunder, except that no Extraordinary Advance shall be eligible to be a LIBOR Rate Loan and, prior to Settlement therefor, all payments on the Extraordinary Advances shall be payable to Agent solely for its own account. The Extraordinary Advances shall be repayable on demand, secured by Agent's Liens, constitute Obligations hereunder, and bear interest at the rate applicable from time to time to Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans. The provisions of this <u>Section 2.2(d)</u> are for the exclusive benefit of Agent, Swing Lender, and the Lenders and are not intended to benefit Borrowers (or any other Loan Party) in any way.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the contrary: (A) no Extraordinary Advance may be made by Agent if such Extraordinary Advance would cause the aggregate principal amount of Extraordinary Advances outstanding to exceed an amount equal to 10% of the Maximum Revolver Amount; and (B) to the extent that the making of any Extraordinary Advance causes the aggregate Revolver Usage to exceed the Maximum Revolver Amount, such portion of such Extraordinary Advance shall be for Agent's sole and separate account and not for the account of any Lender and shall be entitled to priority in repayment in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(b)</u>.

(e) Settlement. It is agreed that each Lender's funded portion of the Revolving Loans is intended by the Lenders to equal, at all times, such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the outstanding Revolving Loans. Such agreement notwithstanding, Agent, Swing Lender, and the other Lenders agree (which agreement shall not be for the benefit of Borrowers) that in order to facilitate the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, settlement among the Lenders as to the Revolving Loans, the Swing Loans, and the Extraordinary Advances shall take place on a periodic basis in accordance with the following provisions:

(i) Agent shall request settlement ("Settlement") with the Lenders on a weekly basis, or on a more frequent basis if so determined by Agent in its sole discretion (1) on behalf of Swing Lender, with respect to the outstanding Swing Loans, (2) for itself, with respect to the outstanding Extraordinary Advances, and (3) with respect to Borrowers' or any of their Subsidiaries' payments or other amounts received, as to each by notifying the Lenders by telecopy, telephone, or other similar form of transmission, of such requested Settlement, no later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day immediately prior to the date of such requested Settlement

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(the date of such requested Settlement being the "Settlement Date"). Such notice of a Settlement Date shall include a summary statement of the amount of outstanding Revolving Loans, and Extraordinary Advances for the period since the prior Settlement Date. Subject to the terms and conditions contained herein (including Section 2.2(g)): (y) if the amount of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) as of a Settlement Date, then Agent shall, by no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date, transfer in immediately available funds to a Deposit Account of such Lender (as such Lender may designate), an amount such that each such Lender shall, upon receipt of such amount, have as of the Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) made by a Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) made by a Lender may designate), an amount such that each such Lender shall, upon receipt of such amount, have as of the Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) made by a Lender is less than such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) as of a Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances) as of a Settlement Date, such Lender shall no later than 12:00 p.m. on the Settlement Date transfer in immediately available funds to Agent's Account, an amount such that each such Lender shall, upon transfer of such amount, have as of the Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans and Extraordinary Advances). Such amount, have as of the Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans and Extraordinary Advances). Such amount, have as of the Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans (including Swing Loans and Extraordinary A

(ii) In determining whether a Lender's balance of the Revolving Loans, Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances is less than, equal to, or greater than such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans, Swing Loans, and Extraordinary Advances as of a Settlement Date, Agent shall, as part of the relevant Settlement, apply to such balance the portion of payments actually received in good funds by Agent with respect to principal, interest, fees payable by Borrowers and allocable to the Lenders hereunder, and proceeds of Collateral.

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the outstanding Revolving Loans of such Lenders, an amount such that each such Lender shall, upon receipt of such amount, have, as of such Settlement Date, its Pro Rata Share of the Revolving Loans. During the period between Settlement Dates, Swing Lender with respect to Swing Loans, Agent with respect to Extraordinary Advances, and each Lender with respect to the Revolving Loans other than Swing Loans and Extraordinary Advances, shall be entitled to interest at the applicable rate or rates payable under this Agreement on the daily amount of funds employed by Swing Lender, Agent, or the Lenders, as applicable.

(iv) Anything in this <u>Section 2.2(e)</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender, Agent shall be entitled to refrain from remitting settlement amounts to the Defaulting Lender and, instead, shall be entitled to elect to implement the provisions set forth in <u>Section 2.2(g)</u>.

(f) Notation. Agent, as a non-fiduciary agent for Borrowers, shall maintain a register showing the principal amount of the Revolving Loans owing to each Lender, including the Swing Loans owing to Swing Lender, and Extraordinary Advances owing to Agent, and the interests therein of each Lender, from time to time and such register shall, absent manifest error, conclusively be presumed to be correct and accurate.

## (g) Defaulting Lenders.

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.3(b)(ii), Agent shall not be obligated to transfer to a Defaulting Lender any payments made by Borrowers to Agent for the Defaulting Lender's benefit or any proceeds of Collateral that would otherwise be remitted hereunder to the Defaulting Lender, and, in the absence of such transfer to the Defaulting Lender, Agent shall transfer any such payments (A) first, to Swing Lender to the extent of any Swing Loans that were made by Swing Lender and that were required to be, but were not, paid by the Defaulting Lender, (B) second, to Issuing Bank, to the extent of the portion of a Letter of Credit Disbursement that was required to be, but was not, paid by the Defaulting Lender, (C) third, to each Non-Defaulting Lender ratably in accordance with their Commitments (but, in each case, only to the extent that such Defaulting Lender's portion of a Revolving Loan (or other funding obligation) was funded by such other Non-Defaulting Lender), (D) to a suspense account maintained by Agent, the proceeds of which shall be retained by Agent and may be made available to be re-advanced to or for the benefit of Borrowers (upon the request of Borrowers and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 3.2) as if such Defaulting Lender had made its portion of Revolving Loans (or other funding obligations) hereunder, and (E) from and after the date on which all other Obligations have been paid in full, to such Defaulting Lender the amount of all such payments received and retained by Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender. Solely for the purposes of voting or consenting to matters with respect to the Loan Documents (including the calculation of Pro Rata Share in connection therewith) and for the purpose of calculating the fee payable under <u>Section 2.9(b)</u>, such Defaulting Lender shall be deemed to be zero; <u>provided</u>, that the foregoing shall not apply to any of the matters governed by<u>Section 14.1(a)(i)</u> through (<u>iii</u>). The provisions of this <u>Section 2.2(g)</u> shall remain effe

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and Borrowers shall have waived, in writing, the application of this Section 2.2(g) to such Defaulting Lender, or (z) the date on which such Defaulting Lender makes payment of all amounts that it was obligated to fund hereunder, pays to Agent all amounts owing by Defaulting Lender in respect of the amounts that it was obligated to fund hereunder, and, if requested by Agent, provides adequate assurance of its ability to perform its future obligations hereunder (on which earlier date, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any remaining cash collateral held by Agent pursuant to Section 2.2(g)(ii) shall be released to Borrowers). The operation of this Section 2.2(g) shall not be construed to increase or otherwise affect the Commitment of any Lender, to relieve or excuse the performance by such Defaulting Lender or any other Lender of its duties and obligations hereunder, or to relieve or excuse the performance by any Borrower of its duties and obligations hereunder to Agent, Issuing Bank, or to the Lenders other than such Defaulting Lender. Any failure by a Defaulting Lender to fund amounts that it was obligated to fund hereunder shall constitute a material breach by such Defaulting Lender of this Agreement and shall entitle Borrowers, at their option, upon written notice to Agent, to arrange for a substitute Lender to assume the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender, such substitute Lender to be reasonably acceptable to Agent. In connection with the arrangement of such a substitute Lender, the Defaulting Lender shall have no right to refuse to be replaced hereunder, and agrees to execute and deliver a completed form of Assignment and Acceptance in favor of the substitute Lender (and agrees that it shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such document if it fails to do so) subject only to being paid its share of the outstanding Obligations (other than Bank Product Obligations, but including (1) all interest, fees, and other amounts that may be due and payable in respect thereof, and (2) an assumption of its Pro Rata Share of its participation in the Letters of Credit); provided, that any such assumption of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any of the Lender Groups' or Borrowers' rights or remedies against any such Defaulting Lender arising out of or in relation to such failure to fund. In the event of a direct conflict between the priority provisions of this Section 2.2(g) and any other provision contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, it is the intention of the parties hereto that such provisions be read together and construed, to the fullest extent possible, to be in concert with each other. In the event of any actual, irreconcilable conflict that cannot be resolved as aforesaid, the terms and provisions of this Section 2.2(g) shall control and govern.

(ii) If any Swing Loan or Letter of Credit is outstanding at the time that a Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender then:

(A) such Defaulting Lender's Swing Loan Exposure and Letter of Credit Exposure shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares but only to the extent (x) the sum of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolving Loan Exposures plus such Defaulting Lender's Swing Loan Exposure and Letter of Credit Exposure does not exceed the total of all Non-Defaulting Lenders' Revolver Commitments and (y) the conditions set forth in <u>Section</u> <u>3.2</u> are satisfied at such time;

(B) if the reallocation described in clause (A) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, Borrowers shall within one Business Day following notice by Agent (x) first, prepay such Defaulting Lender's Swing Loan Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation pursuant to clause (A) above) and (y) second, cash collateralize such Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure (after giving effect to any partial reallocation

pursuant to clause (A) above), pursuant to a cash collateral agreement to be entered into in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, for so long as such Letter of Credit Exposure is outstanding; provided, that Borrowers shall not be obligated to cash collateralize any Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure if such Defaulting Lender is also the Issuing Bank;

(C) if Borrowers cash collateralize any portion of such Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure pursuant to this <u>Section 2.2(g)(ii)</u>, Borrowers shall not be required to pay any Letter of Credit Fees to Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.5(b)</u> with respect to such cash collateralized portion of such Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure during the period such Letter of Credit Exposure is cash collateralized;

(D) to the extent the Letter of Credit Exposure of the Non-Defaulting Lenders is reallocated pursuant to this <u>Section 2.2(g)(ii)</u>, then the Letter of Credit Fees payable to the Non-Defaulting Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.5(b)</u> shall be adjusted in accordance with such Non-Defaulting Lenders' Letter of Credit Exposure;

(E) to the extent any Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure is neither cash collateralized nor reallocated pursuant to this<u>Section</u> <u>2.2(g)(ii)</u>, then, without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Issuing Bank or any Lender hereunder, all Letter of Credit Fees that would have otherwise been payable to such Defaulting Lender under <u>Section 2.5(b)</u> with respect to such portion of such Letter of Credit Exposure shall instead be payable to the Issuing Bank until such portion of such Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure is cash collateralized or reallocated;

(F) so long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, the Swing Lender shall not be required to make any Swing Loan and the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue, amend, or increase any Letter of Credit, in each case, to the extent (x) the Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of such Swing Loans or Letter of Credit cannot be reallocated pursuant to this Section 2.2(g)(ii) or (y) the Swing Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, has not otherwise entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Swing Lender or Issuing Bank, as applicable, and Borrowers to eliminate the Swing Lender's or Issuing Bank's risk with respect to the Defaulting Lender's participation in Swing Loans or Letters of Credit; and

(G) Agent may release any cash collateral provided by Borrowers pursuant to this<u>Section 2.2(g)(ii)</u> to the Issuing Bank and the Issuing Bank may apply any such cash collateral to the payment of such Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of any Letter of Credit Disbursement that is not reimbursed by Borrowers pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(d)</u>.

(h) **Independent Obligations**. All Revolving Loans (other than Swing Loans and Extraordinary Advances) shall be made by the Lenders contemporaneously and in accordance with their Pro Rata Shares. It is understood that (i) no Lender shall be responsible for any failure by any other Lender to perform its obligation to make any Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) hereunder, nor shall any Commitment of any Lender be increased or decreased as a result of any failure by any other Lender to perform its obligations hereunder, and (ii) no failure by any Lender to perform its obligations hereunder.



#### 2.3. Payments; Reductions of Commitments; Prepayments.

# (a) Payments by Borrowers.

(i) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by Borrowers shall be made to Agent's Account for the account of the Lender Group and shall be made in immediately available funds, no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. Any payment received by Agent later than 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed to have been received (unless Agent, in its sole discretion, elects to credit it on the date received) on the following Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue until such following Business Day.

(ii) Unless Agent receives notice from Borrowers prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Lenders that Borrowers will not make such payment in full as and when required, Agent may assume that Borrowers have made (or will make) such payment in full to Agent on such date in immediately available funds and Agent may (but shall not be so required), in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to each Lender on such due date an amount equal to the amount then due such Lender. If and to the extent Borrowers do not make such payment in full to Agent on the date when due, each Lender severally shall repay to Agent on demand such amount distributed to such Lender, together with interest thereon at the Defaulting Lender Rate for each day from the date such amount is distributed to such Lender until the date repaid.

#### (b) Apportionment and Application.

(i) So long as no Application Event has occurred and is continuing and except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Defaulting Lenders, all principal and interest payments received by Agent shall be apportioned ratably among the Lenders (according to the unpaid principal balance of the Obligations to which such payments relate held by each Lender) and all payments of fees and expenses received by Agent (other than fees or expenses that are for Agent's separate account or for the separate account of Issuing Bank) shall be apportioned ratably among the Lenders having a Pro Rata Share of the type of Commitment or Obligation to which a particular fee or expense relates. Subject to Section 2.3(b)(iv), Section 2.3(d)(ii), and Section 2.3(e), all payments to be made hereunder by Borrowers shall be remitted to Agent and all such payments, and all proceeds of Collateral received by Agent, shall be applied, so long as no Application Event has occurred and is continuing and except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Defaulting Lenders, to reduce the balance of the Revolving Loans outstanding and, thereafter, to Borrowers (to be wired to the Designated Account) or such other Person entitled thereto under applicable law.

(ii) At any time that an Application Event has occurred and is continuing and except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Defaulting Lenders, all payments remitted to Agent and all proceeds of Collateral received by Agent shall be applied as follows:

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Documents, until paid in full,

- (A) first, to pay any Lender Group Expenses (including cost or expense reimbursements) or indemnities then due to Agent under the Loan
- (B) second, to pay any fees or premiums then due to Agent under the Loan Documents until paid in full,
- (C) third, to pay interest due in respect of all Protective Advances until paid in full,
- (D) fourth, to pay the principal of all Protective Advances until paid in full,

(E) fifth, ratably, to pay any Lender Group Expenses (including cost or expense reimbursements) or indemnities then due to any of the Lenders under the Loan Documents, until paid in full,

- (F) sixth, ratably, to pay any fees or premiums then due to any of the Lenders under the Loan Documents until paid in full,
- (G) seventh, to pay interest accrued in respect of the Swing Loans until paid in full,
- (H) eighth, to pay the principal of all Swing Loans until paid in full,
- (I) ninth, ratably, to pay interest accrued in respect of the Revolving Loans (other than Protective Advances) until paid in full,
- (J) tenth, ratably
  - i. ratably, to pay the principal of all Revolving Loans until paid in full,

ii. to Agent, to be held by Agent, for the benefit of Issuing Bank (and for the ratable benefit of each of the Lenders that have an obligation to pay to Agent, for the account of Issuing Bank, a share of each Letter of Credit Disbursement), as cash collateral in an amount of 105% of the Letter of Credit Usage (to the extent permitted by applicable law, such cash collateral shall be applied to the reimbursement of any Letter of Credit Disbursement as and when such disbursement occurs and, if a Letter of Credit expires undrawn, the cash collateral held by Agent in respect of such Letter of Credit shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be reapplied pursuant to this Section 2.3(b)(ii), beginning with tier (A) hereof),

iii. ratably, up to the amount (after taking into account any amounts previously paid pursuant to this clause iii. during the continuation of the applicable Application Event) of the most recently established Bank Product Reserve to (y) the Bank Product Providers based upon amounts then certified by the

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applicable Bank Product Provider to Agent (in form and substance satisfactory to Agent) to be due and payable to such Bank Product Providers on account of Bank Product Obligations, and (z) with any balance to be paid to Agent, to be held by Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Bank Product Providers, as cash collateral (which cash collateral may be released by Agent to the applicable Bank Product Provider and applied by such Bank Product Provider to the payment or reimbursement of any amounts due and payable with respect to Bank Product Obligations owed to the applicable Bank Product Provider as and when such amounts first become due and payable and, if and at such time as all such Bank Product Obligations are paid or otherwise satisfied in full, the cash collateral held by Agent in respect of such Bank Product Obligations shall be reapplied pursuant to this <u>Section 2.3(b)(ii)</u>, beginning with tier (A) hereof,

(K) eleventh, to pay any other Obligations other than Obligations owed to Defaulting Lenders,

(L) twelfth, ratably to pay any Obligations owed to Defaulting Lenders; and

(M) thirteenth, to Borrowers (to be wired to the Designated Account) or such other Person entitled thereto under applicable law.

(iii) Agent promptly shall distribute to each Lender, pursuant to the applicable wire instructions received from each Lender in writing, such funds as it may be entitled to receive, subject to a Settlement delay as provided in <u>Section 2.2(e)</u>.

(iv) In each instance, so long as no Application Event has occurred and is continuing.<u>Section 2.3(b)(i)</u> shall not apply to any payment made by Borrowers to Agent and specified by Borrowers to be for the payment of specific Obligations then due and payable (or prepayable) under any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(v) For purposes of <u>Section 2.3(b)(ii)</u>, "paid in full" of a type of Obligation means payment in cash or immediately available funds of all amounts owing on account of such type of Obligation, including interest accrued after the commencement of any Insolvency Proceeding, default interest, interest on interest, and expense reimbursements, irrespective of whether any of the foregoing would be or is allowed or disallowed in whole or in part in any Insolvency Proceeding.

(vi) In the event of a direct conflict between the priority provisions of this <u>Section 2.3</u> and any other provision contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, it is the intention of the parties hereto that such provisions be read together and construed, to the fullest extent possible, to be in concert with each other. In the event of any actual, irreconcilable conflict that cannot be resolved as aforesaid, if the conflict relates to the provisions of <u>Section 2.2(g)</u> and this <u>Section 2.3</u>, then the provisions of <u>Section 2.2(g)</u> shall control and govern, and if otherwise, then the terms and provisions of this <u>Section 2.3</u> shall control and govern.

(c) Reduction of Revolver Commitments. The Revolver Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date. Borrowers may reduce the Revolver Commitments,

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without premium or penalty, to an amount (which may be zero) not less than the sum of (A) the Revolver Usage as of such date, plus (B) the principal amount of all Revolving Loans not yet made as to which a request has been given by Borrowers under <u>Section 2.2(a)</u> plus (C) the amount of all Letters of Credit not yet issued as to which a request has been given by Borrowers pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(a)</u>). Each such reduction shall be in an amount which is not less than \$5,000,000 (unless the Revolver Commitments are being reduced to zero and terminated and the amount of the Revolver Commitments in effect immediately prior to such reduction are less than \$5,000,000), shall be made by providing not less than 10 Business Days prior written notice to Agent, and shall be irrevocable. Once reduced, the Revolver Commitments may not be increased. Each such reduction of the Revolver Commitments of each Lender proportionately in accordance with its ratable share thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless the Revolver Commitments are being reduced to zero and terminated, no such reduction shall result in the Revolver Commitments being reduced to an amount less than \$30,000,000.

#### (d) Optional Prepayments.

(i) **Fixed Asset Loans**. Borrowers may, upon at least 5 Business Days prior written notice to Agent, prepay the principal of any Fixed Asset Loan in whole or in part, without premium or penalty. Each prepayment made pursuant to this <u>Section 2.3(d)(i)</u> shall be accompanied by the payment of accrued interest to the date of such payment on the amount prepaid. Each such prepayment shall be applied against the scheduled reductions of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount in the inverse order of maturity (for the avoidance of doubt, any amount that is to be reduced on the Maturity Date shall constitute a scheduled reduction).

(ii) Current Asset Loans. Borrowers may prepay the principal of any Current Asset Loan at any time in whole or in part, without premium or

#### penalty.

#### (e) Mandatory Prepayments.

(i) **Borrowing Base**. If, at any time, (A) the Revolver Usage on such date exceeds (B) the Borrowing Base reflected in the Borrowing Base Certificate most recently delivered by Borrowers to Agent, then Borrowers shall immediately prepay the Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(f)(i)</u> in an aggregate amount equal to the amount of such excess.

(ii) **Dispositions**. Within 1 Business Day of the date of receipt by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of the Net Cash Proceeds of any voluntary or involuntary sale or disposition by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of assets (including casualty losses or condemnations but excluding sales or dispositions which qualify as Permitted Dispositions under clauses (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n) or (o) of the definition of Permitted Dispositions), Borrowers shall prepay the outstanding principal amount of the Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(f)(ii)</u> in an amount equal to 100% of such Net Cash Proceeds (including condemnation awards and payments in lieu thereof) received by such Person in connection with such sales or dispositions; <u>provided</u> that, so long as (A) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (B) such Borrower shall have given Agent prior written notice of such Borrower's intention to apply such monies to the costs of replacement of the properties or assets that are the subject of such sale or disposition or

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the cost of purchase or construction of other assets useful in the business of Parent or its Subsidiaries, (C) the monies are held in a Deposit Account in which Agent has a perfected first-priority security interest, and (D) Parent or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, complete such replacement, purchase, or construction within 180 days after the initial receipt of such monies, then the Loan Party whose assets were the subject of such disposition shall have the option to apply such monies to the costs of replacement of the assets that are the subject of such sale or disposition unless and to the extent that such applicable period shall have expired without such replacement, purchase, or construction being made or completed, in which case, any amounts remaining in the Deposit Account referred to in clause (C) above shall be paid to Agent and applied in accordance with Section 2.3(f)(ii); provided, that no Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries shall have the right to use such Net Cash Proceeds to make such replacements, purchases, or construction in excess of \$500,000 in any given fiscal year. Nothing contained in this Section 2.3(e)(ii) shall permit Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to sell or otherwise dispose of any assets other than in accordance with Section 6.4.

(iii) **Extraordinary Receipts**. Within 3 Business Days of the date of receipt by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of any Extraordinary Receipts, Borrowers shall prepay the outstanding principal amount of the Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(f)(ii)</u> in an amount equal to 100% of such Extraordinary Receipts, net of any reasonable expenses incurred in collecting such Extraordinary Receipts.

(iv) **Indebtedness**. Within 3 Business Days of the date of incurrence by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of any Indebtedness (other than Permitted Indebtedness), Borrowers shall prepay the outstanding principal amount of the Obligations in accordance with Section 2.3(f)(ii) in an amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds received by such Person in connection with such incurrence. The provisions of this Section 2.3(e)(iv) shall not be deemed to be implied consent to any such incurrence otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Agreement.

(v) **Equity**. Within 3 Business Days of the date of the issuance by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of any Equity Interests (other than (A) in the event that Parent any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries forms any Subsidiary in accordance with the terms hereof, the issuance by such Subsidiary of Equity Interests to Parent or such Subsidiary, as applicable, (B) the issuance of Equity Interests of Parent to directors, officers and employees of Parent and its Subsidiaries pursuant to employee stock option plans (or other employee incentive plans or other compensation arrangements) approved by the Board of Directors, (C) the issuance of Equity Interests of Parent in order to finance the purchase consideration (or a portion thereof) in connection with a Permitted Acquisition or Capital Expenditures permitted hereunder, and (D) the issuance of Equity Interests by a Subsidiary of Parent to its parent or member in connection with the contribution by such parent or member to such Subsidiary of the proceeds of an issuance described in clauses (A) – (D) above), Borrowers shall prepay the outstanding principal amount of the Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(f)(ii)</u> in an amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds received by such Person in connection with such issuance. The provisions of this <u>Section 2.3(e)(v)</u> shall not be deemed to be implied consent to any such issuance otherwise prohibited by the terms of this Agreement.

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#### (f) Application of Payments.

(i) Each prepayment pursuant to Section 2.3(e)(i) shall, (A) so long as no Application Event shall have occurred and be continuing, be applied, first, to the outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans until paid in full (without any permanent reduction in the Maximum Revolver Amount, and applied first, to Current Asset Base Rate Loans, second, to Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loans, third, to Fixed Asset Base Rate Loans, and last, to Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loans), and second, to cash collateralize the Letters of Credit in an amount equal to 105% of the then outstanding Letter of Credit Usage, and (B) if an Application Event shall have occurred and be continuing, be applied in the manner set forth in Section 2.3(b)(ii).

(ii) Each prepayment pursuant to Section 2.3(e)(ii), 2.3(e)(iv) or 2.3(e)(v) shall (A) so long as no Application Event shall have occurred and be continuing, be applied, first, to the outstanding principal amount of the Fixed Asset Loans (and simultaneously reduce the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount), and applied against the scheduled reductions of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount in the inverse order of maturity until the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount has been reduced to zero (for the avoidance of doubt, any amount that is to be reduced on the Maturity Date shall constitute a scheduled reduction) second, to the outstanding principal amount of the Current Asset Loans, until paid in full, and third, to cash collateralize the Letters of Credit in an amount equal to 105% of the then outstanding Letter of Credit Usage and (B) if an Application Event shall have occurred and be continuing, be applied in the manner set forth in Section 2.3(b)(ii).

#### 2.4. Promise to Pay; Promissory Notes.

(a) Borrowers agree to pay the Lender Group Expenses on the earlier of (i) the first day of the month following the date on which the applicable Lender Group Expenses were first incurred or (ii) the date on which demand therefor is made by Agent (it being acknowledged and agreed that any charging of such costs, expenses or Lender Group Expenses to the Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 2.5(d)</u> shall be deemed to constitute a demand for payment thereof for the purposes of this subclause (ii)). Borrowers promise to pay all of the Obligations (including principal, interest, premiums, if any, fees, costs, and expenses (including Lender Group Expenses)) in full on the Maturity Date or, if earlier, on the date on which the Obligations (other than the Bank Product Obligations) become due and payable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Borrowers agree that their obligations contained in the first sentence of this <u>Section 2.4(a)</u> shall survive payment or satisfaction in full of all other Obligations.

(b) Any Lender may request that any portion of its Commitments or the Loans made by it be evidenced by one or more promissory notes. In such event, Borrowers shall execute and deliver to such Lender the requested promissory notes payable to the order of such Lender in a form furnished by Agent and reasonably satisfactory to Borrowers. Thereafter, the portion of the Commitments and Loans evidenced by such promissory notes and interest thereon shall at all times be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the order of the payee named therein.

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#### 2.5. Interest Rates and Letter of Credit Fee: Rates, Payments, and Calculations

(a) Interest Rates. Except as provided in Section 2.5(c), all Obligations (except for undrawn Letters of Credit) that have been charged to the Loan Account pursuant to the terms hereof shall bear interest as follows:

(i) if the relevant Obligation is a LIBOR Rate Loan, at a per annum rate equal to the LIBOR Rate plus the LIBOR Rate Margin, and

(ii) otherwise, at a per annum rate equal to the Base Rate plus the Base Rate Margin.

(b) Letter of Credit Fee. Borrowers shall pay Agent (for the ratable benefit of the Revolving Lenders), a Letter of Credit fee (the Letter of Credit Fee") (which fee shall be in addition to the fronting fees and commissions, other fees, charges and expenses set forth in Section 2.10(k)) that shall accrue at a per annum rate equal to the Current Asset LIBOR Rate Margin multiplied by the Letter of Credit Usage.

(c) Default Rate. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default and at the election of Agent or the Required Lenders,

(i) all Obligations (except for Letter of Credit Usage) that have been charged to the Loan Account pursuant to the terms hereof shall bear interest at a per annum rate equal to 2 percentage points above the per annum rate otherwise applicable thereunder, and

(ii) the Letter of Credit Fee shall be increased to 2 percentage points above the per annum rate otherwise applicable hereunder.

(d) **Payment.** Except to the extent provided to the contrary in Section 2.9 or Section 2.11(a), (i) all interest, all Letter of Credit Fees and all other fees payable hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents shall be due and payable, in arrears, on the first day of each month and (ii) all costs and expenses payable hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents, and all Lender Group Expenses shall be due and payable on the earlier of (x) the first day of the month following the date on which the applicable costs, expenses, or Lender Group Expenses were first incurred or (y) the date on which demand therefor is made by Agent (it being acknowledged and agreed that any charging of such costs, expenses or Lender Group Expenses to the Loan Account pursuant to the provisions of the following sentence shall be deemed to constitute a demand for payment thereof for the purposes of this subclause (y)). Borrowers hereby authorize Agent, from time to time without prior notice to Borrowers, to charge to the Loan Account (A) on the first day of each month, all Letter of Credit Fees accrued during the prior month, (C) as and when incurred or accrued, all fees and costs provided for in Section 2.9 (a) or (c). (D) on the first day of each month, the Unused Line Fee accrued during the prior month pursuant to Section 2.9(b). (E) as and when due and payable, all other fees payable hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents, (F) as and when incurred or accrued, the fronting fees and all commissions, other fees, charges and expenses provided for in Section 2.10(k). (G) as and when incurred or accrued, use the fees, charges and expenses provided for in Section 2.10(k). (G) as and when incurred or accrued,

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all other Lender Group Expenses, and (H) as and when due and payable all other payment obligations payable under any Loan Document or any Bank Product Agreement (including any amounts due and payable to the Bank Product Providers in respect of Bank Products). All amounts (including interest, fees, costs, expenses, Lender Group Expenses, or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document or under any Bank Product Agreement) charged to the Loan Account shall thereupon constitute Revolving Loans hereunder, shall constitute Obligations hereunder, and shall initially accrue interest at the rate then applicable to Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans (unless and until converted into LIBOR Rate Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement).

(e) **Computation**. All interest and fees chargeable under the Loan Documents shall be computed on the basis of a 360 day year, in each case, for the actual number of days elapsed in the period during which the interest or fees accrue. In the event the Base Rate is changed from time to time hereafter, the rates of interest hereunder based upon the Base Rate automatically and immediately shall be increased or decreased by an amount equal to such change in the Base Rate.

(f) **Intent to Limit Charges to Maximum Lawful Rate**. In no event shall the interest rate or rates payable under this Agreement, plus any other amounts paid in connection herewith, exceed the highest rate permissible under any law that a court of competent jurisdiction shall, in a final determination, deem applicable. Borrowers and the Lender Group, in executing and delivering this Agreement, intend legally to agree upon the rate or rates of interest and manner of payment stated within it; provided, that, anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, if such rate or rates of interest or manner of payment exceeds the maximum allowable under applicable law, then, ipso facto, as of the date of this Agreement, Borrowers are and shall be liable only for the payment of such maximum amount as is allowed by law, and payment received from Borrowers in excess of such legal maximum, whenever received, shall be applied to reduce the principal balance of the Obligations to the extent of such excess.

2.6. <u>Crediting Payments</u>. The receipt of any payment item by Agent shall not be required to be considered a payment on account unless such payment item is a wire transfer of immediately available federal funds made to Agent's Account or unless and until such payment item is honored when presented for payment. Should any payment item not be honored when presented for payment, then Borrowers shall be deemed not to have made such payment and interest shall be calculated accordingly. Anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, any payment item shall be deemed received by Agent only if it is received into Agent's Account on a before 2:00 p.m. If any payment item is received into Agent's Account on a non-Business Day or after 2:00 p.m. on a Business Day (unless Agent, in its sole discretion, elects to credit it on the date received), it shall be deemed to have been received by Agent as of the opening of business on the immediately following Business Day.

2.7. Designated Account. Agent is authorized to make the Revolving Loans, and Issuing Bank is authorized to issue the Letters of Credit, under this Agreement based upon telephonic or other instructions received from anyone purporting to be an Authorized Person or, without instructions, if pursuant to Section 2.5(d). Borrowers agree to establish and maintain the Designated Account with the Designated Account Bank for the purpose of receiving the proceeds of the Revolving Loans requested by Borrowers and made by Agent or the Lenders hereunder. Unless otherwise agreed by Agent and Borrowers, any Revolving Loan or Swing Loan requested by Borrowers and made by Agent or the Lenders hereunder shall be made to the Designated Account.

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2.8. Maintenance of Loan Account; Statements of Obligations. Agent shall maintain an account on its books in the name of Borrowers (the Loan Account") on which Borrowers will be charged with all Revolving Loans (including Extraordinary Advances and Swing Loans) made by Agent, Swing Lender, or the Lenders to Borrowers or for Borrowers' account, the Letters of Credit issued or arranged by Issuing Bank for Borrowers' account, and with all other payment Obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, including, accrued interest, fees and expenses, and Lender Group Expenses. In accordance with Section 2.6, the Loan Account will be credited with all payments received by Agent from Borrowers or for Borrowers' account. Agent shall make available to Borrowers monthly statements regarding the Loan Account, including the principal amount of the Revolving Loans, interest accrued hereunder, fees accrued or charged hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and a summary itemization of all charges and expenses constituting Lender Group Expenses accrued hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and expenses than account stated between Borrowers and the Lender Group unless, within 30 days after Agent first makes such a statement available to Borrowers, Borrowers, Borrowers shall deliver to Agent written objection thereto describing the error or errors contained in such statement.

#### 2.9. Fees.

(a) Agent Fees. Borrowers shall pay to Agent, for the account of Agent, as and when due and payable under the terms of the Fee Letter, the fees set forth in the Fee Letter.

(b) Unused Line Fee. Borrowers shall pay to Agent, for the ratable account of the Revolving Lenders, an unused line fee (the <u>Unused Line Fee</u>") in an amount equal to .375% *per annum* times the result of (i) the aggregate amount of the Revolver Commitments, less (ii) the Average Revolver Usage during the immediately preceding month (or portion thereof), which Unused Line Fee shall be due and payable on the first day of each month from and after the Closing Date up to the first day of the month prior to the date on which the Obligations are paid in full and on the date on which the Obligations are paid in full.

(c) Field Examination and Other Fees. Borrowers shall pay to Agent, field examination and appraisal fees and charges, as and when incurred or chargeable, as follows (i) a fee of \$1,000 per day, per examiner, plus out-of-pocket expenses (including travel, meals, and lodging) for each field examination of any Borrower performed by personnel employed by Agent, and (ii) the fees or charges paid or incurred by Agent (but, in any event, no less than a charge of \$1,000 per day, per Person, plus out-of-pocket expenses (including travel, meals, and lodging)) if it elects to employ the services of one or more third Persons to perform field examinations of Parent or its Subsidiaries, to establish electronic collateral reporting systems, to appraise the Collateral, or any portion thereof, or to assess Parent's or its Subsidiaries' business valuation; provided, that so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, Borrowers shall not be obligated to reimburse Agent for (A) more than 2 field examinations during any calendar year, (B) more than \$60,000 in respect of field examinations in any calendar year, (C) more than 3 appraisals of Inventory (which may include up to 2 on site appraisals and 1 desktop appraisal) during any calendar year, (D) more than 2 appraisals of Equipment during any calendar year or (E) more than 1 appraisal of Real Property constituting Collateral during any calendar year.

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#### 2.10. Letters of Credit.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon the request of Borrowers made in accordance herewith, and prior to the Maturity Date, Issuing Bank agrees to issue a requested Letter of Credit for the account of Borrowers. By submitting a request to Issuing Bank for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, Borrowers shall be deemed to have requested that Issuing Bank issue the requested Letter of Credit. Each request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or the amendment, renewal, or extension of any outstanding Letter of Credit, shall be irrevocable and shall be made in writing by an Authorized Person and delivered to Issuing Bank via telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission reasonably acceptable to Issuing Bank and reasonably in advance of the requested date of issuance, amendment, renewal, or extension. Each such request shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Issuing Bank and (i) shall specify (A) the amount of such Letter of Credit, (B) the date of issuance, amendment, renewal, or extension of such Letter of Credit, (C) the proposed expiration date of such Letter of Credit, (D) the name and address of the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit, and (E) such other information (including, the conditions to drawing, and, in the case of an amendment, renewal, or extension, identification of the Letter of Credit to be so amended, renewed, or extended) as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, renew, or extend such Letter of Credit, and (ii) shall be accompanied by such Issuer Documents as Agent or Issuing Bank may request or require, to the extent that such requests will be conclusive. Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Issuing Bank may, but shall not be obligated to, issue a Letter of Credit that supports the obligations of Parent or one of its Subsidiaries in respect of (x) a lease of real property to the extent that the face amount of such Letter of Credit texceeds the highest rent (including all rent-like charges) payable under such contract

(b) Issuing Bank shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit if any of the following would result after giving effect to the requested issuance:

(i) the Letter of Credit Usage would exceed \$5,000,000, or

(ii) the Letter of Credit Usage would exceed the Maximum Revolver Amount less the outstanding amount of Revolving Loans (including Swing

Loans), or

(iii) the Letter of Credit Usage would exceed the Borrowing Base at such time less the outstanding principal balance of the Revolving Loans (inclusive of Swing Loans) at such time.



(c) In the event there is a Defaulting Lender as of the date of any request for the issuance of a Letter of Credit, the Issuing Bank shall not be required to issue or arrange for such Letter of Credit to the extent (i) the Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure with respect to such Letter of Credit may not be reallocated pursuant to <u>Section 2.2(g)(ii)</u>, or (ii) the Issuing Bank has not otherwise entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to it and Borrowers to eliminate the Issuing Bank's risk with respect to the participation in such Letter of Credit of the Defaulting Lender, which arrangements may include Borrowers cash collateralizing such Defaulting Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure in accordance with <u>Section 2.2(g)(ii)</u>. Additionally, Issuing Bank shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit, or any law applicable to Issuing Bank or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over Issuing Bank shall prohibit or request that Issuing Bank applicable to letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular, (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit will or may not be in United States Dollars.

(d) Any Issuing Bank (other than Wells Fargo or any of its Affiliates) shall notify Agent in writing no later than the Business Day immediately following the Business Day on which such Issuing Bank issued any Letter of Credit; provided that (i) until Agent advises any such Issuing Bank that the provisions of <u>Section 3.2</u> are not satisfied, or (ii) unless the aggregate amount of the Letters of Credit issued in any such week exceeds such amount as shall be agreed by Agent and such Issuing Bank, such Issuing Bank shall be required to so notify Agent in writing only once each week of the Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank during the immediately preceding week as well as the daily amounts outstanding for the prior week, such notice to be furnished on such day of the week as Agent and such Issuing Bank may agree. Borrowers and the Lender Group hereby acknowledge and agree that all Existing Letters of Credit shall constitute Letters of Credit under this Agreement on and after the Closing Date with the same effect as if such Existing Letters of Credit were issued by Issuing Bank at the request of Borrowers on the Closing Date. Each Letter of Credit shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Issuing Bank, including the requirement that the amounts payable thereunder must be payable in Dollars. If Issuing Bank makes a payment under a Letter of Credit, Borrowers shall pay to Agent an amount equal to the applicable Letter of Credit Disbursement on the Business Day such Letter of Credit Disbursement is made and, in the absence of such payment, the amount of the Letter of Credit Disbursement immediately and automatically shall be deemed to be a Revolving Loan hereunder (notwithstanding any failure to satisfy any condition precedent set forth in <u>Section 3</u>) and, initially, shall bear interest at the rate then applicable to Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans. If a Letter of Credit Disbursement is deemed to be a Revolving Loan. Promptly following receipt by Agent of any payment from Borrowers pur

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(e) Promptly following receipt of a notice of a Letter of Credit Disbursement pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(d)</u>, each Revolving Lender agrees to fund its Pro Rata Share of any Revolving Loan deemed made pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(d)</u> on the same terms and conditions as if Borrowers had requested the amount thereof as a Revolving Loan and Agent shall promptly pay to Issuing Bank the amounts so received by it from the Revolving Lenders. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment, renewal, or extension of a Letter of Credit) and without any further action on the part of Issuing Bank or the Revolving Lenders, Issuing Bank, shall be deemed to have granted to each Revolving Lender, and each Revolving Lender shall be deemed to have purchased, a participation in each Letter of Credit issued by Issuing Bank, in an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of such Letter of Credit, and each such Revolving Lender agrees to pay to Agent, for the account of Issuing Bank, such Revolving Lender's Pro Rata Share of any Letter of Credit Disbursement made by Issuing Bank under the applicable Letter of Credit. In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Revolving Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to pay to Agent, for the account of Issuing Bank, such Revolving Lender's Pro Rata Share of each Letter of Credit Disbursement made by Issuing Bank and not reimbursed by Borrowers on the date due as provided in <u>Section 2.10(d)</u>, or of any reimbursement payment that is required to be refunded (or that Agent or Issuing Bank elects, based upon the advice of counsel, to refund) to Borrowers for any reason. Each Revolving Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to deliver to Agent, for the account of Issuing Bank, an amount equal to its respective Pro Rata Share of each Letter of Default or Default or the failure to satisfy any condition set forth in <u>Section 3</u>. If any such Revolving Lender fails to make available to Agent the amount of such Revolving Lender's Pro Rata Share of a Letter of Credit

(f) Each Borrower agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless each member of the Lender Group (including Issuing Bank and its branches, Affiliates, and correspondents) and each such Person's respective directors, officers, employees, attorneys and agents (each, including Issuing Bank, a "Letter of Credit Related Person") (to the fullest extent permitted by law) from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, investigations, proceedings, liabilities, fines, costs, penalties, and damages, and all reasonable fees and disbursements of attorneys, experts, or consultants and all other costs and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith or in connection with the enforcement of this indemnification (as and when they are incurred and irrespective of whether suit is brought), which may be incurred by or awarded against any such Letter of Credit Related Person (other than Taxes, which shall be governed by <u>Section 16</u>) (the "Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs"), and which arise out of or in connection with, or as a result of:

(i) any Letter of Credit or any pre-advice of its issuance;

(ii) any transfer, sale, delivery, surrender or endorsement of any Drawing Document at any time(s) held by any such Letter of Credit Related Person in connection with any Letter of Credit;

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(iii) any action or proceeding arising out of, or in connection with, any Letter of Credit (whether administrative, judicial or in connection with arbitration), including any action or proceeding to compel or restrain any presentation or payment under any Letter of Credit, or for the wrongful dishonor of, or honoring a presentation under, any Letter of Credit;

(iv) any independent undertakings issued by the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit;

(v) any unauthorized instruction or request made to Issuing Bank in connection with any Letter of Credit or requested Letter of Credit or error in computer or electronic transmission;

(vi) an adviser, confirmer or other nominated person seeking to be reimbursed, indemnified or compensated;

(vii) any third party seeking to enforce the rights of an applicant, beneficiary, nominated person, transferee, assignee of Letter of Credit proceeds or holder of an instrument or document;

(viii) the fraud, forgery or illegal action of parties other than the Letter of Credit Related Person;

(ix) Issuing Bank's performance of the obligations of a confirming institution or entity that wrongfully dishonors a confirmation; or

(x) the acts or omissions, whether rightful or wrongful, of any present or future de jure or de facto governmental or regulatory authority or cause or event beyond the control of the Letter of Credit Related Person;

in each case, including that resulting from the Letter of Credit Related Person's own negligence <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such indemnity shall not be available to any Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnification under clauses (i) through (x) above to the extent that such Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs may be finally determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted directly from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnity. Borrowers hereby agree to pay the Letter of Credit Related Person claiming indemnity on demand from time to time all amounts owing under this <u>Section 2.10(f)</u>. If and to the extent that the obligations of Borrowers under this <u>Section 2.10(f)</u> are unenforceable for any reason, Borrowers agree to make the maximum contribution to the Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs permissible under applicable law. This indemnification provision shall survive termination of this Agreement and all Letters of Credit.

(g) The liability of Issuing Bank (or any other Letter of Credit Related Person) under, in connection with or arising out of any Letter of Credit (or pre-advice), regardless of the form or legal grounds of the action or proceeding, shall be limited to direct damages suffered by Borrowers that are caused directly by Issuing Bank's gross negligence or willful misconduct in (i) honoring a presentation under a Letter of Credit that on its face does not at least substantially comply with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit, (ii) failing to honor a presentation

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under a Letter of Credit that strictly complies with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit or (iii) retaining Drawing Documents presented under a Letter of Credit Practice or in accordance with this Agreement. Borrowers' aggregate remedies against Issuing Bank and any Letter of Credit Related Person for wrongfully honoring a presentation under any Letter of Credit or wrongfully retaining honored Drawing Documents shall in no event exceed the aggregate amount paid by Borrowers to Issuing Bank in respect of the honored presentation in connection with such Letter of Credit under <u>Section 2.10(d)</u>, plus interest at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans hereunder. Borrowers shall take action to avoid and mitigate the amount of any damages claimed against Issuing Bank or any other Letter of Credit shall be reduced by an amount equal to the sum of (x) the amount (if any) saved by Borrowers as a result of the breach or alleged wrongful conduct complained of; and (y) the amount (if any) of the loss that would have been avoided had Borrowers taken all reasonable steps to mitigate any loss, and in case of a claim of wrongful dishonor, by specifically and timely authorizing Issuing Bank to effect a cure.

(h) Borrowers are responsible for preparing or approving the final text of the Letter of Credit as issued by Issuing Bank, irrespective of any assistance Issuing Bank may provide such as drafting or recommending text or by Issuing Bank's use or refusal to use text submitted by Borrowers. Borrowers are solely responsible for the suitability of the Letter of Credit for Borrowers' purposes. With respect to any Letter of Credit containing an "automatic amendment" to extend the expiration date of such Letter of Credit, Issuing Bank, in its sole and absolute discretion, may give notice of nonrenewal of such Letter of Credit and, if Borrowers do not at any time want such Letter of Credit to be renewed, Borrowers will so notify Agent and Issuing Bank at least 15 calendar days before Issuing Bank is required to notify the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit or any advising bank of such nonrenewal pursuant to the terms of such Letter of Credit.

(i) Borrowers' reimbursement and payment obligations under this <u>Section 2.10</u> are absolute, unconditional and irrevocable and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever, including:

(i) any lack of validity, enforceability or legal effect of any Letter of Credit or this Agreement or any term or provision therein or herein;

(ii) payment against presentation of any draft, demand or claim for payment under any Drawing Document that does not comply in whole or in part with the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit or which proves to be fraudulent, forged or invalid in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect, or which is signed, issued or presented by a Person or a transferee of such Person purporting to be a successor or transferee of the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit;

(iii) Issuing Bank or any of its branches or Affiliates being the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit;

(iv) Issuing Bank or any correspondent honoring a drawing against a Drawing Document up to the amount available under any Letter of Credit even if such Drawing Document claims an amount in excess of the amount available under the Letter of Credit;

(v) the existence of any claim, set-off, defense or other right that Parent or any of its Subsidiaries may have at any time against any beneficiary, any assignee of proceeds, Issuing Bank or any other Person;

(vi) any other event, circumstance or conduct whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing that might, but for this Section 2.10(i), constitute a legal or equitable defense to or discharge of, or provide a right of set-off against, any Borrower's or any of its Subsidiaries' reimbursement and other payment obligations and liabilities, arising under, or in connection with, any Letter of Credit, whether against Issuing Bank, the beneficiary or any other Person; or

(vii) the fact that any Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

provided, however, that subject to Section 2.10(g) above, the foregoing shall not release Issuing Bank from such liability to Borrowers as may be finally determined in a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction against Issuing Bank following reimbursement or payment of the obligations and liabilities, including reimbursement and other payment obligations, of Borrowers to Issuing Bank arising under, or in connection with, this Section 2.10 or any Letter of Credit.

(j) Without limiting any other provision of this Agreement, Issuing Bank and each other Letter of Credit Related Person (if applicable) shall not be responsible to Borrowers for, and Issuing Bank's rights and remedies against Borrowers and the obligation of Borrowers to reimburse Issuing Bank for each drawing under each Letter of Credit shall not be impaired by:

(i) honor of a presentation under any Letter of Credit that on its face substantially complies with the terms and conditions of such Letter of Credit, even if the Letter of Credit requires strict compliance by the beneficiary;

(ii) honor of a presentation of any Drawing Document that appears on its face to have been signed, presented or issued (A) by any purported successor or transferee of any beneficiary or other Person required to sign, present or issue such Drawing Document or (B) under a new name of the beneficiary;

(iii) acceptance as a draft of any written or electronic demand or request for payment under a Letter of Credit, even if nonnegotiable or not in the form of a draft or notwithstanding any requirement that such draft, demand or request bear any or adequate reference to the Letter of Credit;

(iv) the identity or authority of any presenter or signer of any Drawing Document or the form, accuracy, genuineness or legal effect of any Drawing Document (other than Issuing Bank's determination that such Drawing Document appears on its face substantially to comply with the terms and conditions of the Letter of Credit);

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(v) acting upon any instruction or request relative to a Letter of Credit or requested Letter of Credit that Issuing Bank in good faith believes to have been given by a Person authorized to give such instruction or request;

(vi) any errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any message, advice or document (regardless of how sent or transmitted) or for errors in interpretation of technical terms or in translation or any delay in giving or failing to give notice to Borrowers;

(vii) any acts, omissions or fraud by, or the insolvency of, any beneficiary, any nominated person or entity or any other Person or any breach of contract between any beneficiary and any Borrower or any of the parties to the underlying transaction to which the Letter of Credit relates;

(viii) assertion or waiver of any provision of the ISP or UCP that primarily benefits an issuer of a letter of credit, including any requirement that any Drawing Document be presented to it at a particular hour or place;

(ix) payment to any paying or negotiating bank (designated or permitted by the terms of the applicable Letter of Credit) claiming that it rightfully honored or is entitled to reimbursement or indemnity under Standard Letter of Credit Practice applicable to it;

(x) acting or failing to act as required or permitted under Standard Letter of Credit Practice applicable to where Issuing Bank has issued, confirmed, advised or negotiated such Letter of Credit, as the case may be;

(xi) honor of a presentation after the expiration date of any Letter of Credit notwithstanding that a presentation was made prior to such expiration date and dishonored by Issuing Bank if subsequently Issuing Bank or any court or other finder of fact determines such presentation should have been honored;

(xii) dishonor of any presentation that does not strictly comply or that is fraudulent, forged or otherwise not entitled to honor; or

(xiii) honor of a presentation that is subsequently determined by Issuing Bank to have been made in violation of international, federal, state or local restrictions on the transaction of business with certain prohibited Persons.

(k) Borrowers shall pay immediately upon demand to Agent for the account of Issuing Bank as non-refundable Lender Group Expenses: (i) a fronting fee which shall be imposed by Issuing Bank upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit of .250% per annum of the face amount thereof, <u>*plus*</u> (ii) any and all other customary commissions, fees and charges then in effect imposed by, and any and all expenses incurred by, Issuing Bank, or by any adviser, confirming institution or entity or other nominated person, relating to Letters of Credit, at the time of issuance of any Letter of Credit and upon the occurrence of any other activity with respect to any Letter of Credit (including transfers, assignments of proceeds, amendments, drawings, renewals or cancellations). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Issuing Bank is a Person other than Wells Fargo, all fronting fees payable in respect of Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank shall be paid by Borrowers immediately upon demand directly to such Issuing Bank for its own account. No fronting fees or issuance fees shall be payable hereunder with respect to any of the Existing Letters of Credit.

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(1) If by reason of (x) any Change in Law, or (y) compliance by Issuing Bank or any other member of the Lender Group with any direction, request, or requirement (irrespective of whether having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority or monetary authority including, Regulation D of the Board of Governors as from time to time in effect (and any successor thereto):

(i) any reserve, deposit, or similar requirement is or shall be imposed or modified in respect of any Letter of Credit issued or caused to be issued hereunder or hereby, or

(ii) there shall be imposed on Issuing Bank or any other member of the Lender Group any other condition regarding any Letter of Credit,

and the result of the foregoing is to increase, directly or indirectly, the cost to Issuing Bank or any other member of the Lender Group of issuing, making, participating in, or maintaining any Letter of Credit or to reduce the amount receivable in respect thereof, then, and in any such case, Agent may, at any time within a reasonable period after the additional cost is incurred or the amount received is reduced, notify Borrowers, and Borrowers shall pay within 30 days after demand therefor, such amounts as Agent may specify to be necessary to compensate Issuing Bank or any other member of the Lender Group for such additional cost or reduced receipt, together with interest on such amount from the date of such demand until payment in full thereof at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans hereunder; provided, that (A) Borrowers shall not be required to provide any compensation pursuant to this Section 2.10(1) for any such amounts incurred more than 180 days prior to the date on which the demand for payment of such amounts is first made to Borrowers, and (B) if an event or circumstance giving rise to such amount is retroactive, then the 180-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof. The determination by Agent of any amount due pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(1)</u>, as set forth in a certificate setting forth the calculation thereof in reasonable detail, shall, in the absence of manifest or demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding on all of the parties hereto.

(m) Unless otherwise expressly agreed by Issuing Bank and Borrowers when a Letter of Credit is issued (including any such agreement applicable to an Existing Letter of Credit), (i) the rules of the ISP and UCP 600 shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of UCP 600 shall apply to each commercial Letter of Credit.

(n) In the event of a direct conflict between the provisions of this <u>Section 2.10</u> and any provision contained in any Issuer Document, it is the intention of the parties hereto that such provisions be read together and construed, to the fullest extent possible, to be in concert with each other. In the event of any actual, irreconcilable conflict that cannot be resolved as aforesaid, the terms and provisions of this <u>Section 2.10</u> shall control and govern.

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#### 2.11. LIBOR Option.

(a) **Interest and Interest Payment Dates** In lieu of having interest charged at the rate based upon the Base Rate, Borrowers shall have the option, subject to <u>Section 2.11(b)</u> below (the "<u>LIBOR Option</u>") to have interest on all or a portion of the Revolving Loans be charged (whether at the time when made (unless otherwise provided herein), upon conversion from a Base Rate Loan to a LIBOR Rate Loan, or upon continuation of a LIBOR Rate Loan as a LIBOR Rate Loan) at a rate of interest based upon the LIBOR Rate. Interest on LIBOR Rate Loans shall be payable on the earliest of (i) the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto; <u>provided</u>, that, subject to the following clauses (ii) and (iii), in the case of any Interest Period greater than 3 months in duration, interest shall be payable at 3 month intervals after the commencement of the applicable Interest Period and on the last day of such Interest Period), (ii) the date on which all or any portion of the Obligations are accelerated pursuant to the terms hereof, or (iii) the date on which his Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms hereof. On the last day of each applicable Interest Period, unless Borrowers properly have exercised the LIBOR Option with respect thereto, the interest rate applicable to such LIBOR Rate Loan automatically shall convert to the rate of interest then applicable to Base Rate Loans of the same Type hereunder. At any time that an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, at the written election of Agent or the Required Lenders, Borrowers no longer shall have the option to request that Revolving Loans bear interest at a rate based upon the LIBOR Rate.

#### (b) LIBOR Election.

(i) Borrowers may, at any time and from time to time, so long as Borrowers have not received a notice from Agent (which notice Agent may elect to give or not give in its discretion unless Agent is directed to give such notice by the Required Lenders, in which case, it shall give the notice to Borrowers), after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, to terminate the right of Borrowers to exercise the LIBOR Option during the continuance of such Event of Default, elect to exercise the LIBOR Option by notifying Agent prior to 11:00 a.m. at least 1 Business Day prior to the commencement of the proposed Interest Period (the "LIBOR Deadline"). Notice of Borrowers' election of the LIBOR Option for a permitted portion of the Revolving Loans and an Interest Period pursuant to this Section shall be made by delivery to Agent of a LIBOR Notice received by Agent prior to 5:00 p.m. on the same day). Promptly upon its receipt of each such LIBOR Notice, Agent shall provide a copy thereof to each of the affected Lenders.

(ii) Each LIBOR Notice shall be irrevocable and binding on Borrowers. In connection with each LIBOR Rate Loan, each Borrower shall indemnify, defend, and hold Agent and the Lenders harmless against any loss, cost, or expense actually incurred by Agent or any Lender as a result of (A) the payment of any principal of any LIBOR Rate Loan other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto (including as a result of an Event of Default), (B) the conversion of any LIBOR Rate Loan other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, or (C) the failure to borrow, convert, continue or prepay any LIBOR Rate Loan on the date specified in any LIBOR Notice delivered pursuant hereto (such losses, costs, or expenses, "Funding Losses"). A certificate of Agent or a Lender delivered to

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Borrowers setting forth in reasonable detail any amount or amounts that Agent or such Lender is entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 2.11 shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Borrowers shall pay such amount to Agent or the Lender, as applicable, within 30 days of the date of its receipt of such certificate. If a payment of a LIBOR Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the applicable Interest Period would result in a Funding Loss, Agent may, in its sole discretion at the request of Borrowers, hold the amount of such payment as cash collateral in support of the Obligations until the last day of such Interest Period and apply such amounts to the payment of the applicable LIBOR Rate Loan on such last day, it being agreed that Agent has no obligation to so defer the application of payments to any LIBOR Rate Loan and that, in the event that Agent does not defer such application, Borrowers shall be obligated to pay any resulting Funding Losses.

(iii) Unless Agent, in its sole discretion, agrees otherwise, Borrowers shall have not more than 5 LIBOR Rate Loans in effect at any given time. Borrowers may only exercise the LIBOR Option for proposed LIBOR Rate Loans of at least \$1,000,000.

(c) **Conversion**. Borrowers may convert LIBOR Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans of the same Type at any time; provided, that in the event that LIBOR Rate Loans are converted or prepaid on any date that is not the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, including as a result of any prepayment through the required application by Agent of any payments or proceeds of Collateral in accordance with Section 2.3(b) or for any other reason, including early termination of the term of this Agreement or acceleration of all or any portion of the Obligations pursuant to the terms hereof, each Borrower shall indemnify, defend, and hold Agent and the Lenders and their Participants harmless against any and all Funding Losses in accordance with Section 2.1(b)(ii).

#### (d) Special Provisions Applicable to LIBOR Rate.

(i) The LIBOR Rate may be adjusted by Agent with respect to any Lender on a prospective basis to take into account any additional or increased costs to such Lender of maintaining or obtaining any eurodollar deposits or increased costs, in each case, due to changes in applicable law occurring subsequent to the commencement of the then applicable Interest Period, including any Changes in Law (including any changes in tax laws (except changes of general applicability in corporate income tax laws)) and changes in the reserve requirements imposed by the Board of Governors, which additional or increased costs would increase the cost of funding or maintaining loans bearing interest at the LIBOR Rate. In any such event, the affected Lender shall give Borrowers and Agent notice of such a determination and adjustment and Agent promptly shall transmit the notice to each other Lender and, upon its receipt of the notice from the affected Lender, Borrowers may, by notice to such affected Lender (A) require such Lender to furnish to Borrowers a statement setting forth in reasonable detail the basis for adjusting such LIBOR Rate and the method for determining the amount of such adjustment, or (B) repay the LIBOR Rate Loans of such Lender with respect to which such adjustment is made (together with any amounts due under <u>Section 2.11(b)(ii)</u>).

(ii) In the event that any change in market conditions or any Change in Law shall at any time after the date hereof, in the reasonable opinion of any Lender, make it unlawful or impractical for such Lender to fund or maintain LIBOR Rate Loans or to continue

such funding or maintaining, or to determine or charge interest rates at the LIBOR Rate, such Lender shall give notice of such changed circumstances to Agent and Borrowers and Agent promptly shall transmit the notice to each other Lender and (y) in the case of any LIBOR Rate Loans of such Lender that are outstanding, the date specified in such Lender's notice shall be deemed to be the last day of the Interest Period of such LIBOR Rate Loans, and interest upon the LIBOR Rate Loans of such Lender thereafter shall accrue interest at the rate then applicable to Base Rate Loans of the same Type, and (z) Borrowers shall not be entitled to elect the LIBOR Option until such Lender determines that it would no longer be unlawful or impractical to do so.

(e) **No Requirement of Matched Funding**. Anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, neither Agent, nor any Lender, nor any of their Participants, is required actually to acquire eurodollar deposits to fund or otherwise match fund any Obligation as to which interest accrues at the LIBOR Rate.

### 2.12. Capital Requirements.

(a) If, after the date hereof, Issuing Bank or any Lender determines that (i) any Change in Law regarding capital or reserve requirements for banks or bank holding companies, or (ii) compliance by Issuing Bank or such Lender, or their respective parent bank holding companies, with any guideline, request or directive of any Governmental Authority regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law), has the effect of reducing the return on Issuing Bank's, such Lender's, or such holding companies' capital as a consequence of Issuing Bank's cruck Lender's commitments hereunder to a level below that which Issuing Bank, such Lender, or such holding companies capital adequacy and assuming the full utilization of such entity's capital) by any amount deemed by Issuing Bank or such Lender to be material, then Issuing Bank or such Lender for such netity's capital) by any amount deemed by Issuing Bank or such Lender on demand the amount of such reduction of return of capital as and when such reduction is determined, payable within 30 days after presentation by Issuing Bank or such Lender of a statement in the amount and setting forth in reasonable detail Issuing Bank's or such Lender's calculation thereof and the assumptions upon which such calculation was based (which statement shall be deemed true and correct absent manifest error). In determining such amount, Issuing Bank or such Lender may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods. Failure or delay on the part of Issuing Bank or such Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of Issuing Bank's or such Lender's intention to claim compensation; provided that Borrowers shall not be required to compensate Issuing Bank or a Lender pursuant to this Section for any reductions and of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; provided further that if such claim arises by reason of the Change in Law diving rise to such reductions and of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; provi

(b) If Issuing Bank or any Lender requests additional or increased costs referred to in Section 2.10(1) or Section 2.11(d)(i) or amounts under Section 2.12(a) or sends a notice under Section 2.11(d)(ii) relative to changed circumstances (such Issuing Bank or Lender,

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an "<u>Affected Lender</u>"), then such Affected Lender shall use reasonable efforts to promptly designate a different one of its lending offices or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices or branches, if (i) in the reasonable judgment of such Affected Lender, such designation or assignment would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(1)</u>, <u>Section 2.11(d)(i)</u> or <u>Section 2.12(a)</u>, as applicable, or would eliminate the illegality or impracticality of funding or maintaining LIBOR Rate Loans and (ii) in the reasonable judgment of such Affected Lender, such designation or assignment would not subject it to any material urreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be materially disadvantageous to it. Borrowers agree to pay all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by such Affected Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment. If, after such reasonable efforts, such Affected Lender does not so designate a different one of its lending offices or assign its rights to another of its offices or branches so as to eliminate Borrowers' obligation to pay any future amounts to such Affected Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(1)</u>, <u>Section 2.11(d)(i)</u> or <u>Section 2.11(d)(i)</u> or <u>Section 2.12(a)</u>, as applicable, or to enable Borrowers to obtain LIBOR Rate Loans, then Borrowers (without prejudice to any amounts then due to such Affected Lender under <u>Section 2.10(1)</u>, <u>Section 2.11(d)(i)</u> or <u>Section 2.12(a)</u>, as applicable) may, unless prior to the effective date of any such assignment the Affected Lender withdraws its request for such additional amounts under <u>Section 2.10(1)</u>, <u>Section 2.11(d)(i)</u> or <u>Section 2.12(a)</u>, as applicable, or indicates that it is no longer unlawful or impractical to fund or maintain LIBOR Rate Loans, may designate a different Issuing Bank or substitute a Lender, in each case, reasonably acceptable to Agent to purchase the Obligations owed to such Affected Lender's commitments hereunder (a "<u>Replacement Lender</u>"

(c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the protection of <u>Sections 2.10(1)</u>, 2.11(d), and 2.12 shall be available to Issuing Bank and each Lender (as applicable) regardless of any possible contention of the invalidity or inapplicability of the law, rule, regulation, judicial ruling, judgment, guideline, treaty or other change or condition which shall have occurred or been imposed, so long as it shall be customary for issuing banks or lenders affected thereby to comply therewith. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, neither Issuing Bank nor any Lender shall demand compensation pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u> if it shall not at the time be the general policy or practice of Issuing Bank or such Lender (as the case may be) to demand such compensation in similar circumstances under comparable provisions of other credit agreements, if any. Furthermore, if Borrowers are required to compensate Issuing Bank or any Lender in respect of a Change in Law and if prior to the repayment in full (or other satisfaction) of the Obligations and the termination of the Commitments, such Change in Law is invalidated in a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, which judgment has retroactive effect to a point in time prior to the period for which compensation was received, the Issuing Bank or such Lender, as applicable, shall promptly after request therefor by Borrowers remit to Borrowers the amount of such compensation received by Issuing Bank or such Lender, as applicable.

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#### 2.13. Joint and Several Liability of Borrowers.

(a) Each Borrower is accepting joint and several liability hereunder and under the other Loan Documents in consideration of the financial accommodations to be provided by the Lender Group under this Agreement, for the mutual benefit, directly and indirectly, of each Borrower and in consideration of the undertakings of the other Borrowers to accept joint and several liability for the Obligations.

(b) Each Borrower, jointly and severally, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally accepts, not merely as a surety but also as a co-debtor, joint and several liability with the other Borrowers, with respect to the payment and performance of all of the Obligations (including any Obligations arising under this <u>Section 2.13</u>), it being the intention of the parties hereto that all the Obligations shall be the joint and several obligations of each Borrower without preferences or distinction among them.

(c) If and to the extent that any Borrower shall fail to make any payment with respect to any of the Obligations as and when due or to perform any of the Obligations in accordance with the terms thereof, then in each such event the other Borrowers will make such payment with respect to, or perform, such Obligation until such time as all of the Obligations are paid in full.

(d) The Obligations of each Borrower under the provisions of this <u>Section 2.13</u> constitute the absolute and unconditional, full recourse Obligations of each Borrower enforceable against each Borrower to the full extent of its properties and assets, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the provisions of this Agreement (other than this <u>Section 2.13(d)</u>) or any other circumstances whatsoever.

(e) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, each Borrower hereby waives notice of acceptance of its joint and several liability, notice of any Revolving Loans or Letters of Credit issued under or pursuant to this Agreement, notice of the occurrence of any Default, Event of Default, or of any demand for any payment under this Agreement, notice of any action at any time taken or omitted by Agent or Lenders under or in respect of any of the Obligations, any requirement of diligence or to mitigate damages and, generally, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all demands, notices and other formalities of every kind in connection with this Agreement (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement). Each Borrower hereby assents to, and waives notice of, any extension or postponement of the time for the payment of any of the Obligations, the acceptance of any payment thereon, any waiver, consent or other action or acquiescence by Agent or Lenders at any time or times in respect of any default by any Borrower in the performance or satisfaction of any term, covenant, condition or release, in whole or in part, at any time or times, of any security for any of the Obligations or the addition, substitution or release, in whole or in part, at any time or times, of any security for any of the Obligations or the addition, substitution or release, in whole or in part, of any Borrower. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Borrower assents to any other action or delay in acting or failure to act on the part of any Agent or Lender with respect to the failure by any Borrower to comply with any of its respective Obligations, including, without limitation, any failure strictly or diligently to assert any right or

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to pursue any remedy or to comply fully with applicable laws or regulations thereunder, which might, but for the provisions of this <u>Section 2.13</u> afford grounds for terminating, discharging or relieving any Borrower, in whole or in part, from any of its Obligations under this <u>Section 2.13</u>, it being the intention of each Borrower that, so long as any of the Obligations hereunder have not been paid in full or otherwise satisfied, the Obligations of each Borrower under this <u>Section 2.13</u> shall not be discharged except by performance and then only to the extent of such performance. The Obligations of each Borrower under this <u>Section 2.13</u> shall not be diminished or rendered unenforceable by any winding up, reorganization, arrangement, liquidation, reconstruction or similar proceeding with respect to any other Borrower or any Agent or Lender.

(f) Each Borrower represents and warrants to Agent and Lenders that such Borrower is currently informed of the financial condition of Borrowers and of all other circumstances which a diligent inquiry would reveal and which bear upon the risk of nonpayment of the Obligations. Each Borrower further represents and warrants to Agent and Lenders that such Borrower has read and understands the terms and conditions of the Loan Documents. Each Borrower hereby covenants that such Borrower will continue to keep informed of Borrowers' financial condition and of all other circumstances which bear upon the risk of nonpayment or nonperformance of the Obligations.

(g) The provisions of this Section 2.13 are made for the benefit of Agent, each member of the Lender Group, each Bank Product Provider, and their respective successors and assigns, and may be enforced by it or them from time to time against any or all Borrowers as often as occasion therefor may arise and without requirement on the part of Agent, any member of the Lender Group, any Bank Product Provider, or any of their successors or assigns first to marshal any of its or their claims or to exercise any of its or their rights against any Borrower or to exhaust any remedies available to it or them against any Borrower or to resort to any other source or means of obtaining payment of any of the Obligations hereunder or to elect any other remedy. The provisions of this Section 2.13 shall remain in effect until all of the Obligations shall have been paid in full or otherwise satisfied. If at any time, any payment, or any part thereof, made in respect of any of the Obligations, is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by Agent or any Lender upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Borrower, or otherwise, the provisions of this Section 2.13 will forthwith be reinstated in effect, as though such payment had not been made.

(h) Each Borrower hereby agrees that it will not enforce any of its rights of contribution or subrogation against any other Borrower with respect to any liability incurred by it hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents, any payments made by it to Agent or Lenders with respect to any of the Obligations or any collateral security therefor until such time as all of the Obligations have been paid in full in cash. Any claim which any Borrower may have against any other Borrower with respect to any Agent or any member of the Lender Group hereunder or under any of the Bank Product Agreements are hereby expressly made subordinate and junior in right of payment, without limitation as to any increases in the Obligations arising hereunder or thereunder, to the prior payment in full in cash of the Obligations and, in the event of any insolvency, bankruptcy, receivership, liquidation, reorganization or other similar proceeding under the laws of any jurisdiction relating to any Borrower, its debts or its assets, whether voluntary or involuntary, all such Obligations shall be paid in full in cash before any payment or distribution of any character, whether in cash, securities or other property, shall be made to any other Borrower therefor.

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(i) Each Borrower hereby agrees that after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Default or Event of Default, such Borrower will not demand, sue for or otherwise attempt to collect any indebtedness of any other Borrower owing to such Borrower until the Obligations shall have been paid in full in cash. If, notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, such Borrower shall collect, enforce or receive any amounts in respect of such indebtedness, such amounts shall be collected, enforced and received by such Borrower as trustee for Agent, and such Borrower shall deliver any such amounts to Agent for application to the Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(b)</u>.

# 3. CONDITIONS; TERM OF AGREEMENT.

**3.1.** <u>Conditions Precedent to the Initial Extension of Credit</u>. This Agreement shall not become effective, and the Commitments hereunder shall not become effective, neither Agent nor any Lender shall have any obligation to make any extension of credit hereunder, and no Borrower or other Loan Party shall, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, have any obligations, duties or liabilities of an kind whatsoever hereunder, in each case until the date, upon which each of the conditions precedent set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1</u> is fulfilled subject to the satisfaction of Agent and each Lender. Until the occurrence of the Closing Date, and the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1</u>, the Existing Credit Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the terms thereof. Upon the occurrence of the Closing Date, and the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth on <u>Schedule 3.1</u>, this Agreement shall, without the taking of any further action, be deemed to have amended and restated in its entirety the Existing Credit Agreement as provided in <u>Section 1.6</u>.

3.2. <u>Conditions Precedent to all Extensions of Credit</u>. The obligation of the Lender Group (or any member thereof) to make any Revolving Loans hereunder (or to extend any other credit hereunder) at any time shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

(a) the representations and warranties of Parent and its Subsidiaries contained in this Agreement or in the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof) on and as of the date of such extension of credit, as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that such representations and warranties relate solely to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof) as of such earlier date); and

(b) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such extension of credit, nor shall either result from the making

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**3.3.** <u>Additional Conditions to Fixed Asset Loans</u>. The Borrowing Base shall be increased by an amount equal to Fixed Asset Availability on the first date that all of the following conditions are met (and, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, each Lender shall thereafter be obligated to make Fixed Asset Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u>), provided, that such conditions are met on or before December 31, 2014:

(a) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the most recently ended period of twelve fiscal months prior to the date of such initial Fixed Asset Loans for which financial statements are available is not less than 1.10:1.00;

(b) after giving effect to such initial Fixed Asset Loans, Excess Availability is not less than 20% of the Maximum Revolver Amount;

(c) Borrowers have delivered to Agent the Real Estate Deliveries;

(d) Borrowers have delivered to Agent such Equipment appraisals and related documents as Agent shall have requested, in form and substance acceptable to

Agent;

(e) Borrowers have delivered to Agent the financial statements required pursuant to Section 5.1 with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012; and

(f) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or shall result from the making of such initial Fixed Asset Loans.

3.4. Maturity. This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect for a term ending on the Maturity Date.

**3.5.** <u>Effect of Maturity</u>. On the Maturity Date, all commitments of the Lender Group to provide additional credit hereunder shall automatically be terminated and all of the Obligations immediately shall become due and payable without notice or demand and Borrowers shall be required to repay all of the Obligations in full. No termination of the obligations of the Lender Group (other than payment in full of the Obligations and termination of the Commitments) shall relieve or discharge any Loan Party of its duties, obligations, or covenants hereunder or under any other Loan Document and Agent's Liens in the Collateral shall continue to secure the Obligations and shall remain in effect until all Obligations have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. When all of the Obligations have been paid in full and the Commitments have been terminated. Agent will, at Borrowers' sole expense, execute and deliver any termination statements, lien releases, discharges of security interests, and other similar discharge or release documents (and, if applicable, in recordable form) as are necessary to release, as of record, Agent's Liens and all notices of security interests and liens previously filed by Agent on its behalf.

**3.6.** <u>Early Termination by Borrowers</u>. Borrowers have the option, at any time upon at least 5 Business Days prior written notice to Agent, to terminate this Agreement and terminate the Commitments hereunder by repaying to Agent all of the Obligations in full. The foregoing notwithstanding, (a) Borrowers may rescind termination notices relative to proposed payments in full of the Obligations with the proceeds of third party Indebtedness if the closing for such issuance or incurrence does not happen on or before the date of the proposed termination (in which case, a new notice shall be required to be sent in connection with any subsequent termination), and (b) Borrowers may extend the date of termination at any time with the consent of Agent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

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**3.7.** <u>Conditions Subsequent</u>. The obligation of the Lender Group (or any member thereof) to continue to make Revolving Loans (or otherwise extend credit hereunder) is subject to the fulfillment, on or before the date applicable thereto, of the following conditions subsequent (the failure by Borrowers to so perform or cause to be performed such conditions subsequent as and when required by the terms thereof (unless such date is extended, in writing, by Agent, which Agent may do without obtaining the consent of the other members of the Lender Group), shall constitute an Event of Default):

(a) No later than the date that is 5 Business Days following the Closing Date, Borrowers shall deliver to Agent endorsements to the Loan Parties' liability insurance policies, naming Agent as additional insured and otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent; and

(b) No later than the date that is 30 days following the Closing Date, Borrowers shall deliver to Agent (i) such documentation as is reasonably requested by Agent in order to assign all Deposit Accounts of Parent to Administrative Borrower, and (ii) executed amendments to all Control Agreements with respect to such Deposit Accounts to reflect such assignment.

(c) No later than the date that is 15 days following the Closing Date, Borrowers shall deliver to Agent a copy of the declarations page for the Borrowers' flood insurance policy for 100 Commercial, Atchison, Kansas, indicating that Agent is named as mortgagee and loss payee on such policy.

## 4. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

In order to induce the Lender Group to enter into this Agreement, each of Parent and each Borrower makes the following representations and warranties to the Lender Group which shall be true, correct, and complete, in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof), as of the Closing Date, and shall be true, correct, and complete, in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof), as of the Closing Date, and shall be true, correct, and complete, in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof), as of the date of the making of each Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) made thereafter, as though made on and as of the date of such Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) made thereafter, as though made on and as of the date of such Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) extension of credit) (except to the extent that such representations and warranties relate solely to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof) as of such earlier date) and such representations and warranties shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement:

#### 4.1. <u>Due Organization and Qualification; Subsidiaries</u>.

(a) Each Loan Party (i) is duly organized and existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (ii) is qualified to do business in any state where the failure to be so qualified could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) has all requisite power and authority to own and operate its properties, to carry on its business as now conducted and as proposed to be conducted, to enter into the Loan Documents to which it is a party and to carry out the transactions contemplated thereby.

(b) Set forth on <u>Schedule 4.1(b)</u> (as such Schedule may be updated from time to time to reflect changes resulting from transactions permitted under this Agreement) is a complete and accurate description of the authorized Equity Interests of each Borrower, by class, and, as of the Closing Date, a description of the number of shares of each such class that are issued and outstanding. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 4.1(b)</u>, no Borrower is subject to any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to repurchase or otherwise acquire or retire any shares of its Equity Interests or any security convertible into or exchangeable for any of its Equity Interests.

(c) Set forth on <u>Schedule 4.1(c)</u> (as such Schedule may be updated from time to time to reflect changes resulting from transactions permitted under this Agreement), is a complete and accurate list of the Loan Parties' direct and indirect Subsidiaries, showing: (i) the number of shares of each class of common and preferred Equity Interests authorized for each of such Subsidiaries, and (ii) the number and the percentage of the outstanding shares of each such class owned directly or indirectly by Parent or any Borrower. All of the outstanding Equity Interests of each such Subsidiary has been validly issued and is fully paid and non-assessable.

(d) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 4.1(d)</u>, there are no subscriptions, options, warrants, or calls relating to any shares of any Borrower's or any of its Subsidiaries' Equity Interests, including any right of conversion or exchange under any outstanding security or other instrument.

### 4.2. Due Authorization; No Conflict.

(a) As to each Loan Party, the execution, delivery, and performance by such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of such Loan Party.

(b) As to each Loan Party, the execution, delivery, and performance by such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party do not and will not (i) violate any material provision of federal, state, or local law or regulation applicable to any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, the Governing Documents of any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, or any order, judgment, or decree of any court or other Governmental Authority binding on any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, (ii) conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute (with due notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any Material Contract of any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries where any such conflict, breach or default could individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (iii) result in or require the creation or imposition of any Lien of any nature whatsoever upon any assets of any Loan Party, other than Permitted Liens, or (iv) require any approval of any holder of Equity Interests of a Loan Party or any approval or consent of any Person under any Material Contract of any Loan Party, other than consents or approvals that have been obtained and that are still in force and effect and except, in the case of Material Contracts, for consents or approvals, the failure to obtain could not individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect. **4.3.** <u>Governmental Consents</u>. The execution, delivery, and performance by each Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents do not and will not require any registration with, consent, or approval of, or notice to, or other action with or by, any Governmental Authority, other than registrations, consents, approvals, notices, or other actions that have been obtained and that are still in force and effect and except for filings and recordings with respect to the Collateral to be made, or otherwise delivered to Agent for filing or recordation, as of the Closing Date.

#### 4.4. Binding Obligations; Perfected Liens.

(a) Each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is a party thereto and is the legally valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against such Loan Party in accordance with its respective terms, except as enforcement may be limited by equitable principles or by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally.

(b) Agent's Liens are validly created, perfected (other than (i) in respect of motor vehicles that are subject to a certificate of title, (ii) money, (iii) letter-ofcredit rights (other than supporting obligations, (iv) commercial tort claims (other than those that, by the terms of the Guaranty and Security Agreement, are required to be perfected), and (v) any Deposit Accounts and Securities Accounts not subject to a Control Agreement as permitted by <u>Section 7(k)(iv)</u> of the Guaranty and Security Agreement, and subject only to the filing of financing statements and the recordation of the Mortgages, in each case, in the appropriate filing offices), and first priority Liens, subject only to Permitted Liens.

**4.5.** <u>Title to Assets</u>; <u>No Encumbrances</u>. Each of the Loan Parties and its Subsidiaries has, subject to Permitted Liens, (a) good, sufficient and legal title to (in the case of fee interests in Real Property), (b) valid leasehold interests in (in the case of leasehold interests in real or personal property), and (c) good and marketable title to (in the case of all other personal property), all of their respective assets reflected in their most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u>, in each case except for assets disposed of since the date of such financial statements to the extent permitted hereby. All of such assets are free and clear of Liens except for Permitted Liens.

### 4.6. Litigation.

(a) There are no actions, suits, or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of any Borrower, threatened in writing against a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries that either individually or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) <u>Schedule 4.6(b)</u> sets forth a complete and accurate description, with respect to each of the actions, suits, or proceedings with asserted liabilities in excess of, or that could reasonably be expected to result in liabilities in excess of, \$250,000 that, as of the Closing Date, is pending or, to the knowledge of any Borrower threatened in writing against a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, of (i) the parties to such actions, suits, or proceedings, (ii) the nature of the dispute that is the subject of such actions, suits, or proceedings, (iii) the procedural status, as of the Closing Date, with respect to such actions, suits, or proceedings, and (iv) whether any liability of the Loan Parties' and their Subsidiaries in connection with such actions, suits, or proceedings is believed by Borrower to be covered by insurance.



4.7. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries (a) is in violation of any applicable laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, or codes (including Environmental Laws) that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (b) is subject to or in default with respect to any final judgments, writs, injunctions, decrees, rules or regulations of any court or any federal, state, municipal or other governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**4.8.** No Material Adverse Effect All historical financial statements relating to the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries that have been delivered by Borrowers to Agent have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (except, in the case of unaudited financial statements, for the lack of footnotes and being subject to year-end audit adjustments) and present fairly in all material respects, the Loan Parties' and their Subsidiaries' consolidated financial condition as of the date thereof and results of operations for the period then ended. Since December 31, 2011, no event, circumstance, or change has occurred that has or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries.

### 4.9. Solvency.

(a) Each Loan Party is Solvent.

(b) No transfer of property is being made by any Loan Party and no obligation is being incurred by any Loan Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents with the intent to hinder, delay, or defraud either present or future creditors of such Loan Party.

## 4.10. Employee Benefits

(a) Except as set forth on Schedule 4.10, no Loan Party, none of their Subsidiaries, nor any of their ERISA Affiliates maintains or contributes to any Benefit

Plan.

(b) Each Loan Party and each of the ERISA Affiliates has complied in all material respects with ERISA, the IRC and all applicable laws regarding each Employee Benefit Plan.

(c) Each Employee Benefit Plan is, and has been, maintained in all material respects in compliance with ERISA, the IRC, all applicable laws and the terms of each such Employee Benefit Plan.

(d) Each Employee Benefit Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the IRC has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service or an application for such letter is currently being processed by the Internal Revenue Service. To the best knowledge of each Loan Party and the ERISA Affiliates after due inquiry, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification.

(e) No liability to the PBGC (other than for the payment of current premiums which are not past due) by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate has been incurred or is expected by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate to be incurred with respect to any Pension Plan.

### (f) No Notification Event exists or has occurred in the past six (6) years.

(g) No Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate sponsors, maintains, or contributes to any Employee Benefit Plan, including, without limitation, any such plan maintained to provide benefits to former employees of such entities that may not be terminated by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate in its sole discretion at any time without material liability.

(h) No Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate has provided any security under Section 436 of the IRC.

**4.11.** <u>Environmental Condition</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 4.11</u>, (a) to each Borrower's knowledge, no Loan Party's nor any of its Subsidiaries' properties or assets has ever been used by a Loan Party, its Subsidiaries, or by previous owners or operators in the disposal of, or to produce, store, handle, treat, release, or transport, any Hazardous Materials, where such disposal, production, storage, handling, treatment, release or transport was in violation, in any material respect, of any applicable Environmental Law, (b) to each Borrower's knowledge, after due inquiry, no Loan Party's nor any of its Subsidiaries' properties or assets has ever been designated or identified in any manner pursuant to any environmental protection statute as a Hazardous Materials disposal site, (c) no Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries, and (d) no Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries nor any of their respective facilities or operations is subject to any outstanding written order, consent decree, or settlement agreement with any Person relating to any Environmental Law or Environmental Liability that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**4.12.** <u>Complete Disclosure</u>. All factual information taken as a whole (other than forward-looking information and projections and information of a general economic nature and general information about Borrowers' industry) furnished by or on behalf of a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries in writing to Agent or any Lender (including all information contained in the Schedules hereto or in the other Loan Documents) for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, and all other such factual information taken as a whole (other than forward-looking information and projections and information of a general economic nature and general information about Borrowers' industry) hereafter furnished by or on behalf of a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries in writing to Agent or any Lender will be, true and accurate, in all material respects, on the date as of which such information is dated or certified and not incomplete by omitting to state any fact necessary to make such information (taken as a whole) not misleading in any material respect at such time in light of the circumstances under which such information was provided. The Projections delivered to Agent on September 27, 2012 represent, and as of the date on which any other Projections are delivered to Agent, such

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additional Projections represent, Borrowers' good faith estimate, on the date such Projections are delivered, of the Loan Parties' and their Subsidiaries' future performance for the periods covered thereby based upon assumptions believed by Borrowers to be reasonable at the time of the delivery thereof to Agent (it being understood that such Projections are subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, and no assurances can be given that such Projections will be realized, and although reflecting Borrowers' good faith estimate, projections or forecasts based on methods and assumptions which Borrowers believed to be reasonable at the time such Projections were prepared, are not to be viewed as facts, and that actual results during the period or periods covered by the Projections may differ materially from projected or estimated results).

**4.13.** <u>Patriot Act</u>. To the extent applicable, each Loan Party is in compliance, in all material respects, with the (a) Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and each of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) and any other enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto, and (b) Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot Act of 2001) (the "<u>Patriot Act</u>"). No part of the proceeds of the loans made hereunder will be used by any Loan Party or any of their Affiliates, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

**4.14.** <u>Indebtedness</u>. Set forth on <u>Schedule 4.14</u> is a true and complete list of all Indebtedness of each Loan Party and each of its Subsidiaries outstanding immediately prior to the Closing Date that is to remain outstanding immediately after giving effect to the closing hereunder on the Closing Date and such Schedule accurately sets forth the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness as of the Closing Date.

**4.15.** <u>Payment of Taxes</u>. Except as otherwise permitted under <u>Section 5.5</u>, all tax returns and reports of each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries required to be filed by any of them have been timely filed (or an extension thereof has been obtained), and all taxes shown on such tax returns to be due and payable and all assessments, fees and other governmental charges upon a Loan Party and its Subsidiaries and upon their respective assets, income, businesses and franchises that are due and payable have been paid when due and payable. Each Loan Party and each of its Subsidiaries have made adequate provision in accordance with GAAP for all taxes not yet due and payable. No Borrower knows of any proposed tax assessment against a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries that is not being actively contested by such Loan Party or such Subsidiary diligently, in good faith, and by appropriate proceedings; <u>provided</u> such reserves or other appropriate provisions, if any, as shall be required in conformity with GAAP shall have been made or provided therefor.

**4.16.** <u>Margin Stock</u>. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock. No part of the proceeds of the loans made to Borrowers will be used to purchase or carry any Margin Stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock or for any purpose that violates the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors.

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**4.17.** <u>Governmental Regulation</u>. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is subject to regulation under the Federal Power Act or the Investment Company Act of 1940 or under any other federal or state statute or regulation which may limit its ability to incur Indebtedness or which may otherwise render all or any portion of the Obligations unenforceable. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is a "registered investment company" or a company "controlled" by a "registered investment company" or a "principal underwriter" of a "registered investment company" as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

**4.18. OFAC**. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any of the country or list based economic and trade sanctions administered and enforced by OFAC. No Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries (a) is a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity, (b) has its assets located in Sanctioned Entities, or (c) derives revenues from investments in, or transactions with Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities. No proceeds of any loan made hereunder will be used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity.

**4.19.** <u>Employee and Labor Matters</u>. There is (i) no unfair labor practice complaint pending or, to the knowledge of any Borrower, threatened in writing against Parent or its Subsidiaries before any Governmental Authority and no grievance or arbitration proceeding pending or threatened in writing against Parent or its Subsidiaries which arises out of or under any collective bargaining agreement and that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) no strike, labor dispute, slowdown, stoppage or similar action or grievance pending or threatened in writing against Parent or its Subsidiaries that could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (iii) to the knowledge of any Borrower, after due inquiry, no union representation question existing with respect to the employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries and no union organizing activity taking place with respect to any of the employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries. None of Parent or its Subsidiaries has incurred any liability or obligation under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or similar state law, which remains unpaid or unsatisfied that reasonably could be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The hours worked and payments made to employees of Parent and its Subsidiaries have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other applicable legal requirements, except to the extent such violations could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. All material payments due from Parent or its Subsidiaries on account of wages and employee health and welfare insurance and other benefits have been paid or accrued as a liability on the books of Parent, except where the failure to do so could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**4.20.** <u>Parent as a Holding Company</u>. Parent is a holding company and, except as permitted by <u>Section 6.14</u>, does not have any material liabilities, own any material assets, or engage in any operations or business.

**4.21.** <u>Leases</u>. Each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries are entitled to possession of the premises demised under all leases material to their business and to which they are parties or under which they are operating, and, subject to Permitted Protests, all of such material leases are valid and subsisting and no material default by the applicable Loan Party or its Subsidiaries exists under any of them.

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**4.22.** <u>Eligible Accounts</u>. As to each Account that is identified by Borrowers as an Eligible Account in a Borrowing Base Certificate submitted to Agent, such Account is (a) a bona fide existing payment obligation of the applicable Account Debtor created by the sale and delivery of Inventory or the rendition of services to such Account Debtor in the ordinary course of the Borrowers' business, (b) owed to a Borrower without any known defenses, disputes, offsets, counterclaims, or rights of return or cancellation, and (c) not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria (other than any Agent-discretionary criteria) set forth in the definition of Eligible Accounts.

**4.23.** <u>Eligible Inventory Categories</u>. As to each item of Inventory that is identified by Borrowers as Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory, Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory, Eligible Corn Inventory, Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, Eligible Finished Goods Inventory, Eligible Barreled Inventory, Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory, Eligible Rail Inventory, Eligible Work in Process Inventory or Eligible Raw Materials Inventory in a Borrowing Base Certificate submitted to Agent, such Inventory is (a) of good and merchantable quality, free from known defects, and (b) not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria (other than any Agent-discretionary criteria) set forth in the definition of Eligible Inventory (in the case of Eligible Rail Inventory, after giving effect to any exclusions therefrom specified in the definition of Eligible Rail Inventory).

**4.24.** <u>Eligible Equipment</u>. As to each item of Equipment that is identified by the Borrowers as Eligible Equipment in a Borrowing Base Certificate submitted to Agent, such Equipment is not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria (other than any Agent-discretionary criteria) set forth in the definition of Eligible Equipment.

**4.25.** Locations of Inventory and Equipment. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule E-1</u>, the Inventory and Equipment of Borrowers and their Subsidiaries is not stored with a bailee, warehouseman, or similar party and is located only at, or in-transit between, the locations identified on <u>Schedule E-1</u> (as such Schedule may be updated pursuant to <u>Section 5.14</u>).

**4.26.** <u>Inventory and Equipment Records</u>. Each Loan Party keeps correct and accurate records itemizing and describing the type, quality, and quantity of its and its Subsidiaries' Inventory and Equipment and the book value thereof.

**4.27.** <u>Material Contracts</u>. <u>Schedule 4.27</u> sets forth all Material Contracts to which any Loan Party is a party or is bound as of the Closing Date. Borrowers have delivered true, correct and complete copies of such Material Contracts to Agent on or before the date hereof other than individual purchase orders and such Material Contracts listed on <u>Schedule 4.27</u> which Material Contracts, by their terms, prohibit disclosure to third parties (and are identified as such on <u>Schedule 4.27</u>). No Material Contract has been terminated, except where such termination is being contested by a Loan Party diligently, in good faith and by appropriate proceedings.

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**4.28.** Existing JVs. Borrowers have delivered to Agent true, correct and complete copies of all material agreements executed in connection with the Borrowers' investments in the Existing JVs and which are currently in effect (the "JV Documents"), including without limitation all contribution or other investment agreements, the German Joint Venture Distribution Agreement and the Illinois Joint Venture Marketing Agreement. No defaults or breaches under or of any JV Documents by any Loan Party is in existence, and to the actual knowledge of Borrowers, no defaults or breaches under or of any JV Documents by any other party thereto is in existence. Other than the requirement of Parent to make a capital contribution in the amount of \$500,000 to the Illinois Joint Venture on January 20, 2013 for the purchase of a boiler for use on the Pekin, Illinois Real Property owned by the Illinois Joint Venture, No Loan Party has any obligation under any JV Document to make additional capital contributions to or any other Investment in either Existing JV. <u>Schedule 4.28</u> hereto accurately lists (i) the number of shares of each class of Equity Interests authorized for each Existing JV and (ii) the number and the percentage of the outstanding shares of each class of Equity Interests of each Existing JV.

#### 5. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS.

Each Borrower covenants and agrees that, until termination of all of the Commitments and payment in full of the Obligations::

**5.1.** <u>Financial Statements, Reports, Certificates</u>. Borrowers (a) will deliver to Agent, with copies to each Lender, each of the financial statements, reports, and other items set forth on <u>Schedule 5.1</u> no later than the times specified therein, (b) agree that no Subsidiary of a Loan Party will have a fiscal year different from that of Parent, (c) agree to maintain a system of accounting that enables Borrowers to produce financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and (d) agree that they will, and will cause each other Loan Party to, (i) keep a reporting system that shows additions, sales, claims, returns, and allowances with respect to their and their Subsidiaries' sales, and (ii) maintain their billing systems and practices substantially as in effect as of the Closing Date and shall only make material modifications thereto with notice to, and with the consent of, Agent.

**5.2.** <u>Reporting</u>. Borrowers (a) will deliver to Agent (and if so requested by Agent, with copies for each Lender) each of the reports set forth on<u>Schedule 5.2</u> at the times specified therein, and (b) agree to use commercially reasonable efforts in cooperation with Agent to facilitate and implement a system of electronic collateral reporting in order to provide electronic reporting of each of the items set forth on such Schedule.

**5.3.** Existence. Except as otherwise permitted under Section 6.3 or Section 6.4, each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, at all times preserve and keep in full force and effect such Person's valid existence and good standing in its jurisdiction of organization and, except as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, good standing with respect to all other jurisdictions in which it is qualified to do business and any rights, franchises, permits, licenses, accreditations, authorizations, or other approvals material to their businesses.

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5.4. <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, maintain and preserve all of its assets that are necessary or useful in the proper conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear, tear, casualty, and condemnation and Permitted Dispositions excepted.

**5.5.** <u>Taxes</u>. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, pay in full before delinquency or before the expiration of any extension period all material governmental assessments and taxes imposed, levied, or assessed against it, or any of its assets or in respect of any of its income, businesses, or franchises, except to the extent that the validity of such governmental assessment or tax is the subject of a Permitted Protest.

5.6. Insurance. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, at Borrowers' expense, (a) maintain insurance respecting each of each Borrower's and its Subsidiaries' assets wherever located, covering liabilities, losses or damages as are customarily are insured against by other Persons engaged in same or similar businesses and similarly situated and located, including flood insurance with respect to any assets located on Real Property that is in a flood zone. All such policies of insurance shall be with financially sound and reputable insurance companies acceptable to Agent (it being agreed that, as of the Closing Date, Lloyd's of London and Liberty Mutual are acceptable to Agent) and in such amounts as is carried generally in accordance with sound business practice by companies in similar businesses similarly situated and located and, in any event, in amount, adequacy, and scope reasonably satisfactory to Agent (it being agreed that the amount, adequacy, and scope of the policies of insurance of Borrowers in effect as of the Closing Date are acceptable to Agent). All property insurance policies covering the Collateral are to be made payable to Agent for the benefit of Agent and the Lenders, as their interests may appear, in case of loss, pursuant to a standard loss payable endorsement with a standard noncontributory "lender" or "secured party" clause and are to contain such other provisions as Agent may reasonably require to fully protect the Lenders' interest in the Collateral and to any payments to be made under such policies. All certificates of property and general liability insurance are to be delivered to Agent, with the lender loss payable (but only in respect of Collateral) and additional insured endorsements in favor of Agent and shall provide for not less than 30 days (10 days in the case of non-payment) prior written notice to Agent of the exercise of any right of cancellation. If any Borrower or its Subsidiaries fails to maintain such insurance, Agent may arrange for such insurance, but at Borrowers' expense and without any responsibility on Agent's part for obtaining the insurance, the solvency of the insurance companies, the adequacy of the coverage, or the collection of claims. Borrowers shall give Agent prompt notice of any loss exceeding \$500,000 covered by their or their Subsidiaries' casualty or business interruption insurance. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, Agent shall have the sole right to file claims under any property and general liability insurance policies in respect of the Collateral, to receive, receipt and give acquittance for any payments that may be payable thereunder, and to execute any and all endorsements, receipts, releases, assignments, reassignments or other documents that may be necessary to effect the collection, compromise or settlement of any claims under any such insurance policies.

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### 5.7. Inspection.

(a) Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, permit Agent, any Lender, and each of their respective duly authorized representatives or agents to visit any of its properties and inspect any of its assets or books and records, to examine and make copies of its books and records, and to discuss its affairs, finances, and accounts with, and to be advised as to the same by, its officers and employees (provided an authorized representative of a Borrower shall be allowed to be present) at such reasonable times and intervals as Agent or any Lender, as applicable, may designate and, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, with reasonable prior notice to Borrowers and during regular business hours.

(b) Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, permit Agent and each of its duly authorized representatives or agents to conduct appraisals and valuations at such reasonable times and intervals as Agent may designate; provided, that so long as no Event of Default is in existence, Agent will provide Borrowers with reasonable prior written notice (which may include email notice) of each such appraisal or valuation that Agent intends to conduct.

**5.8.** <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to, comply with the requirements of all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders of any Governmental Authority, other than laws, rules, regulations, and orders the non-compliance with which, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

5.9. Environmental. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries and Parent to,

(a) Keep any property either owned or operated by Parent or its Subsidiaries free of any Environmental Liens or post bonds or other financial assurances sufficient to satisfy the obligations or liability evidenced by such Environmental Liens,

(b) Promptly notify Agent of any release of which any Borrower has knowledge of a Hazardous Material in any reportable quantity from or onto property owned or operated by Parent or its Subsidiaries and take any Remedial Actions required to abate said release or otherwise to come into compliance, in all material respects, with applicable Environmental Law, and

(c) Promptly, but in any event within 5 Business Days of its receipt thereof, provide Agent with written notice of any of the following: (i) written notice that an Environmental Lien has been filed against any of the real or personal property of Parent or its Subsidiaries, (ii) commencement of any Environmental Action or written notice that an Environmental Action will be filed against Parent or its Subsidiaries, and (iii) written notice of a violation, citation, or other administrative order from a Governmental Authority.

5.10. Disclosure Updates. Each Borrower will, promptly and in no event later than 5 Business Days after obtaining knowledge thereof, notify Agent if any written information, exhibit, or report furnished to Agent or the Lenders contained, at the time it was furnished, any

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untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in light of the circumstances in which made. The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, any notification pursuant to the foregoing provision will not cure or remedy the effect of the prior untrue statement of a material fact or omission of any material fact nor shall any such notification have the effect of amending or modifying this Agreement or any of the Schedules hereto.

5.11. Formation of Subsidiaries. Each Borrower will, at the time that any Loan Party forms any direct or indirect Subsidiary or acquires any direct or indirect Subsidiary after the Closing Date, within 10 days of such formation or acquisition (or such later date as permitted by Agent in its sole discretion) (a) cause such new Subsidiary to provide to Agent a joinder to the Guaranty and Security Agreement, together with such other security agreements (including mortgages and related Real Estate Deliveries with respect to any Real Property owned in fee of such new Subsidiary with a fair market value greater than \$500,000), as well as appropriate financing statements (and with respect to all property subject to a mortgage, fixture filings), all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent (including being sufficient to grant Agent a first priority Lien (subject to Permitted Liens) in and to the assets of such newly formed or acquired Subsidiary); provided, that the joinder to the Guaranty and Security Agreement, and such other security agreements shall not be required to be provided to Agent with respect to any Subsidiary of Parent that is a CFC if providing such agreements would result in adverse tax consequences or the costs to the Loan Parties of providing such guaranty or such security agreements are unreasonably excessive (as determined by Agent in consultation with Borrowers) in relation to the benefits to Agent and the Lenders of the security or guarantee afforded thereby, (b) provide, or cause the applicable Loan Party to provide, to Agent a pledge agreement (or an addendum to the Guaranty and Security Agreement) and appropriate certificates and powers or financing statements, pledging all of the direct or beneficial ownership interest in such new Subsidiary in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent; provided, that only 65% of the total outstanding voting Equity Interests of any first tier Subsidiary of Parent that is a CFC (and none of the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary of such CFC) shall be required to be pledged if pledging a greater amount would result in adverse tax consequences or the costs to the Loan Parties of providing such pledge are unreasonably excessive (as determined by Agent in consultation with Borrowers) in relation to the benefits to Agent and the Lenders of the security afforded thereby (which pledge, if reasonably requested by Agent, shall be governed by the laws of the jurisdiction of such Subsidiary), and (c) provide to Agent all other documentation, including one or more opinions of counsel reasonably satisfactory to Agent, which, in its opinion, is appropriate with respect to the execution and delivery of the applicable documentation referred to above (including policies of title insurance or other documentation with respect to all Real Property owned in fee and subject to a mortgage). Any document, agreement, or instrument executed or issued pursuant to this Section 5.11 shall constitute a Loan Document.

**5.12.** Further Assurances. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of the other Loan Parties to, at any time upon the reasonable request of Agent, execute or deliver to Agent any and all financing statements, fixture filings, security agreements, pledges, assignments, mortgages and related Real Estate Deliveries, deeds of trust, opinions of counsel, and all other documents (the "Additional Documents") that Agent may reasonably request in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, to create, perfect, and continue perfected or to better

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perfect Agent's Liens in all of the assets of Parent and its Subsidiaries (whether now owned or hereafter arising or acquired, tangible or intangible, real or personal), to create and perfect Liens in favor of Agent in any Real Property acquired by any Borrower or any other Loan Party with a fair market value in excess of \$500,000, and in order to fully consummate all of the transactions contemplated hereby and under the other Loan Documents; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to any Subsidiary of Parent that is a CFC if providing such documents would result in adverse tax consequences or the costs to the Loan Parties of providing such documents are unreasonably excessive (as determined by Agent in consultation with Borrowers) in relation to the benefits to Agent and the Lenders of the security afforded thereby. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, if any Borrower or any other Loan Party refuses or fails to execute or deliver any reasonably requested Additional Documents within a reasonable period of time following the request to do so, each Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby authorizes Agent to execute any such Additional Documents in the applicable Loan Party's name and authorizes Agent to file such executed Additional Documents in any appropriate filing office. In furtherance of, and not in limitation of, the foregoing, each Loan Party shall take such actions as Agent may reasonably request from time to time to ensure that the Obligations are guaranteed by the Guarantors and are secured by substantially all of the assets of Parent and its Subsidiaries, including all of the outstanding capital Equity Interests of each Borrower and its Subsidiaries (subject to exceptions and limitations contained in the Loan Documents with respect to CFCs).

**5.13.** Lender Meetings. Parent will, within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year of Parent, at the request of Agent or of the Required Lenders and upon reasonable prior notice, hold a meeting (at a mutually agreeable location and time or, at the option of Borrowers, by conference call) with all Lenders who choose to attend such meeting at which meeting shall be reviewed the financial results of the previous fiscal year and the financial condition of Parent and its Subsidiaries and the projections presented for the current fiscal year of Parent.

**5.14.** Location of Inventory and Equipment. Each Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep its Inventory and Equipment only at the locations identified on <u>Schedule E-1</u> and their chief executive offices only at the locations identified on <u>Schedule E-1</u>; provided, that Borrowers may amend <u>Schedule E-1</u> so long as such amendment occurs by written notice to Agent not less than 10 days prior to the date on which such Inventory is moved to such new location or such chief executive office is relocated and so long as such new location is within the continental United States.

**5.15.** <u>Compliance with ERISA and the IRC</u>. In addition to and without limiting the generality of <u>Section 5.8</u>, (a) comply in all material respects with applicable provisions of ERISA and the IRC with respect to all Employee Benefit Plans, (b) without the prior written consent of Agent and the Required Lenders, not take any action or fail to take action the result of which could result in a Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate incurring a material liability to the PBGC or to a Multiemployer Plan (other than to pay contributions or premiums payable in the ordinary course), (c) allow any facts or circumstances to exist with respect to one or more Employee Benefit Plans that, in the aggregate, reasonably could be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (d) not participate in any prohibited transaction that could result in a material civil penalty excise tax, fiduciary liability or correction obligation under ERISA or the IRC, (e) operate each Employee Benefit Plan in such a manner that will not incur any material tax liability under the IRC (including Section 4980B of the IRC), and (e) furnish to Agent upon Agent's written request</u>

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such additional information about any Employee Benefit Plan for which any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate could reasonably expect to incur any material liability. With respect to each Pension Plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) except as could not reasonably be expected to result in material liability to the Loan Parties, the Loan Parties and the ERISA Affiliates shall (i) satisfy in full and in a timely manner, without incurring any late payment or underpayment charge or penalty and without giving rise to any Lien, all of the contribution and funding requirements of the IRC and of ERISA, and (ii) pay, or cause to be paid, to the PBGC in a timely manner, without incurring any late payment or underpayment charge or penalty, all premiums required pursuant to ERISA.

# 6. NEGATIVE COVENANTS.

Each Borrower covenants and agrees that, until termination of all of the Commitments and payment in full of the Obligations:

#### 6.1. Indebtedness

. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, create, incur, assume, suffer to exist, guarantee, or otherwise become or remain, directly or indirectly, liable with respect to any Indebtedness, except for Permitted Indebtedness.

### 6.2. Liens

. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, create, incur, assume, or suffer to exist, directly or indirectly, any Lien on or with respect to any of its assets, of any kind, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, except for Permitted Liens.

### 6.3. Restrictions on Fundamental Changes

. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to,

(a) Other than in order to consummate a Permitted Acquisition, enter into any merger, consolidation, reorganization, or recapitalization, or reclassify its Equity Interests, except for (i) any merger between Loan Parties, provided, that a Borrower must be the surviving entity of any such merger to which it is a party and no merger may occur between Parent and any Borrower, (ii) any merger between a Loan Party and a Subsidiary of such Loan Party that is not a Loan Party so long as such Loan Party is the surviving entity of any such merger, and (iii) any merger between Subsidiaries of Parent that are not Loan Parties,

(b) liquidate, wind up, or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), except for (i) the liquidation or dissolution of non-operating Subsidiaries of Parent with nominal assets and nominal liabilities, (ii) the liquidation or dissolution of a Loan Party (other than Parent or any Borrower) or any of its wholly-owned Subsidiaries so long as all of the assets (including any interest in any Equity Interests) of such liquidating or dissolving Loan Party or Subsidiary are transferred to a Loan Party that is not liquidating or dissolving, or (iii) the liquidation or dissolution of a Subsidiary of Parent that is not a Loan Party (other than any such Subsidiary the Equity Interests of which (or any portion thereof) is subject to a Lien in favor of Agent) so long as all of the assets of such liquidating or dissolving Subsidiary are transferred to a Subsidiary of Parent that is not liquidating or dissolving, or

(c) suspend or cease operating a substantial portion of its or their business, except as permitted pursuant to clauses (a) or (b) above or in connection with a transaction permitted under Section 6.4.

6.4. Disposal of Assets. Other than Permitted Dispositions or transactions expressly permitted by Sections 6.3 or 6.9, each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, convey, sell, lease, license, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of (or enter into an agreement to convey, sell, lease, license, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of) any of its or their assets.

6.5. <u>Nature of Business</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, make any change in the nature of its or their business as described in <u>Schedule 6.5</u> or acquire any properties or assets that are not reasonably related to the conduct of such business activities <u>provided</u>, that the foregoing shall not prevent Parent and its Subsidiaries from engaging in any business that is reasonably related or ancillary to its or their business.

6.6. Prepayments and Amendments. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to,

(a) Except in connection with Refinancing Indebtedness permitted by Section 6.1,

(i) optionally prepay, redeem, defease, purchase, or otherwise acquire any Indebtedness of Parent or its Subsidiaries, other than (A) the Obligations in accordance with this Agreement, and (B) Permitted Intercompany Advances, or

(ii) make any payment on account of Indebtedness that has been contractually subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations if such payment is not permitted at such time under the subordination terms and conditions, or

(b) Directly or indirectly, amend, modify, or change

(i) any of the material terms or provisions of any agreement, instrument, document, indenture, or other writing evidencing or concerning Permitted Indebtedness other than (A) the Obligations in accordance with this Agreement, (B) Permitted Intercompany Advances, and (C) Indebtedness permitted under clauses (c), (h), (j) and (k) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, or

(ii) any of the terms or provisions of the Governing Documents of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries if the effect thereof, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders.

6.7. <u>Restricted Payments</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, make any Restricted Payment; provided, that, so long as it is permitted by law, and so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom,

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(a) Parent may make distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of Parent (or any spouses, ex-spouses, or estates of any of the foregoing) on account of redemptions of Equity Interests of Parent held by such Persons, provided, that the aggregate amount of such redemptions made by Parent during the term of this Agreement plus the amount of Indebtedness outstanding under clause (k) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness, does not exceed \$500,000 in the aggregate,

(b) Parent may make distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of Parent (or any spouses, ex-spouses, or estates of any of the foregoing), solely in the form of forgiveness of Indebtedness of such Persons owing to Parent on account of repurchases of the Equity Interests of Parent held by such Persons; provided that such Indebtedness was incurred by such Persons solely to acquire Equity Interests of Parent,

(c) Parent may make distributions not otherwise permitted pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in the aggregate in any fiscal year,

(d) so long (i) Excess Availability, after giving effect to such Restricted Payment, exceeds 17.5% of the Maximum Revolver Amount and (ii) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the most recently ended period of twelve months for which financial statements are available is not less than 1.20:1.00, Parent may make distributions not otherwise permitted pursuant to paragraphs (a) through (c) above, including, without limitation, distributions in connection with the repurchase by Parent of Equity Interests of Parent; and

(e) Borrowers may make distributions to Parent in order to allow Parent to make Restricted Payments permitted to be paid under this section 6.7 or to allow Parent to pay liabilities permitted to be incurred by Parent pursuant to Section 6.14.

6.8. Accounting Methods. Parent will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, modify or change its fiscal year or its method of accounting (other than as may be required to conform to GAAP).

6.9. <u>Investments</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, directly or indirectly, make or acquire any Investment or incur any liabilities (including contingent obligations) for or in connection with any Investment except for Permitted Investments.

6.10. <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, directly or indirectly, enter into or permit to exist any transaction with any Affiliate of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries except for:

(a) transactions (other than the payment of management, consulting, monitoring, or advisory fees) between Parent or its Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any Affiliate of Parent or its Subsidiaries, on the other hand, so long as such transactions (i) are fully disclosed to Agent prior to the consummation thereof, if they involve one or more payments by Parent or its Subsidiaries in excess of \$500,000 for any single transaction or series of related transactions, and (ii) are no less favorable, taken as a whole, to Parent or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, than would be obtained in an arm's length transaction with a non-Affiliate,

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(b) so long as it has been approved by Parent's or its applicable Subsidiary's board of directors (or comparable governing body) in accordance with applicable law, any indemnity provided for the benefit of directors (or comparable managers) of Parent or its applicable Subsidiary,

(c) so long as it has been approved by Parent's or its applicable Subsidiary's board of directors (or comparable governing body) in accordance with applicable law, the payment of reasonable compensation, severance, or employee benefit arrangements to employees, officers, and outside directors of Parent and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with industry practice,

(d) transactions permitted by Section 6.3 or Section 6.7, or any Permitted Intercompany Advance,

(e) purchases of Inventory by any Borrower from the Illinois Joint Venture pursuant to the terms of the Illinois Joint Venture Marketing Agreement, as it exists on the Closing Date, and

(f) purchases of Inventory by MGPI Processing from the German Joint Venture pursuant to the terms of the German Joint Venture Distribution Agreement, as it exists on the Closing Date.

**6.11.** <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries or Parent to, use the proceeds of any loan made hereunder for any purpose other than (a) on the Closing Date, to pay the fees, costs, and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, in each case, as set forth in the Funds Flow Agreement, and (b) thereafter, consistent with the terms and conditions hereof, for their lawful and permitted purposes (including that no part of the proceeds of the loans made to Borrowers will be used to purchase or carry any such Margin Stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any such Margin Stock or for any purpose that violates the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors).

6.12. <u>Limitation on Issuance of Equity Interests</u>. Except for the issuance or sale of Qualified Equity Interests by Parent, Parent will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, issue or sell or enter into any agreement or arrangement for the issuance or sale of any of its Equity Interests.

**6.13.** <u>Inventory with Bailees</u>. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, store its Inventory at any time with a bailee, warehouseman, or similar party unless Agent has been notified in writing of such location pursuant to <u>Section 5.14</u>, and Borrowers have delivered to Agent a Collateral Access Agreement with respect to such location.

**6.14.** <u>Parent as Holding Company</u>. Each Borrower will not permit Parent to incur any liabilities, own or acquire any assets, or engage itself in any operations or business, except (i) the ownership of assets or incurrence of liabilities in connection with Parent's ownership of Borrowers and its rights and obligations under the Loan Documents, (ii) the incurrence of liabilities in connection with stock incentive and stock buyback plans not otherwise prohibited

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hereunder, (iii) the incurrence of indemnification obligations under (A) Parent's organizational documents and (B) letters of intent issued in connection with Permitted Acquisitions, (iv) the guaranty by Parent of any obligations of a Borrower, to the extent such obligations are otherwise permitted hereunder, (v) the issuance of Indebtedness in connection with stock repurchases otherwise permitted hereunder, and the ownership of any stock repurchased in connection therewith, (vi) the incurrence of liabilities constituting ordinary course overhead expenses in connection with Parent's activities as a holding company and related to the business of the Loan Parties, including liabilities for payment of taxes associated with the operations of the Loan Parties and (vii) the incurrence of liabilities arising out of litigation matters not otherwise constituting a default hereunder.

## 6.15. Employee Benefits.

(a) terminate, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to terminate, any Pension Plan in a manner, or take any other action with respect to any Plan, which could reasonably be expected to result in a material liability of any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate to the PBGC,

(b) fail to make, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to fail to make, full payment when due of all amounts which, under the provisions of any Benefit Plan, agreement relating thereto or applicable Law, any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate is required to pay if such failure could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect,

(c) permit to exist, or allow any ERISA Affiliate to permit to exist, any accumulated funding deficiency within the meaning of section 302 of ERISA or section 412 of the Code, whether or not waived, with respect to any Plan which exceeds \$250,000 with respect to all Pension Plans in the aggregate,

(d) acquire, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to acquire, an interest in any Person that causes such Person to become an ERISA Affiliate with respect to a Loan Party or with respect to any ERISA Affiliate if such Person sponsors, maintains or contributes to, or at any time in the six-year period preceding such acquisition has sponsored, maintained, or contributed to, (i) any Pension or (ii) any Multiemployer Plan,

(e) contribute to or assume an obligation to contribute to, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to contribute to or assume an obligation to contribute to, any Multiemployer Plan not set forth on <u>Schedule 4.10</u>, or

(f) amend, or permit any ERISA Affiliate to amend, a Pension Plan resulting in a material increase in current liability such that a Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate is required to provide security to such Plan under the IRC.

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6.16. Environmental. Each Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, fail to comply in all material respects with Environmental Laws. Each Borrower will provide Agent prompt notice of any such noncompliance.

# 7. FINANCIAL COVENANTS.

Each of Parent and each Borrower covenants and agrees that, until termination of all of the Commitments and payment in full of the Obligations:

7.1. <u>Fixed Charge Coverage</u>. Commencing on the date on which a Financial Covenant Period begins and measured as of the end of the fiscal month immediately preceding the date on which a Financial Covenant Period first begins and as of each fiscal month end thereafter during such Financial Covenant Period, Borrowers will have a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, measured on a month end basis, of at least 1.10:1.00 for each of (i) each period commencing on November 1, 2012 and ending on the last day of a calendar month during the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending on October 31, 2013 and (ii) each subsequent twelve month period ending on the last day of a calendar month thereafter commencing November 30, 2013.

7.2. Excess Availability. Borrowers will maintain Excess Availability of at least \$4,000,000 at all times prior to the later of (i) the one year anniversary of the Closing Date and (ii) the last day of the first twelve month period for which Borrowers have maintained a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1.10:1.00.

### 8. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an event of default (each, an 'Event of Default'') under this Agreement:

**8.1.** <u>Payments</u>. If Borrowers fail to pay when due and payable, or when declared due and payable, (a) all or any portion of the Obligations consisting of interest, fees, or charges due the Lender Group, reimbursement of Lender Group Expenses, or other amounts (other than any portion thereof constituting principal) constituting Obligations (including any portion thereof that accrues after the commencement of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding), and such failure continues for a period of 3 Business Days, (b) all or any portion of the principal of the Loans, including any payment required in connection with a permanent reduction of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount, or (c) any amount payable to Issuing Bank in reimbursement of any drawing under a Letter of Credit;

### 8.2. Covenants. If any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries:

(a) fails to perform or observe any covenant or other agreement contained in any of (i) Sections 3.7, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 (solely if any Borrower is not in good standing in its jurisdiction of organization), 5.6, 5.7 (solely if any Borrower refuses to allow Agent or its representatives or agents to visit any Borrower's properties, inspect its assets or books or records, examine and make copies of its books and records, or discuss Borrower's finances, and accounts with officers and employees of any Borrower), 5.10, 5.11, 5.13, 5.14, or 5.15 of this Agreement, (ii) Section 6 of this Agreement, (iii) Section 7 of the Guaranty and Security Agreement;

(b) fails to perform or observe any covenant or other agreement contained in any of <u>Sections 5.3</u> (other than if any Borrower is not in good standing in its jurisdiction of organization), <u>5.4</u>, <u>5.5</u>, <u>5.8</u>, and <u>5.12</u> of this Agreement and such failure continues for a period of 15 days after the earlier of (i) the date on which such failure shall first become known to any officer of any Borrower or (ii) the date on which written notice thereof is given to Borrowers by Agent; or

(c) fails to perform or observe any covenant or other agreement contained in this Agreement, or in any of the other Loan Documents, in each case, other than any such covenant or agreement that is the subject of another provision of this <u>Section 8</u> (in which event such other provision of this <u>Section 8</u> shall govern), and such failure continues for a period of 30 days after the earlier of (i) the date on which such failure shall first become known to any officer of any Borrower or (ii) the date on which written notice thereof is given to Borrowers by Agent;

**8.3.** Judgments. If one or more judgments, orders, or awards for the payment of money involving an aggregate amount of \$750,000, or more (except to the extent fully covered (other than to the extent of customary deductibles) by insurance pursuant to which the insurer has not denied coverage) is entered or filed against a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or with respect to any of their respective assets, and either (a) there is a period of 30 consecutive days at any time after the entry of any such judgment, order, or award during which (1) the same is not discharged, satisfied, vacated, or bonded pending appeal, or (2) a stay of enforcement thereof is not in effect, or (b) enforcement proceedings are commenced upon such judgment, order, or award;

8.4. Voluntary Bankruptcy, etc. If an Insolvency Proceeding is commenced by a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries;

**8.5.** <u>Involuntary Bankruptcy, etc.</u> If an Insolvency Proceeding is commenced against a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries and any of the following events occur: (a) such Loan Party or such Subsidiary consents to the institution of such Insolvency Proceeding against it, (b) the petition commencing the Insolvency Proceeding is not timely controverted, (c) the petition commencing the Insolvency Proceeding is not dismissed within 60 calendar days of the date of the filing thereof, (d) an interim trustee is appointed to take possession of all or any substantial portion of the properties or assets of, or to operate all or any substantial portion of the business of, such Loan Party or its Subsidiary, or (e) an order for relief shall have been issued or entered therein;

8.6. <u>Default Under Other Agreements</u> If there is (a) a default in one or more agreements to which a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is a party with one or more third Persons relative to a Loan Party's or any of its Subsidiaries' Indebtedness involving an aggregate amount of \$750,000 or more, and such default (i) occurs at the final maturity of the obligations thereunder, or (ii) results in a right by such third Person, irrespective of whether exercised, to accelerate the maturity of such Loan Party's or its Subsidiaries' so bligations thereunder, or (b) a default in or an involuntary early termination of one or more Hedge Agreements to which a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is a party involving an aggregate amount of \$750,000 or more;

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8.7. <u>Representations, etc.</u> If any warranty, representation, certificate, statement, or Record made herein or in any other Loan Document or delivered in writing to Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document proves to be untrue in any material respect (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof) as of the date of issuance or making or deemed making thereof;

**8.8.** <u>Guaranty</u>. If the obligation of any Guarantor under the guaranty contained in the Guaranty and Security Agreement is limited or terminated by operation of law or by such Guarantor (other than in accordance with the terms of this Agreement);

**8.9.** <u>Security Documents</u>. If the Guaranty and Security Agreement or any other Loan Document that purports to create a Lien, shall, for any reason, fail or cease to create a valid and perfected and, except to the extent of Permitted Liens, first priority Lien on the Collateral covered thereby, except (a) as a result of a disposition of the applicable Collateral in a transaction permitted under this Agreement or (b) as the result of an action or failure to act on the part of Agent;

**8.10.** Loan Documents. The validity or enforceability of any Loan Document shall at any time for any reason (other than solely as the result of an action or failure to act on the part of Agent) be declared to be null and void, or a proceeding shall be commenced by a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, or by any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, seeking to establish the invalidity or unenforceability thereof, or a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries shall deny that such Loan Party or its Subsidiaries has any liability or obligation purported to be created under any Loan Document; or

8.11. Change of Control. A Change of Control shall occur, whether directly or indirectly.

**8.12.** <u>ERISA</u>. The occurrence of any of the following events: (a) any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate fails to make full payment when due of all amounts which any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate is required to pay as contributions, installments, or otherwise to or with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, and such failure could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$750,000, (b) an accumulated funding deficiency or funding shortfall in excess of \$750,000 occurs or exists, whether or not waived, with respect to any Pension Plan, individually or in the aggregate, (c) a Notification Event, which could reasonably be expected to result in liability in excess of \$750,000, either individually or in the aggregate, or (d) any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate completely or partially withdraws from one or more Multiemployer Plans and incurs Withdrawal Liability in excess of \$750,000 in the aggregate, or fails to make any Withdrawal Liability payment when due.

#### 9. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

9.1. <u>Rights and Remedies</u>. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, Agent may, and, at the instruction of the Required Lenders, shall (in each case under clauses (a) or (b) by written notice to Borrowers), in addition to any other rights or remedies provided for hereunder or under any other Loan Document or by applicable law, do any one or more of the following:

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(a) (i) declare the principal of, and any and all accrued and unpaid interest and fees in respect of, the Loans and all other Obligations (other than the Bank Product Obligations), whether evidenced by this Agreement or by any of the other Loan Documents to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become and be immediately due and payable and Borrowers shall be obligated to repay all of such Obligations in full, without presentment, demand, protest, or further notice or other requirements of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by each Borrower, and (ii) direct Borrowers to provide (and Borrowers agree that upon receipt of such notice Borrowers will provide) Letter of Credit Collateralization to Agent to be held as security for Borrowers' reimbursement obligations for drawings that may subsequently occur under issued and outstanding Letters of Credit;

(b) declare the Commitments terminated, whereupon the Commitments shall immediately be terminated together with (i) any obligation of any Revolving Lender to make Revolving Loans, (ii) the obligation of the Swing Lender to make Swing Loans, and (iii) the obligation of Issuing Bank to issue Letters of Credit; and

(c) exercise all other rights and remedies available to Agent or the Lenders under the Loan Documents, under applicable law, or in equity.

The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default described in <u>Section 8.4</u> or <u>Section 8.5</u>, in addition to the remedies set forth above, without any notice to Borrowers or any other Person or any act by the Lender Group, the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Obligations (other than the Bank Product Obligations), inclusive of the principal of, and any and all accrued and unpaid interest and fees in respect of, the Loans and all other Obligations (other than the Bank Product Obligations), whether evidenced by this Agreement or by any of the other Loan Documents, shall automatically become and be immediately due and payable and Borrowers shall automatically be obligated to repay all of such Obligations in full (including Borrowers being obligated to provide (and Borrowers age that they will provide) (1) Letter of Credit Collateralization to Agent to be held as security for Borrowers' or their Subsidiaries' obligations in respect of outstanding Bank Products), without presentment, demand, protest, or notice or other requirements of any kind, all of which are expressly waived by Parent and Borrowers.

**9.2.** <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. The rights and remedies of the Lender Group under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and all other agreements shall be cumulative. The Lender Group shall have all other rights and remedies not inconsistent herewith as provided under the Code, by law, or in equity. No exercise by the Lender Group of one right or remedy shall be deemed an election, and no waiver by the Lender Group of any Event of Default shall be deemed a continuing waiver. No delay by the Lender Group shall constitute a waiver, election, or acquiescence by it.

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# 10. WAIVERS; INDEMNIFICATION.

10.1. <u>Demand</u>; <u>Protest</u>; <u>etc.</u> Each Borrower waives demand, protest, notice of protest, notice of default or dishonor, notice of payment and nonpayment, nonpayment at maturity, release, compromise, settlement, extension, or renewal of documents, instruments, chattel paper, and guarantees at any time held by the Lender Group on which any Borrower may in any way be liable.

**10.2.** The Lender Group's Liability for Collateral. Each Borrower hereby agrees that: (a) so long as Agent complies with its obligations, if any, under the Code, the Lender Group shall not in any way or manner be liable or responsible for: (i) the safekeeping of the Collateral, (ii) any loss or damage thereto occurring or arising in any manner or fashion from any cause, (iii) any diminution in the value thereof, or (iv) any act or default of any carrier, warehouseman, bailee, forwarding agency, or other Person, and (b) all risk of loss, damage, or destruction of the Collateral shall be borne by Borrowers.

10.3. Indemnification. Each Borrower shall pay, indemnify, defend, and hold the Agent-Related Persons, the Lender-Related Persons, and each Participant (each, an "Indemnified Person") harmless (to the fullest extent permitted by law) from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, investigations, proceedings, liabilities, fines, costs, penalties, and damages, and all reasonable fees and disbursements of attorneys, experts, or consultants and all other costs and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith or in connection with the enforcement of this indemnification (as and when they are incurred and irrespective of whether suit is brought), at any time asserted against, imposed upon, or incurred by any of them (a) in connection with or as a result of or related to the execution and delivery (provided that Borrowers shall not be liable for costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of any Lender (other than Wells Fargo) incurred in advising, structuring, drafting, reviewing, administering or syndicating the Loan Documents), enforcement, performance, or administration (including any restructuring or workout with respect hereto) of this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the monitoring of Parent's Borrowers' and its Subsidiaries' compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents (provided, that the indemnification in this clause (a) shall not extend to (i) disputes solely between or among the Lenders that do not involve any acts or omissions of any Loan Party, or (ii) disputes solely between or among the Lenders and their respective Affiliates that do not involve any acts or omissions of any Loan Party; it being understood and agreed that the indemnification in this clause (a) shall extend to Agent (but not the Lenders) relative to disputes between or among Agent on the one hand, and one or more Lenders, or one or more of their Affiliates, on the other hand, or (iii) any Taxes or any costs attributable to Taxes, which shall be governed by Section 16), (b) with respect to any actual or prospective investigation, litigation, or proceeding related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document, the making of any Loans or issuance of any Letters of Credit hereunder, or the use of the proceeds of the Loans or the Letters of Credit provided hereunder (irrespective of whether any Indemnified Person is a party thereto), or any act, omission, event, or circumstance in any manner related thereto, and (c) in connection with or arising out of any presence or release of Hazardous Materials at, on, under, to or from any assets or properties owned, leased or operated by any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any Environmental Actions, Environmental Liabilities or Remedial Actions related in any way to any such assets or properties of any Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (each and all of the

foregoing, the "Indemnified Liabilities"). The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, no Borrower shall have any obligation to any Indemnified Person under this Section 10.3 with respect to any Indemnified Liability that a court of competent jurisdiction finally determines to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnified Person or its officers, directors, employees, attorneys, or agents. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the repayment in full of the Obligations. If any Indemnified Person makes any payment to any other Indemnified Person with respect to an Indemnified Liability as to which Borrowers were required to indemnify the Indemnified Person receiving such payment, the Indemnified Person making such payment is entitled to be indemnified and reimbursed by Borrowers with respect thereto. WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE FOREGOING INDEMNITY SHALL APPLY TO EACH INDEMNIFIED PERSON WITH RESPECT TO INDEMNIFIED LIABILITIES WHICH IN WHOLE OR IN PART ARE CAUSED BY OR ARISE OUT OF ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON OR OF ANY OTHER PERSON.

# 11. NOTICES.

Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, all notices or demands relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be in writing and (except for financial statements and other informational documents which may be sent by first-class mail, postage prepaid) shall be personally delivered or sent by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested), overnight courier, electronic mail (at such email addresses as a party may designate in accordance herewith), or telefacsimile. In the case of notices or demands to Parent, any Borrower or Agent, as the case may be, they shall be sent to the respective address set forth below:

If to Parent or any Borrower:	c/o MGPI Processing, Inc., as Administrative Borrower 100 Commercial Street PO Box 130 Atchison, Kansas 66002			
	Attn: Don Tracy			
	Fax No.: (913) 360-5635			
with copies to:	BRYAN CAVE LLP			
	1200 Main Street, Suite 3500			
	Kansas City, Missouri 64105			
	Attn: Joseph P. Dubinski, Esq. and			
	Robert M. Thompson, Esq.			
	Fax No. (816) 374-3300			
If to Agent:	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION			
	150 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2200			
	Chicago, Illinois 60606			
	Attn: Business Finance Division Manager			
	Fax No. (312) 332-0424			

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GOLDBERG KOHN LTD. 55 E. Monroe, Suite 300 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Attn: David L. Dranoff, Esq. Fax No. (312) 863-7439

Any party hereto may change the address at which they are to receive notices hereunder, by notice in writing in the foregoing manner given to the other party. All notices or demands sent in accordance with this <u>Section 11</u>, shall be deemed received on the earlier of the date of actual receipt or 3 Business Days after the deposit thereof in the mail; <u>provided</u>, that (a) notices sent by overnight courier service shall be deemed to have been given when received, (b) notices by facsimile 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) and (c) notices by electronic mail shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgment from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return email or other written acknowledgment).

# 12. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE; JURY TRIAL WAIVER; JUDICIAL REFERENCE PROVISION.

(a) THE VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS (UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED TO THE CONTRARY IN ANOTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN RESPECT OF SUCH OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT), THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT HEREOF AND THEREOF, THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THERETO WITH RESPECT TO ALL MATTERS ARISING HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO OR THERETO, AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO SHALL BE DETERMINED UNDER, GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

(b) THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS SHALL BE TRIED AND LITIGATED ONLY IN THE STATE AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS; <u>PROVIDED</u>, THAT ANY SUIT SEEKING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ANY COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE BROUGHT, AT AGENT'S OPTION, IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION WHERE AGENT ELECTS TO BRING SUCH ACTION OR WHERE SUCH COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE FOUND. EACH OF PARENT AND EACH BORROWER AND EACH MEMBER OF THE LENDER GROUP WAIVE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT EACH MAY HAVE TO ASSERT THE DOCTRINE OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS OR TO OBJECT TO VENUE TO THE EXTENT ANY PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS <u>SECTION 12(b)</u>.

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(c) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF PARENT AND EACH BORROWER AND EACH MEMBER OF THE LENDER GROUP HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS, IF ANY, TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF ANY OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN, INCLUDING CONTRACT CLAIMS, TORT CLAIMS, BREACH OF DUTY CLAIMS, AND ALL OTHER COMMON LAW OR STATUTORY CLAIMS (EACH A "<u>CLAIM</u>"). EACH OF PARENT AND EACH BORROWER AND EACH MEMBER OF THE LENDER GROUP REPRESENT THAT EACH HAS REVIEWED THIS WAIVER AND EACH KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO A TRIAL BY THE COURT.

(d) EACH OF PARENT AND EACH BORROWER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENTS, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION 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 AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT AGENT MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST ANY LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) NO CLAIM MAY BE MADE BY ANY LOAN PARTY AGAINST AGENT, THE SWING LENDER, ANY OTHER LENDER, ISSUING BANK, OR ANY AFFILIATE, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, COUNSEL, REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT, OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF ANY OF THEM FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES OR LOSSES IN RESPECT OF ANY CLAIM FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, OR ANY ACT, OMISSION, OR EVENT OCCURRING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND EACH LOAN PARTY HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND AGREES NOT TO SUE UPON ANY CLAIM FOR SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER OR NOT ACCRUED AND WHETHER OR NOT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO EXIST IN ITS FAVOR.

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(f) IN THE EVENT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING IS FILED IN A COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (THE <u>COURT</u>") BY OR AGAINST ANY PARTY HERETO IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM AND THE WAIVER SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (C) ABOVE IS NOT ENFORCEABLE IN SUCH PROCEEDING, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(i) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MATTERS SPECIFIED IN SUBCLAUSE (ii) BELOW, ANY CLAIM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A GENERAL REFERENCE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTIONS 638 THROUGH 645.1. THE PARTIES INTEND THIS GENERAL REFERENCE AGREEMENT TO BE SPECIFICALLY ENFORCEABLE. VENUE FOR THE REFERENCE PROCEEDING SHALL BE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

(ii) THE FOLLOWING MATTERS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO A GENERAL REFERENCE PROCEEDING: (A) NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF ANY SECURITY INTERESTS IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, (B) EXERCISE OF SELF-HELP REMEDIES (INCLUDING SET-OFF OR RECOUPMENT), (C) APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER, AND (D) TEMPORARY, PROVISIONAL, OR ANCILLARY REMEDIES (INCLUDING WRITS OF ATTACHMENT, WRITS OF POSSESSION, TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS). THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO EXERCISE OR OPPOSE ANY OF THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES DESCRIBED IN CLAUSES (A) - (D) AND ANY SUCH EXERCISE OR OPPOSITION DOES NOT WAIVE THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN A REFERENCE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER MATTER.

(iii) HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL OF THEIR OWN CHOICE, EACH PARTY HERETO KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY AND FOR THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT AGREES THAT THIS REFERENCE PROVISION SHALL APPLY TO ANY DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM THAT ARISES OUT OF OR IS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS.

### 13. ASSIGNMENTS AND PARTICIPATIONS; SUCCESSORS.

# 13.1. Assignments and Participations.

(a) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in clause (a)(ii) below, any Lender may assign and delegate all or any portion of its rights and duties under the Loan Documents (including the Obligations owed to it and its Commitments) to one or more assignees so long as such prospective assignee is an Eligible Transferee (each, an "Assignee"), with the prior written consent (such consent not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) of:

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(A) Borrowers; <u>provided</u>, that no consent of Borrowers shall be required (1) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (2) in connection with an assignment to a Person that is a Lender or an Affiliate (other than natural persons) of a Lender or a Related Fund; <u>provided further</u>, that Borrowers shall be deemed to have consented to a proposed assignment unless they object thereto by written notice to Agent within 5 Business Days after having received notice thereof; and

(B) Agent, Swing Lender, and Issuing Bank.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) no assignment may be made to a natural person,

(B) no assignment may be made to a Loan Party or an Affiliate of a Loan Party,

(C) the amount of the Commitments and the other rights and obligations of the assigning Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Acceptance with respect to such assignment is delivered to Agent) shall be in a minimum amount (unless waived by Agent) of \$5,000,000 (except such minimum amount shall not apply to (I) an assignment or delegation by any Lender to any other Lender, an Affiliate of any Lender, or a Related Fund of such Lender or (II) a group of new Lenders, each of which is an Affiliate of each other or a Related Fund of such new Lender to the extent that the aggregate amount to be assigned to all such new Lenders is at least \$5,000,000),

this Agreement,

(D) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under

(E) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to Agent an Assignment and Acceptance; provided, that Borrowers and Agent may continue to deal solely and directly with the assigning Lender in connection with the interest so assigned to an Assignee until written notice of such assignment, together with payment instructions, addresses, and related information with respect to the Assignee, have been given to Borrowers and Agent by such Lender and the Assignee,

amount of \$3,500, and

(F) unless waived by Agent, the assigning Lender or Assignee has paid to Agent, for Agent's separate account, a processing fee in the

(G) the assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to Agent an Administrative Questionnaire in a form approved by Agent (the

"Administrative Questionnaire").

(b) From and after the date that Agent receives the executed Assignment and Acceptance and, if applicable, payment of the required processing fee, (i) the Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder have been assigned to it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, shall be a "Lender" and shall

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have the rights and obligations of a Lender under the Loan Documents, and (ii) the assigning Lender shall, to the extent that rights and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents have been assigned by it pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, relinquish its rights (except with respect to <u>Section 10.3</u>) and be released from any future obligations under this Agreement (and in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all or the remaining portion of an assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto and thereto); <u>provided</u>, that nothing contained herein shall release any assigning Lender from obligations that survive the termination of this Agreement, including such assigning Lender's obligations under <u>Section 15</u> and <u>Section 17.9(a)</u>.

(c) By executing and delivering an Assignment and Acceptance, the assigning Lender thereunder and the Assignee thereunder confirm to and agree with each other and the other parties hereto as follows: (i) other than as provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with this Agreement or the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement or any other Loan Document furnished pursuant hereto, (ii) such assigning Lender makes no representation or warranty and assumes no responsibility with respect to the financial condition of any Borrower or the performance or observance by any Borrower of any of its obligations under this Agreement or any other Loan Document furnished pursuant hereto, (iii) such Assignment and Acceptance, (iv) such Assignment and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into such Assignment and Acceptance, (iv) such Assignee will, independently and without reliance upon Agent, such assigning Lender or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement, (v) such Assignee appoints and authorizes Agent to take such actions and to exercise such powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as are delegated to Agent, by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, and (vi) such Assignee agrees that it will perform all of the obligations which by the terms of this Agreement are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

(d) Immediately upon Agent's receipt of the required processing fee, if applicable, and delivery of notice to the assigning Lender pursuant to <u>Section 13.1(b)</u>, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to the extent, but only to the extent, necessary to reflect the addition of the Assignee and the resulting adjustment of the Commitments arising therefrom. The Commitment allocated to each Assignee shall reduce such Commitments of the assigning Lender pro tanto.

(e) Any Lender may at any time sell to one or more commercial banks, financial institutions, or other Persons (a <u>Participant</u>") participating interests in all or any portion of its Obligations, its Commitment, and the other rights and interests of that Lender (the "<u>Originating Lender</u>") hereunder and under the other Loan Documents; <u>provided</u>, that (i) the Originating Lender shall remain a "Lender" for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the Participant receiving the participating interest in the Obligations, the Commitments, and the other rights and interests of the Originating Lender hereunder shall not

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constitute a "Lender" hereunder or under the other Loan Documents and the Originating Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) the Originating Lender shall remain solely responsible for the performance of such obligations, (iii) Borrowers, Agent, and the Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with the Originating Lender in connection with the Originating Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (iv) no Lender shall transfer or grant any participating interest under which the Participant has the right to approve any amendment to, or any consent or waiver with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except to the extent such amendment to, or consent or waiver with respect to this Agreement or of any other Loan Document would (A) extend the final maturity date of the Obligations hereunder in which such Participant is participating, (B) reduce the interest rate applicable to the Obligations hereunder in which such Participant is participating, (C) release all or substantially all of the Collateral or guaranties (except to the extent expressly provided herein or in any of the Loan Documents) supporting the Obligations hereunder in which such Participant is participating, (D) postpone the payment of, or reduce the amount of, the interest or fees payable to such Participant through such Lender (other than a waiver of default interest), or (E) decreases the amount or postpones the due dates of scheduled principal repayments or prepayments or premiums payable to such Participant through such Lender, (v) no participation shall be sold to a natural person, (vi) no participation shall be sold to a Loan Party or an Affiliate of a Loan Party, and (vii) all amounts payable by Borrowers hereunder shall be determined as if such Lender had not sold such participation, except that, if amounts outstanding under this Agreement are due and unpaid, or shall have been declared or shall have become due and payable upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, each Participant shall be deemed to have the right of set off in respect of its participating interest in amounts owing under this Agreement to the same extent as if the amount of its participating interest were owing directly to it as a Lender under this Agreement. The rights of any Participant only shall be derivative through the Originating Lender with whom such Participant participants and no Participant shall have any rights under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or any direct rights as to the other Lenders, Agent, Borrowers, the Collateral, or otherwise in respect of the Obligations. No Participant shall have the right to participate directly in the making of decisions by the Lenders among themselves.

(f) In connection with any such assignment or participation or proposed assignment or participation or any grant of a security interest in, or pledge of, its rights under and interest in this Agreement, a Lender may, subject to the provisions of <u>Section 17.9</u>, disclose all documents and information which it now or hereafter may have relating to Parent and its Subsidiaries and their respective businesses.

(g) Any other provision in this Agreement notwithstanding, any Lender may at any time create a security interest in, or pledge, all or any portion of its rights under and interest in this Agreement in favor of any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with Regulation A of the Federal Reserve Bank or U.S. Treasury Regulation 31 CFR §203.24, and such Federal Reserve Bank may enforce such pledge or security interest in any manner permitted under applicable law.

(h) Agent (as a non-fiduciary agent on behalf of Borrowers) shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, a register (the <u>Register</u>") on which it enters the name and address of each Lender as the registered owner of the Revolver Commitments (and the principal amount

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thereof and stated interest thereon) held by such Lender (each, a <u>Registered Loan</u>"). Other than in connection with an assignment by a Lender of all or any portion of its portion of the Revolver Commitments to an Affiliate of such Lender or a Related Fund of such Lender (i) a Registered Loan (and the registered note, if any, evidencing the same) may be assigned or sold in whole or in part only by registration of such assignment or sale on the Register (and each registered note shall expressly so provide) and (ii) any assignment or sale of all or part of such Registered Loan (and the registered note, if any, evidencing the same) may be effected only by registration of such assignment or sale on the Register, together with the surrender of the registered note, if any, evidencing the same duly endorsed by (or accompanied by a written instrument of assignment or sale duly executed by) the holder of such registered note, whereupon, at the request of the designated assignee(s) or transferee(s), one or more new registered Loan (and the registered note, if any evidencing the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the designated assignee(s). Prior to the registration of assignment or sale of any Registered Loan (and the registered note, if any evidencing the Person in whose name such Registered Loan (and the registered note, if any, evidencing all payments thereon and for all other purposes, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. In the case of any assignment by a Lender of all or any portion of its Revolver Commitment to an Affiliate of such Lender or a Related Fund of such Lender, and which assignment is not recorded in the Register, the assigning Lender, on behalf of Borrowers, shall maintain a register comparable to the Register.

(i) In the event that a Lender sells participations in the Registered Loan, such Lender, as a non-fiduciary agent on behalf of Borrowers, shall maintain (or cause to be maintained) a register on which it enters the name of all participants in the Registered Loans held by it (and the principal amount (and stated interest thereon) of the portion of such Registered Loans that is subject to such participations) (the "Participant Register"). A Registered Loan (and the Registered Note, if any, evidencing the same) may be participated in whole or in part only by registration of such participation on the Participant Register (and each registered note shall expressly so provide). Any participation of such Registered Loan (and the registered note, if any, evidencing the same) may be effected only by the registration of such participant Register.

(j) Agent shall make a copy of the Register (and each Lender shall make a copy of its Participant Register in the extent it has one) available for review by Borrowers from time to time as Borrowers may reasonably request.

**13.2.** <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of each of the parties; <u>provided</u>, that no Borrower may assign this Agreement or any rights or duties hereunder without the Lenders' prior written consent and any prohibited assignment shall be absolutely void ab initio. No consent to assignment by the Lenders shall release any Borrower from its Obligations. A Lender may assign this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and its rights and duties hereunder pursuant to <u>Section 13.1</u> and, except as expressly required pursuant to <u>Section 13.1</u>, no consent or approval by any Borrower is required in connection with any such assignment.

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## 14. AMENDMENTS; WAIVERS.

### 14.1. Amendments and Waivers.

(a) No amendment, waiver or other modification of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than Bank Product Agreements or the Fee Letter), and no consent with respect to any departure by Parent or any Borrower therefrom, shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Required Lenders (or by Agent at the written request of the Required Lenders) and the Loan Parties that are party thereto and then any such waiver or consent shall be effective, but only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, that no such waiver, amendment, or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by all of the Lenders directly affected thereby and all of the Loan Parties that are party thereto, do any of the following:

(i) increase the amount of or extend the expiration date of any Commitment of any Lender or amend, modify, or eliminate the last sentence of

Section 2.3(c)(i),

(ii) postpone or delay any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment of principal, interest, fees, or other amounts due hereunder or under any other Loan Document,

(iii) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest on, any loan or other extension of credit hereunder, or reduce any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document (except in connection with the waiver of applicability of <u>Section 2.5(c)</u> (which waiver shall be effective with the written consent of the Required Lenders)),

(iv) amend, modify, or eliminate this Section or any provision of this Agreement providing for consent or other action by all Lenders,

(v) amend, modify, or eliminate Section 3.1, 3.2, or 3.3,

(vi) amend, modify, or eliminate Section 15.11,

(vii) other than as permitted by Section 15.11, release Agent's Lien in and to any of the Collateral,

(viii) amend, modify, or eliminate the definitions of "Required Lenders" or "Pro Rata Share",

(ix) contractually subordinate any of Agent's Liens,

(x) other than in connection with a merger, liquidation, dissolution or sale of such Person expressly permitted by the terms hereof or the other Loan Documents, release any Borrower or any Guarantor from any obligation for the payment of money or consent to the assignment or transfer by any Borrower or any Guarantor of any of its rights or duties under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, or

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(b) No amendment, waiver, modification, or consent shall amend, modify, waive, or eliminate,

(i) the definition of, or any of the terms or provisions of, the Fee Letter, without the written consent of Agent and Borrowers (and shall not require the written consent of any of the Lenders),

(ii) any provision of Section 15 pertaining to Agent, or any other rights or duties of Agent under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, without the written consent of Agent, Borrowers, and the Required Lenders;

(c) No amendment, waiver, modification, elimination, or consent shall amend, without written consent of Agent, Borrowers and the Supermajority Lenders, modify, or eliminate the definition of Borrowing Base or any of the defined terms (including the definitions of Eligible Accounts, Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory, Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory, Eligible Corn Inventory, Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, Eligible Finished Goods Inventory, Eligible Barreled Inventory, Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory, Eligible Rail Inventory, Eligible Work in Process Inventory, Eligible Raw Materials Inventory, Eligible Inventory, Eligible Equipment and Eligible Real Property) that are used in such definition to the extent that any such change results in more credit being made available to Borrowers based upon the Borrowing Base, but not otherwise, or the definition of Maximum Revolver Amount, or change Section 2.1(c);

(d) No amendment, waiver, modification, elimination, or consent shall amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents pertaining to Issuing Bank, or any other rights or duties of Issuing Bank under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, without the written consent of Issuing Bank, Agent, Borrowers, and the Required Lenders;

(e) No amendment, waiver, modification, elimination, or consent shall amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents pertaining to Swing Lender, or any other rights or duties of Swing Lender under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, without the written consent of Swing Lender, Agent, Borrowers, and the Required Lenders; and

(f) Anything in this <u>Section 14.1</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) any amendment, modification, elimination, waiver, consent, termination, or release of, or with respect to, any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document that relates only to the relationship of the Lender Group among themselves, and that does not affect the rights or obligations of Parent or any Borrower, shall not require consent by or the agreement of any Loan Party, and (ii) any amendment, waiver, modification, elimination, or consent of or with respect to any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document may be entered into without the consent of, or over the objection of, any Defaulting Lender other than any of the matters governed by <u>Section 14.1(a)(i)</u> through (iii)

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#### 14.2. Replacement of Certain Lenders.

(a) If (i) any action to be taken by the Lender Group or Agent hereunder requires the consent, authorization, or agreement of all Lenders or all Lenders affected thereby and if such action has received the consent, authorization, or agreement of the Required Lenders but not of all Lenders or all Lenders affected thereby, or (ii) any Lender makes a claim for compensation under <u>Section 16</u>, then Borrowers or Agent, upon at least 5 Business Days prior irrevocable notice, may permanently replace any Lender that failed to give its consent, authorization, or agreement (a "<u>Non-Consenting Lender</u>") or any Lender that made a claim for compensation (a <u>"Tax Lender</u>") with one or more Replacement Lenders, and the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall have no right to refuse to be replaced hereunder. Such notice to replace the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall specify an effective date for such replacement, which date shall not be later than 15 Business Days after the date such notice is given.

(b) Prior to the effective date of such replacement, the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, and each Replacement Lender shall execute and deliver an Assignment and Acceptance, subject only to the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, being repaid in full its share of the outstanding Obligations (without any premium or penalty of any kind whatsoever, but including (i) all interest, fees and other amounts that may be due in payable in respect thereof, and (ii) an assumption of its Pro Rata Share of participations in the Letters of Credit). If the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall refuse or fail to execute and deliver any such Assignment and Acceptance prior to the effective date of such replacement, Agent may, but shall not be required to, execute and deliver such Assignment and Acceptance in the name or and on behalf of the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, and irrespective of whether Agent executes and delivers such Assignment and Acceptance, the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such Assignment and Acceptance. The replacement of any Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall be made in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 13.1</u>. Until such time as one or more Replacement Lenders shall have acquired all of the Obligations, the Commitments, and the other rights and obligations of the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall remain obligated to make the Non-Consenting Lender's or Tax Lender's, as applicable, shall be made in accordance with the terms of Section 13.1. Until such time as one or more Replacement and under the other Loan Documents, the Non-Consenting Lender or Tax Lender, as applicable, shall remain obligated to make the Non-Consenting Lender's or Tax Lender's, as applicable, Pro Rata Share of Revolving Loans and to purchase a participation in each Letter of Credit, in an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of participations in such

14.3. <u>No Waivers; Cumulative Remedies</u>. No failure by Agent or any Lender to exercise any right, remedy, or option under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or delay by Agent or any Lender in exercising the same, will operate as a waiver thereof. No waiver by Agent or any Lender will be effective unless it is in writing, and then only to the extent specifically stated. No waiver by Agent or any Lender on any occasion shall affect or diminish Agent's and each Lender's rights thereafter to require strict performance by Parent and Borrowers of any provision of this Agreement. Agent's and each Lender's rights under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents will be cumulative and not exclusive of any other right or remedy that Agent or any Lender may have.

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## 15. AGENT; THE LENDER GROUP.

15.1. Appointment and Authorization of Agent. Each Lender hereby designates and appoints Wells Fargo as its agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and each Lender hereby irrevocably authorizes (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to designate, appoint, and authorize) Agent to execute and deliver each of the other Loan Documents on its behalf and to take such other action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and each other Loan Document and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to Agent by the terms of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Agent agrees to act as agent for and on behalf of the Lenders (and the Bank Product Providers) on the conditions contained in this Section 15. Any provision to the contrary contained elsewhere in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document notwithstanding, Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein or in the other Loan Documents, nor shall Agent have or be deemed to have any fiduciary relationship with any Lender (or Bank Product Provider), and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against Agent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the use of the term "agent" in this Agreement or the other Loan Documents with reference to 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 merely as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only a representative relationship between independent contracting parties. Each Lender hereby further authorizes (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to authorize) Agent to act as the secured party under each of the Loan Documents that create a Lien on any item of Collateral. Except as expressly otherwise provided in this Agreement, Agent shall have and may use its sole discretion with respect to exercising or refraining from exercising any discretionary rights or taking or refraining from taking any actions that Agent expressly is entitled to take or assert under or pursuant to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, or of any other provision of the Loan Documents that provides rights or powers to Agent, Lenders agree that Agent shall have the right to exercise the following powers as long as this Agreement remains in effect: (a) maintain, in accordance with its customary business practices, ledgers and records reflecting the status of the Obligations, the Collateral, payments and proceeds of Collateral, and related matters, (b) execute or file any and all financing or similar statements or notices, amendments, renewals, supplements, documents, instruments, proofs of claim, notices and other written agreements with respect to the Loan Documents, (c) make Revolving Loans, for itself or on behalf of Lenders, as provided in the Loan Documents, (d) exclusively receive, apply, and distribute payments and proceeds of the Collateral as provided in the Loan Documents, (e) open and maintain such bank accounts and cash management arrangements as Agent deems necessary and appropriate in accordance with the Loan Documents for the foregoing purposes, (f) perform, exercise, and enforce any and all other rights and remedies of the Lender Group with respect to Parent or its Subsidiaries, the Obligations, the Collateral, or otherwise related to any of same as provided in the Loan Documents, and (g) incur and pay such Lender Group Expenses as Agent may deem necessary or appropriate for the performance and fulfillment of its functions and powers pursuant to the Loan Documents.

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**15.2.** <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement or any other Loan Document by or through agents, employees or attorneys in fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agent or attorney in fact that it selects as long as such selection was made without gross negligence or willful misconduct.

**15.3.** Liability of Agent. None of the Agent-Related Persons shall (a) be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions contemplated hereby (except for its own gross negligence or willful misconduct), or (b) be responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders (or Bank Product Providers) for any recital, statement, representation or warranty made by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, or any officer or director thereof, contained in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document, or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or the validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or the rany to her party to any Loan Document to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. No Agent-Related Person shall be under any obligation to any Lenders (or Bank Product Providers) to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or to inspect the books and records or properties of Parent or its Subsidiaries.

15.4. <u>Reliance by Agent</u>. Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telegram, telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission, telex or telephone message, statement or other document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent, or made by the proper Person or Persons, and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to Borrowers or counsel to any Lender), independent accountants and other experts selected by Agent. Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless Agent shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Lenders as it deems appropriate and until such instructions are received, Agent shall act, or refrain from acting, as it deems advisable. If Agent so requests, it shall first be indemnified to its reasonable satisfaction by the Lenders (and, if it so elects, the Bank Product Providers) against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. Agent shall cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement or any other Loan Document in accordance with a request or consent of the Required Lenders and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all of the Lenders (and Bank Product Providers).

**15.5.** <u>Notice of Default or Event of Default</u> Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, except with respect to defaults in the payment of principal, interest, fees, and expenses required to be paid to Agent for the account of the Lenders and, except with respect to Events of Default of which Agent has actual knowledge, unless Agent shall have received written notice from a Lender or Borrowers referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default, and stating that such notice is a "notice of default." Agent promptly will notify the Lenders of its receipt of any such

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notice or of any Event of Default of which Agent has actual knowledge. If any Lender obtains actual knowledge of any Event of Default, such Lender promptly shall notify the other Lenders and Agent of such Event of Default. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for giving any notices to its Participants, if any. Subject to <u>Section 15.4</u>, Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as may be requested by the Required Lenders in accordance with <u>Section 9</u>; provided, that unless and until Agent has received any such request, Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable.

15.6. Credit Decision. Each Lender (and Bank Product Provider) acknowledges that none of the Agent-Related Persons has made any representation or warranty to it, and that no act by Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of Parent and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by any Agent-Related Person to any Lender (or Bank Product Provider). Each Lender represents (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to represent) to Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person and based on such due diligence, documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of each Borrower or any other Person party to a Loan Document, and all applicable bank regulatory laws relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to extend credit to Borrowers. Each Lender also represents (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to represent) that it will, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and to make such investigations as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of each Borrower or any other Person party to a Loan Document. Except for notices, reports, and other documents expressly herein required to be furnished to the Lenders by Agent, Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender (or Bank Product Provider) with any credit or other information concerning the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition or creditworthiness of any Borrower or any other Person party to a Loan Document that may come into the possession of any of the Agent-Related Persons. Each Lender acknowledges (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge) that Agent does not have any duty or responsibility, either initially or on a continuing basis (except to the extent, if any, that is expressly specified herein) to provide such Lender (or Bank Product Provider) with any credit or other information with respect to any Borrower, its Affiliates or any of their respective business, legal, financial or other affairs, and irrespective of whether such information came into Agent's or its Affiliates' or representatives' possession before or after the date on which such Lender became a party to this Agreement (or such Bank Product Provider entered into a Bank Product Agreement).

15.7. Costs and Expenses; Indemnification. Agent may incur and pay Lender Group Expenses to the extent Agent reasonably deems necessary or appropriate for the performance and fulfillment of its functions, powers, and obligations pursuant to the Loan Documents, including court costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, fees and expenses of financial

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accountants, advisors, consultants, and appraisers, costs of collection by outside collection agencies, auctioneer fees and expenses, and costs of security guards or insurance premiums paid to maintain the Collateral, whether or not Borrowers are obligated to reimburse Agent or Lenders for such expenses pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise. Agent is authorized and directed to deduct and retain sufficient amounts from payments or proceeds of the Collateral received by Agent to reimburse Agent for such out-of-pocket costs and expenses prior to the distribution of any amounts to Lenders (or Bank Product Providers). In the event Agent is not reimbursed for such costs and expenses by Parent or its Subsidiaries, each Lender hereby agrees that it is and shall be obligated to pay to Agent such Lender's ratable thereof. Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, each of the Lenders, on a ratable basis, shall indemnify and defend the Agent-Related Persons (to the extent not reimbursed by or on behalf of Borrowers and without limiting the obligation of Borrowers to do so) from and against any and all Indemnified Liabilities; provided, that no Lender shall be liable for the payment to any Agent-Related Person of any portion of such Indemnified Liabilities resulting solely from such Person's gross negligence or willful misconduct nor shall any Lender be liable for the obligations of any Defaulting Lender in failing to make a Revolving Loan or other extension of credit hereunder. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment, or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the extent that Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of Borrowers. The undertaking in this Section shall survive the payment of all Obligations h

**15.8.** <u>Agent in Individual Capacity</u>. Wells Fargo and its Affiliates may make loans to, issue letters of credit for the account of, accept deposits from, provide Bank Products to, acquire Equity Interests in, and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust, financial advisory, underwriting, or other business with Parent and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates and any other Person party to any Loan Document as though Wells Fargo were not Agent hereunder, and, in each case, without notice to or consent of the other members of the Lender Group. The other members of the Lender Group acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge) that, pursuant to such activities, Wells Fargo or its Affiliates may receive information regarding Parent or its Affiliates or any other Person party to any Loan Documents that is subject to confidentiality obligations in favor of Parent or such other Person and that prohibit the disclosure of such information to the Lenders (or Bank Product Providers), and the Lenders acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider (or Bank Product Providers), and the Lenders acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge) that, in such circumstances (and in the absence of a waiver of such confidentiality obligations, which waiver Agent will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain), Agent shall not be under any obligation to provide such information to them. The terms "Lender" and "Lenders" include Wells Fargo in its individual capacity.

15.9. Successor Agent. Agent may resign as Agent upon 30 days (10 days if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) prior written notice to the Lenders (unless such notice is waived by the Required Lenders) and Borrowers (unless such notice is waived by

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Borrowers) and without any notice to the Bank Product Providers. If Agent resigns under this Agreement, the Required Lenders shall be entitled, with (so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) the consent of Borrowers (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned), appoint a successor Agent for the Lenders (and the Bank Product Providers). If, at the time that Agent's resignation is effective, it is acting as Issuing Bank or the Swing Lender, such resignation shall also operate to effectuate its resignation as Issuing Bank or the Swing Lender, as applicable, and it shall automatically be relieved of any further obligation to issue Letters of Credit, or to make Swing Loans. If no successor Agent is appointed prior to the effective date of the resignation of Agent, Agent may appoint, after consulting with the Lenders and Borrowers, a successor Agent. If Agent has materially breached or failed to perform any material provision of this Agreement or of applicable law, the Required Lenders may agree in writing to remove and replace Agent with a successor Agent from among the Lenders with (so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) the consent of Borrowers (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned). In any such event, upon the acceptance of its appointment as successor Agent shell succeed to all the rights, powers, and duties of the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this <u>Section 15</u> shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Agent under this Agreement. If no successor Agent has accepted appointment as Agent by the date which is 30 days following a retiring Agent's notice of resignation, the retiring Agent's resignation shall nevertheless thereupon become effective and the Lenders shall perform all of the duties of Agent hereunder until such time, if any, as the Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above.

**15.10.** Lender in Individual Capacity. Any Lender and its respective Affiliates may make loans to, issue letters of credit for the account of, accept deposits from, provide Bank Products to, acquire Equity Interests in and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust, financial advisory, underwriting, or other business with Parent and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates and any other Person party to any Loan Documents as though such Lender were not a Lender hereunder without notice to or consent of the other members of the Lender Group (or the Bank Product Providers). The other members of the Lender Group acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge) that, pursuant to such activities, such Lender and its respective Affiliates may receive information regarding Parent or its Affiliates or any other Person party to any Loan Documents that is subject to confidentiality obligations in favor of Parent or such other Person and that prohibit the disclosure of such information to the Lenders acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge (and by entering into a Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to acknowledge) that, in such circumstances (and in the absence of a waiver of such confidentiality obligations, which waiver such Lender will use its reasonable best efforts to obtain), such Lender shall not be under any obligation to provide such information to them.

## 15.11. Collateral Matters.

(a) The Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to authorize) Agent to release any Lien on any Collateral (i) upon the termination of the Commitments and payment and satisfaction in full by Borrowers of all of the Obligations, (ii) constituting property being sold or disposed of if a release is required or desirable in connection therewith and if Borrowers certify to Agent that the sale or disposition is permitted under Section 6.4 (and Agent may rely conclusively on any such certificate, without further inquiry), (iii) constituting property in which neither Parent nor its Subsidiaries owned any interest at the time Agent's Lien was granted nor at any time thereafter, (iv) constituting property leased or licensed to Parent or its Subsidiaries under a lease or license that has expired or is terminated in a transaction permitted under this Agreement, or (v) in connection with a credit bid or purchase authorized under this Section 15.11. The Loan Parties and the Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to authorize) Agent, based upon the instruction of the Required Lenders, to (a) consent to, credit bid or purchase (either directly or indirectly through one or more entities) all or any portion of the Collateral at any sale thereof conducted under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) credit bid or purchase (either directly or indirectly through one or more entities) all or any portion of the Collateral at any sale or other disposition thereof conducted under the provisions of the Code, including pursuant to Sections 9-610 or 9-620 of the Code, or (c) credit bid or purchase (either directly or indirectly through one or more entities) all or any portion of the Collateral at any other sale or foreclosure conducted or consented to by Agent in accordance with applicable law in any judicial action or proceeding or by the exercise of any legal or equitable remedy. In connection with any such credit bid or purchase, (i) the Obligations owed to the Lenders and the Bank Product Providers shall be entitled to be, and shall be, credit bid on a ratable basis (with Obligations with respect to contingent or unliquidated claims being estimated for such purpose if the fixing or liquidation thereof would not impair or unduly delay the ability of Agent to credit bid or purchase at such sale or other disposition of the Collateral and, if such contingent or unliquidated claims cannot be estimated without impairing or unduly delaying the ability of Agent to credit bid at such sale or other disposition, then such claims shall be disregarded, not credit bid, and not entitled to any interest in the Collateral that is the subject of such credit bid or purchase) and the Lenders and the Bank Product Providers whose Obligations are credit bid shall be entitled to receive interests (ratably based upon the proportion of their Obligations credit bid in relation to the aggregate amount of Obligations so credit bid) in the Collateral that is the subject of such credit bid or purchase (or in the Equity Interests of the any entities that are used to consummate such credit bid or purchase), and (ii) Agent, based upon the instruction of the Required Lenders, may accept non-cash consideration, including debt and equity securities issued by any entities used to consummate such credit bid or purchase and in connection therewith Agent may reduce the Obligations owed to the Lenders and the Bank Product Providers (ratably based upon the proportion of their Obligations credit bid in relation to the aggregate amount of Obligations so credit bid) based upon the value of such non-cash consideration. Except as provided above, Agent will not execute and deliver a release of any Lien on any Collateral without the prior written authorization of (y) if the release is of all or substantially all of the Collateral, all of the Lenders (without requiring the authorization of the Bank Product Providers), or (z) otherwise, the Required Lenders (without requiring the authorization of the Bank Product Providers). Upon request by Agent or Borrowers at any time, the Lenders will (and if so requested, the Bank Product Providers will) confirm in writing Agent's authority to release any such Liens on particular types or items of Collateral pursuant to this Section 15.11; provided, that (1) anything to the contrary contained in any of the Loan Documents notwithstanding, Agent shall not be

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required to execute any document or take any action necessary to evidence such release on terms that, in Agent's opinion, could expose Agent to liability or create any obligation or entail any consequence other than the release of such Lien without recourse, representation, or warranty, and (2) such release shall not in any manner discharge, affect, or impair the Obligations or any Liens (other than those expressly released) upon (or obligations of Borrowers in respect of) any and all interests retained by any Borrower, including, the proceeds of any sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral. Each Lender further hereby irrevocably authorize (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to irrevocably authorize) Agent, at its option and in its sole discretion, to subordinate any Lien granted to or held by Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Permitted Lien on such property if such Permitted Lien secures Permitted Purchase Money Indebtedness.

(b) Agent shall have no obligation whatsoever to any of the Lenders (or the Bank Product Providers) (i) to verify or assure that the Collateral exists or is owned by Parent or its Subsidiaries or is cared for, protected, or insured or has been encumbered, (ii) to verify or assure that Agent's Liens have been properly or sufficiently or lawfully created, perfected, protected, or enforced or are entitled to any particular priority, (iii) to verify or assure that any particular items of Collateral meet the eligibility criteria applicable in respect thereof, (iv) to impose, maintain, increase, reduce, implement, or eliminate any particular reserve hereunder or to determine whether the amount of any reserve is appropriate or not, or (v) to exercise at all or in any particular manner or under any duty of care, disclosure or fidelity, or to continue exercising, any of the rights, authorities and powers granted or available to Agent pursuant to any of the Loan Documents, it being understood and agreed that in respect of the Collateral, or any act, omission, or event related thereto, subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, Agent may act in any manner it may deem appropriate, in its sole discretion given Agent's own interest in the Collateral in its capacity as one of the Lenders and that Agent shall have no other duty or liability whatsoever to any Lender (or Bank Product Provider) as to any of the foregoing, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

#### 15.12. Restrictions on Actions by Lenders; Sharing of Payments.

(a) Each of the Lenders agrees that it shall not, without the express written consent of Agent, and that it shall, to the extent it is lawfully entitled to do so, upon the written request of Agent, set off against the Obligations, any amounts owing by such Lender to Parent or its Subsidiaries or any deposit accounts of Parent or its Subsidiaries now or hereafter maintained with such Lender. Each of the Lenders further agrees that it shall not, unless specifically requested to do so in writing by Agent, take or cause to be taken any action, including, the commencement of any legal or equitable proceedings to enforce any Loan Document against any Borrower or any Guarantor or to foreclose any Lien on, or otherwise enforce any security interest in, any of the Collateral.

(b) If, at any time or times any Lender shall receive (i) by payment, foreclosure, setoff, or otherwise, any proceeds of Collateral or any payments with respect to the Obligations, except for any such proceeds or payments received by such Lender from Agent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or (ii) payments from Agent in excess of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of all such distributions by Agent, such Lender promptly shall (A) turn the same over to Agent, in kind, and with such endorsements as may be required to negotiate the same to

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Agent, or in immediately available funds, as applicable, for the account of all of the Lenders and for application to the Obligations in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, or (B) purchase, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation in the Obligations owed to the other Lenders so that such excess payment received shall be applied ratably as among the Lenders in accordance with their Pro Rata Shares; <u>provided</u>, that to the extent that such excess payment received by the purchasing party is thereafter recovered from it, those purchases of participations shall be rescinded in whole or in part, as applicable, and the applicable portion of the purchase price paid therefor shall be returned to such purchasing party, but without interest except to the extent that such purchasing party is required to pay interest in connection with the recovery of the excess payment.

**15.13.** <u>Agency for Perfection</u>. Agent hereby appoints each other Lender (and each Bank Product Provider) as its agent (and each Lender hereby accepts (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to accept) such appointment) for the purpose of perfecting Agent's Liens in assets which, in accordance with Article 8 or Article 9, as applicable, of the Code can be perfected by possession or control. Should any Lender obtain possession or control of any such Collateral, such Lender shall notify Agent thereof, and, promptly upon Agent's request therefor shall deliver possession or control of such Collateral to Agent or in accordance with Agent's instructions.

**15.14.** <u>Payments by Agent to the Lenders</u> All payments to be made by Agent to the Lenders (or Bank Product Providers) shall be made by bank wire transfer of immediately available funds pursuant to such wire transfer instructions as each party may designate for itself by written notice to Agent. Concurrently with each such payment, Agent shall identify whether such payment (or any portion thereof) represents principal, premium, fees, or interest of the Obligations.

15.15. <u>Concerning the Collateral and Related Loan Documents</u>. Each member of the Lender Group authorizes and directs Agent to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Each member of the Lender Group agrees (and by entering into a Bank Product Agreement, each Bank Product Provider shall be deemed to agree) that any action taken by Agent in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents relating to the Collateral and the exercise by Agent of its powers set forth therein or herein, together with such other powers that are reasonably incidental thereto, shall be binding upon all of the Lenders (and such Bank Product Provider).

**15.16.** Field Examination Reports; Confidentiality; Disclaimers by Lenders; Other Reports and Information. By becoming a party to this Agreement, each Lender:

(a) is deemed to have requested that Agent furnish such Lender, promptly after it becomes available, a copy of each field examination report respecting Parent or its Subsidiaries (each, a "Report") prepared by or at the request of Agent, and Agent shall so furnish each Lender with such Reports,

(b) expressly agrees and acknowledges that Agent does not (i) make any representation or warranty as to the accuracy of any Report, and (ii) shall not be liable for any information contained in any Report,

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(c) expressly agrees and acknowledges that the Reports are not comprehensive audits or examinations, that Agent or other party performing any field examination will inspect only specific information regarding Parent and its Subsidiaries and will rely significantly upon Parent's and its Subsidiaries' books and records, as well as on representations of Borrowers' personnel,

(d) agrees to keep all Reports and other material, non-public information regarding Parent and its Subsidiaries and their operations, assets, and existing and contemplated business plans in a confidential manner in accordance with Section 17.9, and

(e) without limiting the generality of any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, agrees: (i) to hold Agent and any other Lender preparing a Report harmless from any action the indemnifying Lender may take or fail to take or any conclusion the indemnifying Lender may reach or draw from any Report in connection with any loans or other credit accommodations that the indemnifying Lender has made or may make to Borrowers, or the indemnifying Lender's participation in, or the indemnifying Lender's purchase of, a loan or loans of Borrowers, and (ii) to pay and protect, and indemnify, defend and hold Agent, and any such other Lender preparing a Report harmless from and against, the claims, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, and other amounts (including, attorneys' fees and costs) incurred by Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report as the direct or indirect result of any third parties who might obtain all or part of any Report through the indemnifying Lender.

(f) In addition to the foregoing, (x) any Lender may from time to time request of Agent in writing that Agent provide to such Lender a copy of any report or document provided by Parent or its Subsidiaries to Agent that has not been contemporaneously provided by Parent or such Subsidiary to such Lender, and, upon receipt of such request, Agent promptly shall provide a copy of same to such Lender, (y) to the extent that Agent is entitled, under any provision of the Loan Documents, to request additional reports or information from Parent or its Subsidiaries, any Lender may, from time to time, reasonably request Agent to exercise such right as specified in such Lender's notice to Agent, whereupon Agent promptly shall request of Borrowers the additional reports or information reasonably specified by such Lender, and, upon receipt thereof from Parent or such Subsidiary, Agent promptly shall provide a copy of same to such Lender, and (z) any time that Agent renders to Borrowers a statement regarding the Loan Account, Agent shall send a copy of such statement to each Lender.

**15.17.** Several Obligations; No Liability. Notwithstanding that certain of the Loan Documents now or hereafter may have been or will be executed only by or in favor of Agent in its capacity as such, and not by or in favor of the Lenders, any and all obligations on the part of Agent (if any) to make any credit available hereunder shall constitute the several (and not joint) obligations of the respective Lenders on a ratable basis, according to their respective Commitments, to make an amount of such credit not to exceed, in principal amount, at any one time outstanding, the amount of their respective Commitments. Nothing contained herein shall confer upon any Lender any interest in, or subject any Lender to any liability for, or in respect of, the business, assets, profits, losses, or liabilities of any other Lender. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for notifying its Participants of any matters relating to the Loan Documents to the extent any such notice may be required, and no Lender shall have any obligation, duty, or liability to any Participant of any other Lender. Except as provided in Section 15.7, no member

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of the Lender Group shall have any liability for the acts of any other member of the Lender Group. No Lender shall be responsible to any Borrower or any other Person for any failure by any other Lender (or Bank Product Provider) to fulfill its obligations to make credit available hereunder, nor to advance for such Lender (or Bank Product Provider) or on its behalf, nor to take any other action on behalf of such Lender (or Bank Product Provider) hereunder or in connection with the financing contemplated herein.

**15.18.** <u>Lead Arranger and Book Runner</u>. Each of the Lead Arranger and Book Runner in such capacities, shall not have any right, power, obligation, liability, responsibility, or duty under this Agreement other than those applicable to it in its capacity as a Lender, as Agent, as Swing Lender, or as Issuing Bank. Without limiting the foregoing, each of the Lead Arranger, and Book Runner, in such capacities, shall not have or be deemed to have any fiduciary relationship with any Lender or any Loan Party. Each Lender, Agent, Swing Lender, Issuing Bank, and each Loan Party acknowledges that it has not relied, and will not rely, on the Lead Arranger or Book Runner in deciding to enter into this Agreement or in taking or not taking action hereunder. Each of the Lead Arranger and Book Runner, in such capacities, shall be entitled to resign at any time by giving notice to Agent and Borrowers.

## 16. WITHHOLDING TAXES.

16.1. <u>Payments</u>. All payments made by Borrowers hereunder or under any note or other Loan Document will be made without setoff, counterclaim, or other defense. In addition, all such payments will be made free and clear of, and without deduction or withholding for, any present or future Indemnified Taxes, and in the event any deduction or withholding of Indemnified Taxes is required, Borrowers shall comply with the next sentence of this <u>Section 16.1</u>. If any Indemnified Taxes are so levied or imposed, Borrowers agree to pay the full amount of such Indemnified Taxes and such additional amounts as may be necessary so that every payment of all amounts due under this Agreement, any note, or Loan Document, including any amount paid pursuant to this <u>Section 16.1</u> after withholding or deduction for or on account of any Indemnified Taxes, will not be less than the amount provided for herein; <u>provided</u>, that Borrowers shall not be required to increase any such amounts to the extent that the increase in such amount payable results from Agent's or such Lender's own willful misconduct or gross negligence (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction). Borrowers will furnish to Agent as promptly as possible after the date the payment of any Indemnified Tax is due pursuant to applicable law, certified copies of tax receipts evidencing such payment by Borrowers. Borrowers agree to pay any present or future stamp, value added or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges, or similar levies that arise from any payment made hereunder or from the execution, delivery, performance, recordation, or filing of, or otherwise with respect to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

#### 16.2. Exemptions.

(a) If a Lender or Participant is entitled to claim an exemption or reduction from United States withholding tax, such Lender or Participant agrees with and in favor of Agent, to deliver to Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation only) one of the following before receiving its first payment under this Agreement:

(i) if such Lender or Participant is entitled to claim an exemption from United States withholding tax pursuant to the portfolio interest exception, (A) a statement of the Lender or Participant, signed under penalty of perjury, that it is not a (I) a "bank" as described in Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the IRC, (II) a 10% shareholder of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries (within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the IRC), or (III) a controlled foreign corporation related to Borrowers within the meaning of Section 864(d)(4) of the IRC, and (B) a properly completed and executed IRS Form W-8BEN or Form W-8IMY (with proper attachments);

(ii) if such Lender or Participant is entitled to claim an exemption from, or a reduction of, withholding tax under a United States tax treaty, a properly completed and executed copy of IRS Form W-8BEN;

(iii) if such Lender or Participant is entitled to claim that interest paid under this Agreement is exempt from United States withholding tax because it is effectively connected with a United States trade or business of such Lender, a properly completed and executed copy of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(iv) if such Lender or Participant is entitled to claim that interest paid under this Agreement is exempt from United States withholding tax because such Lender or Participant serves as an intermediary, a properly completed and executed copy of IRS Form W-8IMY (with proper attachments); or

(v) a properly completed and executed copy of any other form or forms, including IRS Form W-9, as may be required under the IRC or other laws of the United States as a condition to exemption from, or reduction of, United States withholding or backup withholding tax.

(b) Each Lender or Participant shall provide new forms (or successor forms) upon the expiration or obsolescence of any previously delivered forms and to promptly notify Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation only) of any change in circumstances which would modify or render invalid any claimed exemption or reduction.

(c) If a Lender or Participant claims an exemption from withholding tax in a jurisdiction other than the United States, such Lender or such Participant agrees with and in favor of Agent, to deliver to Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation only) any such form or forms, as may be required under the laws of such jurisdiction as a condition to exemption from, or reduction of, foreign withholding or backup withholding tax before receiving its first payment under this Agreement, but only if such Lender or such Participant is legally able to deliver such forms, provided, that nothing in this <u>Section 16.2(c)</u> shall require a Lender or Participant to disclose any information that it deems to be confidential (including without limitation, its tax returns). Each Lender and each Participant, to the Lender granting the participation only) of any change in circumstances which would modify or render invalid any claimed exemption or reduction.

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(d) If a Lender or Participant claims exemption from, or reduction of, withholding tax and such Lender or Participant sells, assigns, grants a participation in, or otherwise transfers all or part of the Obligations of Borrowers to such Lender or Participant, such Lender or Participant agrees to notify Agent (or, in the case of a sale of a participation interest, to the Lender granting the participation only) of the percentage amount in which it is no longer the beneficial owner of Obligations of Borrowers to such Lender or Participant's documentation provided pursuant to <u>Section 16.2(a)</u> or <u>16.2(c)</u> as no longer valid. With respect to such percentage amount, such Participant or Assignee may provide new documentation, pursuant to <u>Section 16.2(a)</u> or <u>16.2(c)</u>, if applicable. Borrowers agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of this <u>Section 16</u> with respect to its participation in any portion of the Commitments and the Obligations so long as such Participant complies with the obligations set forth in this <u>Section 16</u> with respect thereto.

### 16.3. Reductions.

(a) If a Lender or a Participant is entitled to a reduction in the applicable withholding tax, Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation) may withhold from any interest payment to such Lender or such Participant an amount equivalent to the applicable withholding tax after taking into account such reduction. If the forms or other documentation required by Section 16.2(a) or 16.2(c) are not delivered to Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation), then Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation), then Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participation) may withhold from any interest payment to such Lender or such Participant not providing such forms or other documentation an amount equivalent to the applicable withholding tax.

(b) If the IRS or any other Governmental Authority of the United States or other jurisdiction asserts a claim that Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participant) did not properly withhold tax from amounts paid to or for the account of any Lender or any Participant due to a failure on the part of the Lender or any Participant (because the appropriate form was not delivered, was not properly executed, or because such Lender failed to notify Agent (or such Participant failed to notify the Lender granting the participation) of a change in circumstances which rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding tax ineffective, or for any other reason) such Lender shall indemnify and hold Agent harmless (or, in the case of a Participant, such Participant shall indemnify and hold the Lender granting the participation) as tax or otherwise, including penalties and interest, and including any taxes imposed by any jurisdiction on the amounts payable to Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender granting the participants under this <u>Section 16</u>, together with all costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses). The obligation of the Lenders and the Participants under this subsection shall survive the payment of all Obligations and the resignation or replacement of Agent.

16.4. <u>Refunds</u>. If Agent or a Lender determines, in its sole discretion, that it has received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes to which Borrowers have paid additional amounts pursuant to this <u>Section 16</u>, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, it shall pay over such refund to Borrowers (but only to the extent of payments made,

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or additional amounts paid, by Borrowers under this <u>Section 16</u> with respect to Indemnified Taxes giving rise to such a refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of Agent or such Lender and without interest (other than any interest paid by the applicable Governmental Authority with respect to such a refund); <u>provided</u>, that Borrowers, upon the request of Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to Borrowers (plus any penalties, interest or other charges, imposed by the applicable Governmental Authority, other than such penalties, interest or other charges imposed as a result of the willful misconduct or gross negligence of Agent hereunder) to Agent or such Lender in the event Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, this <u>Section 16</u> shall not be construed to require Agent or any Lender to make available its tax returns (or any other information which it deems confidential) to Borrowers or any other Person.

### 17. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

17.1. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall be binding and deemed effective when executed by Parent, each Borrower, Agent, and each Lender whose signature is provided for on the signature pages hereof.

17.2. Section Headings. Headings and numbers have been set forth herein for convenience only. Unless the contrary is compelled by the context, everything contained in each Section applies equally to this entire Agreement.

17.3. <u>Interpretation</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be construed against the Lender Group or Parent or any Borrower, whether under any rule of construction or otherwise. On the contrary, this Agreement has been reviewed by all parties and shall be construed and interpreted according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to accomplish fairly the purposes and intentions of all parties hereto.

17.4. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. Each provision of this Agreement shall be severable from every other provision of this Agreement for the purpose of determining the legal enforceability of any specific provision.

**17.5.** Bank Product Providers. Each Bank Product Provider in its capacity as such shall be deemed a third party beneficiary hereof and of the provisions of the other Loan Documents for purposes of any reference in a Loan Document to the parties for whom Agent is acting. Agent hereby agrees to act as agent for such Bank Product Providers and, by virtue of entering into a Bank Product Agreement, the applicable Bank Product Provider shall be automatically deemed to have appointed Agent as its agent and to have accepted the benefits of the Loan Documents. It is understood and agreed that the rights and benefits of each Bank Product Provider under the Loan Documents consist exclusively of such Bank Product Provider's being a beneficiary of the Liens and security interests (and, if applicable, guarantees) granted to Agent and the right to share in payments and collections out of the Collateral as more fully set forth herein. In addition, each Bank Product Provider, by virtue of entering into a Bank Product Agreement, shall have the right, but shall have no obligation, to establish, maintain, relax, or release reserves in respect of the Bank Product Obligations and that if reserves are established there is no obligation on the part of Agent to determine or insure whether the amount of any such reserve is appropriate or not. In

connection with any such distribution of payments or proceeds of Collateral, Agent shall be entitled to assume no amounts are due or owing to any Bank Product Provider unless such Bank Product Provider has provided a written certification (setting forth a reasonably detailed calculation) to Agent as to the amounts that are due and owing to it and such written certification is received by Agent a reasonable period of time prior to the making of such distribution. Agent shall have no obligation to calculate the amount due and payable with respect to any Bank Products, but may rely upon the written certification of the amount due and payable from the applicable Bank Product Provider. In the absence of an updated certification, Agent shall be entitled to assume that the amount due and payable to the applicable Bank Product Provider is the amount last certified to Agent by such Bank Product Provider as being due and payable (less any distributions made to such Bank Product Provider on account thereof). Borrowers may obtain Bank Products from any Bank Product Provider, although Borrowers are not required to do so. Each Borrower acknowledges and agrees that no Bank Product Provider has committed to provide any Bank Products and that the providing of Bank Products by any Bank Product Provider is in the sole and absolute discretion of such Bank Product Provider. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, no provider or holder of any Bank Products or the Obligations owing thereunder, nor shall the consent of any such provider or holder be required (other than in their capacities as Lenders, to the extent applicable) for any matter hereunder or under any of the other Loan Documents, including as to any matter relating to the Collateral or the release of Collateral or Guarantors.

17.6. <u>Debtor-Creditor Relationship</u>. The relationship between the Lenders and Agent, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, is solely that of creditor and debtor. No member of the Lender Group has (or shall be deemed to have) any fiduciary relationship or duty to any Loan Party arising out of or in connection with the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby, and there is no agency or joint venture relationship between the members of the Lender Group, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, by virtue of any Loan Document or any transaction contemplated therein.

17.7. <u>Counterparts</u>; <u>Electronic Execution</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other part of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other part of this Agreement but the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, and binding effect of this Agreement. The foregoing shall apply to each other Loan Document mutatis mutandis.

### 17.8. Revival and Reinstatement of Obligations; Certain Waivers.

(a) If any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider repays, refunds, restores, or returns in whole or in part, any payment or property (including any proceeds

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of Collateral) previously paid or transferred to such member of the Lender Group or such Bank Product Provider in full or partial satisfaction of any Obligation or on account of any other obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document or any Bank Product Agreement, because the payment, transfer, or the incurrence of the obligation so satisfied is asserted or declared to be void, voidable, or otherwise recoverable under any law relating to creditors' rights, including provisions of the Bankruptcy Code relating to fraudulent transfers, preferences, or other voidable or recoverable obligations or transfers (each, a "<u>Voidable Transfer</u>"), or because such member of the Lender Group or Bank Product Provider elects to do so on the reasonable advice of its counsel in connection with a claim that the payment, transfer, or incurrence is or may be a Voidable Transfer, then, as to any such Voidable Transfer, or the amount thereof that such member of the Lender Group or Bank Product Provider elects to repay, restore, or return (including pursuant to a settlement of any claim in respect thereof), and as to all reasonable costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees of such member of the Lender Group or Bank Product Provider related thereto, (i) the liability of the Loan Parties with respect to the amount or property paid, refunded, restored, or returned will automatically and immediately be revived, reinstated, and restored and will exist and (ii) Agent's Liens securing such liability shall be effective, revived, and remain in full force and effect, in each case, as fully as if such Voidable Transfer had never been made. If, prior to any of the foregoing, (A) Agent's Liens shall have been released or terminated or (B) any provision of this Agreement shall have been terminated or cancelled, Agent's Liens, or such provision of this Agreement, shall be reinstated in full force and effect and such prior release, termination, cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect the obligatio

#### 17.9. Confidentiality.

(a) Agent and Lenders each individually (and not jointly or jointly and severally) agree that material, non-public information regarding Parent and its Subsidiaries, their operations, assets, and existing and contemplated business plans ("Confidential Information") shall be treated by Agent and the Lenders in a confidential manner, and shall not be disclosed by Agent and the Lenders to Persons who are not parties to this Agreement, except: (i) to attorneys for and other advisors, accountants, auditors, and consultants to any member of the Lender Group and to employees, directors and officers of any member of the Lender Group (the Persons in this clause (i), "Lender Group Representatives") on a "need to know" basis in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and on a confidential basis, (ii) to Subsidiaries and Affiliates of any member of the Lender Group (including the Bank Product Providers), provided that any such Subsidiary or Affiliate shall have agreed to receive such information hereunder subject to the terms of this Section 17.9, (iii) as may be required by regulatory authorities so long as such authorities are informed of the confidential nature of such information, (iv) as may be required by statute, decision, or judicial or administrative order, rule, or regulation; provided that (x) prior to any disclosure under this clause (iv), the disclosing party agrees to provide Borrowers with prior notice thereof, to the extent that it is practicable to do so and to the extent that the disclosing party is permitted to provide such prior notice to Borrowers pursuant to the terms of the applicable statute, decision, or judicial or administrative order, rule, or regulation and (y) any disclosure under this clause (iv) shall be limited to the portion of the Confidential Information as may be required by such statute, decision, or judicial or administrative order, rule, or regulation, (v) as may be agreed to in advance in writing by Borrowers, (vi) as requested or required by any Governmental Authority pursuant to any subpoena or other legal process, provided, that, (x) prior to any disclosure under this clause (vi) the disclosing party agrees to provide Borrowers with prior written notice thereof, to the extent that it is practicable to do so and to the extent that the disclosing party is permitted to provide such prior written notice to Borrowers pursuant to the terms of the subpoena or other legal process and (y) any disclosure under this clause (vi) shall be limited to the portion of the Confidential Information as may be required by such Governmental Authority pursuant to such subpoena or other legal process, (vii) as to any such information that is or becomes generally available to the public (other than as a result of prohibited disclosure by Agent or the Lenders or the Lender Group Representatives), (viii) in connection with any assignment, participation or pledge of any Lender's interest under this Agreement, provided that prior to receipt of Confidential Information any such assignee, participant, or pledgee shall have agreed in writing to receive such Confidential Information either subject to the terms of this Section 17.9 or pursuant to confidentiality requirements substantially similar to those contained in this Section 17.9 (and such Person may disclose such Confidential Information to Persons employed or engaged by them as described in clause (i) above), (ix) in connection with any litigation or other adversary proceeding involving parties hereto which such litigation or adversary proceeding involves claims related to the rights or duties of such parties under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents; provided, that, prior to any disclosure to any Person (other than any Loan Party, Agent, any Lender, any of their respective Affiliates, or their respective counsel) under this clause (ix) with respect to litigation involving any Person (other than any Borrower, Agent, any Lender, any of their respective Affiliates, or their respective counsel), the disclosing party agrees to provide Borrowers with prior written notice thereof, and (x) in connection with, and to the extent reasonably necessary for, the exercise of any secured creditor remedy under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document.

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(b) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, Agent may disclose information concerning the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to loan syndication and pricing reporting services or in its marketing or promotional materials, with such information to consist of deal terms and other information customarily found in such publications or marketing or promotional materials and may otherwise use the name, logos, and other insignia of any Borrower or the other Loan Parties and the Commitments provided hereunder in any "tombstone" or other advertisements, on its website or in other marketing materials of Agent.

(c) The Loan Parties hereby acknowledge that Agent or its Affiliates may make available to the Lenders materials or information provided by or on behalf of Borrowers hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting the Borrower Materials on IntraLinks, SyndTrak or another similar electronic system (the <u>Platform</u>") and certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to the Loan Parties or their securities) (each, a "<u>Public Lender</u>"). The Loan Parties shall be deemed to have authorized Agent and its Affiliates and the Lenders to treat Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" or otherwise at any time filed with the SEC as not containing any material non-public information with respect to the Loan Parties for purposes of United States federal and state securities laws. All Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated as "Public Investor" (or another similar term). Agent and its Affiliates and the Lenders shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC" or that are not at any time filed with the SEC as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not marked as "Public Investor" (or such other similar term).

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**17.10.** <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that Agent, Issuing Bank, or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of, or any accrued interest on, any Loan or any fee or any other amount payable under this Agreement is outstanding or unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or been terminated.

**17.11.** <u>Patriot Act</u>. Each Lender that is subject to the requirements of the Patriot Act hereby notifies Borrowers that pursuant to the requirements of the Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Borrower, which information includes the name and address of each Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Borrower in accordance with the Patriot Act. In addition, if Agent is required by law or regulation or internal policies to do so, it shall have the right to periodically conduct (a) Patriot Act searches, OFAC/PEP searches, and customary individual background checks for the Loan Parties and (b) OFAC/PEP searches and customary individual background checks for the Loan Parties' senior management and key principals, and each Borrower agrees to cooperate in respect of the conduct of such searches and further agrees that the reasonable costs and charges for such searches shall constitute Lender Group Expenses hereunder and be for the account of Borrowers.

**17.12.** <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement, together with the other Loan Documents, reflects the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and shall not be contradicted or qualified by any other agreement, oral or written, before the date hereof. The foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, all Bank Product Agreements, if any, are independent agreements governed by the written provisions of such Bank Product Agreements, which will remain in full force and effect, unaffected by any repayment, prepayments, acceleration, reduction, increase, or change in the terms of any credit extended hereunder, except as otherwise expressly provided in such Bank Product Agreement.

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17.13. MGPI Processing, Inc. as Agent for Borrowers Each Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints MGPI Processing, Inc. as the borrowing agent and attorney-infact for all Borrowers (the "Administrative Borrower") which appointment shall remain in full force and effect unless and until Agent shall have received prior written notice signed by each Borrower that such appointment has been revoked and that another Borrower has been appointed Administrative Borrower. Each Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative Borrower (a) to provide Agent with all notices with respect to Revolving Loans and Letters of Credit obtained for the benefit of any Borrower and all other notices and instructions under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (and any notice or instruction provided by Administrative Borrower shall be deemed to be given by Borrowers hereunder and shall bind each Borrower), (b) to receive notices and instructions from members of the Lender Group (and any notice or instruction provided by any member of the Lender Group to the Administrative Borrower in accordance with the terms hereof shall be deemed to have been given to each Borrower), and (c) to take such action as the Administrative Borrower deems appropriate on its behalf to obtain Revolving Loans and Letters of Credit and to exercise such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. It is understood that the handling of the Loan Account and Collateral in a combined fashion, as more fully set forth herein, is done solely as an accommodation to Borrowers in order to utilize the collective borrowing powers of Borrowers in the most efficient and economical manner and at their request, and that Lender Group shall not incur liability to any Borrower as a result hereof. Each Borrower expects to derive benefit, directly or indirectly, from the handling of the Loan Account and the Collateral in a combined fashion since the successful operation of each Borrower is dependent on the continued successful performance of the integrated group. To induce the Lender Group to do so, and in consideration thereof, each Borrower hereby jointly and severally agrees to indemnify each member of the Lender Group and hold each member of the Lender Group harmless against any and all liability, expense, loss or claim of damage or injury, made against the Lender Group by any Borrower or by any third party whosoever, arising from or incurred by reason of (i) the handling of the Loan Account and Collateral of Borrowers as herein provided, or (ii) the Lender Group's relying on any instructions of the Administrative Borrower, except that Borrowers will have no liability to the relevant Agent-Related Person or Lender-Related Person under this Section 17.13 with respect to any liability that has been finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted solely from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent-Related Person or Lender-Related Person, as the case may be.

[Signature pages to follow.]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

# BORROWERS:

# MGPI PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation

By: <u>/s/ Don Tracy</u> Name: Don Tracy Title: Chief Financial Officer **MGPI PIPELINE, INC.**, a Kansas corporation

By: <u>/s/ Don Tracy</u> Name: Don Tracy Title: Chief Financial Officer **MGPI OF INDIANA, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company

By: <u>/s/ Don Tracy</u> Name: Don Tracy Title: Chief Financial Officer

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC., a Kansas corporation

By: <u>/s/ Don Tracy</u> Name: Don Tracy Title: Chief Financial Officer

PARENT:

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WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Agent, as Sole Lead Arranger, as Sole Book Runner, and as a Lender

By: <u>\s\ Chris Heckman</u> Name: <u>Chris Heckman</u> Its Authorized Signatory

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## Schedule 1.1

As used in the Agreement, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

"Account" means an account (as that term is defined in the Code).

"Account Debtor" means any Person who is obligated on an Account, chattel paper, or a general intangible.

"Accounting Changes" means changes in accounting principles required by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (or successor thereto or any agency with similar functions).

"Acquired Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of a Person whose assets or Equity Interests are acquired by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in a Permitted Acquisition; provided, that such Indebtedness (a) is either purchase money Indebtedness or a Capital Lease with respect to Equipment or mortgage financing with respect to Real Property, (b) was in existence prior to the date of such Permitted Acquisition, and (c) was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Permitted Acquisition.

"Acquisition" means (a) the purchase or other acquisition by a Person or its Subsidiaries of all or substantially all of the assets of (or any division or business line of) any other Person, or (b) the purchase or other acquisition (whether by means of a merger, consolidation, or otherwise) by a Person or its Subsidiaries of all or substantially all of the Equity Interests of any other Person.

"Additional Documents" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 5.12 of the Agreement.

"Administrative Borrower" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.13 of the Agreement.

"Administrative Questionnaire" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 13.1(a) of the Agreement.

"Affected Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.12(b) of the Agreement.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, as applied to any Person, any other Person who controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" means the possession, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, of the power to direct the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of Equity Interests, by contract, or otherwise; <u>provided</u>, that, for purposes of the definition of Eligible Accounts and <u>Section 6.10</u> of the Agreement: (a) any Person which owns directly or indirectly 10% or more of the Equity Interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other members of the governing body of a Person or 10% or more of the partnership interests of a Person (other than as a limited partner of such Person) shall be deemed an Affiliate of such Person, (b) each director (or comparable manager) of a Person shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of such Person, and (c) each partnership in which a Person is a general partner shall be deemed an Affiliate of such Person.

"Agent" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Agent-Related Persons" means Agent, together with its Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, and agents.

"Agent's Account" means the Deposit Account of Agent identified on Schedule A-1 of the Agreement (or such other Deposit Account of Agent that has been designated as such, in writing, by Agent to Borrowers and the Lenders).

"Agent's Liens" means the Liens granted by Parent or its Subsidiaries to Agent under the Loan Documents and securing the Obligations.

"Agreement" means the Credit Agreement to which this Schedule 1.1 is attached.

"<u>Applicable Margin</u>" means, as of any date of determination and with respect to Current Asset Base Rate Loans, Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loans, Fixed Asset Base Rate Loans or Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loans, as applicable, the applicable margin set forth in the following table that corresponds to the Average Excess Availability of Borrowers for the most recently completed month; <u>provided</u>, that for the period from the Closing Date through and including the date on which Agent receives the calculation of Average Excess Availability of Borrowers for the month ending February 28, 2013, the Applicable Margin shall be set at the margin in the row styled "Level II"; <u>provided further</u>, that any time an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Applicable Margin shall be set at the margin in the row styled "Level III":

Level	Average Excess Availability	Applicable Margin Relative to Current Asset Base Rate Loans (the "Current Asset Base Rate Margin")	Applicable Margin Relative to Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loans (the "Current Asset LIBOR Rate Margin")	Applicable Margin Relative to Fixed Asset Base Rate Loans (the "Fixed Asset Base Rate	Applicable Margin Relative to Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loans (the "Fixed Asset LIBOR
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Ι	$\geq$ \$25,000,000	1.00 percentage points	2.00 percentage points	1.50 percentage points	2.50 percentage points
II	$<$ \$25,000,000 and $\ge$ \$12,500,000	1.25 percentage points	2.25 percentage points	1.75 percentage points	2.75 percentage points
III	< \$12,500,000	1.50 percentage points	2.50 percentage points	2.00 percentage points	3.00 percentage points

The Applicable Margin shall be re-determined as of the first day of each fiscal month of Borrowers.

"Application Event" means the occurrence of (a) a failure by Borrowers to repay all of the Obligations in full on the Maturity Date, or (b) an Event of Default and the election by Agent or the Required Lenders to require that payments and proceeds of Collateral be applied pursuant to <u>Section 2.3(b)(ii)</u> of the Agreement.

"Assignee" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 13.1(a) of the Agreement.

"Assignment and Acceptance" means an Assignment and Acceptance Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A-1 to the Agreement.

"Atchison IRB Bonds" means those certain \$7,000,000 Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series 2006 (MGP Ingredients Project) issued by the City of Atchison, Kansas, pursuant to that certain Trust Indenture dated as of the issue date of the bonds, between the City of Atchison, Kansas and Commerce Bank, N.A., Kansas City Missouri.

"Authorized Person" means any one of the individuals identified on <u>Schedule A-2</u> to the Agreement, as such schedule is updated from time to time by written notice from Borrowers to Agent.

"Availability" means, as of any date of determination, the amount that Borrowers are entitled to borrow as Revolving Loans under<u>Section 2.1</u> of the Agreement (after giving effect to the then outstanding Revolver Usage).

"Average Availability" means, with respect to any period, the sum of the aggregate amount of Availability for each Business Day in such period (calculated as of the end of each respective Business Day) divided by the number of Business Days in such period.

"Average Excess Availability" means, with respect to any period, the sum of the aggregate amount of Excess Availability for each Business Day in such period (calculated as of the end of each respective Business Day) divided by the number of Business Days in such period.

"Average Revolver Usage" means, with respect to any period, the sum of the aggregate amount of Revolver Usage for each Business Day in such period (calculated as of the end of each respective Business Day) divided by the number of Business Days in such period.

"Bank of Atchison Term Loan Documents" means collectively, (i) that certain promissory note dated as of July 20, 2009 executed by MGPI Processing in favor of Union State Bank of Everest DBA Bank of Atchison USB, (ii) that certain Commercial Security Agreement dated as of July 20, 2009 executed by MGPI Processing in favor of Union State Bank of Everest DBA Bank of Atchison USB, (iii) that certain Real Estate Mortgage dated as of July 20, 2009 executed by MGPI Processing in favor of Union State Ban of Everest DBA Bank of Atchison USB, (iii) that certain Real Estate Mortgage dated as of July 20, 2009 executed by MGPI Processing in favor of Union State Ban of Everest DBA Bank of Atchison USB and (iv) all other agreements, instruments and documents executed in connection with the foregoing, in each case as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time as permitted hereunder.

"Bank Product" means any one or more of the following financial products or accommodations extended to Parent or its Subsidiaries by a Bank Product Provider: (a) credit cards (including commercial cards (including so-called "purchase cards", "procurement cards" or "p-cards")), (b) credit card processing services, (c) debit cards, (d) stored value cards, (e) Cash Management Services, or (f) transactions under Hedge Agreements.

"Bank Product Agreements" means those agreements entered into from time to time by Parent or its Subsidiaries with a Bank Product Provider in connection with the obtaining of any of the Bank Products.

"Bank Product Collateralization" means providing cash collateral (pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to Agent) to be held by Agent for the benefit of the Bank Product Providers in an amount determined by Agent as sufficient to satisfy the reasonably estimated credit exposure with respect to the then existing Bank Product Obligations (other than Hedge Obligations).

"Bank Product Obligations" means (a) all obligations, liabilities, reimbursement obligations, fees, or expenses owing by Parent and its Subsidiaries to any Bank Product Provider pursuant to or evidenced by a Bank Product Agreement and irrespective of whether for the payment of money, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising, (b) all Hedge Obligations, and (c) all amounts that Agent or any Lender is obligated to pay to such Bank Product Provider as a result of Agent or such Lender purchasing participations from, or executing guarantees or indemnities or reimbursement obligations to, a Bank Product Provider with respect to the Bank Products provided by a Bank Product Provider to Parent or one of its Subsidiaries.

"Bank Product Provider" means Wells Fargo or any of its Affiliates.

"Bank Product Reserves" means, as of any date of determination, those reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate to establish (based upon the Bank Product Providers' determination of the liabilities and obligations of Parent and its Subsidiaries in respect of Bank Product Obligations) in respect of Bank Products then provided or outstanding.

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, as in effect from time to time.

"Base Rate" means the greatest of (a) 1.00 percent per annum, (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus ½%, (c) the LIBOR Rate (which rate shall be calculated based upon an Interest Period of 1 month and shall be determined on a daily basis), plus 1 percentage point, and (d) the rate of interest announced, from time to time, within Wells Fargo at its principal office in San Francisco as its "prime rate", with the understanding that the "prime rate" is one of Wells Fargo's base rates (not necessarily the lowest of such rates) and serves as the basis upon which effective rates of interest are calculated for those loans making reference thereto and is evidenced by the recording thereof after its announcement in such internal publications as Wells Fargo may designate.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Current Asset Base Rate Loan or a Fixed Asset Base Rate Loan, as applicable.

"Base Rate Margin" means the Current Asset Base Rate Margin or the Fixed Asset Base Rate Margin, as applicable.

"Benefit Plan" means a "defined benefit plan" (as defined in Section 3(35) of ERISA) for which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or ERISA Affiliates has been an "employer" (as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA) within the past six years.

"Board of Directors" means, as to any Person, the board of directors (or comparable managers) of such Person, or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of the board of directors (or comparable managers).

"Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).

"Book Runner" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Borrower" and "Borrowers" have the respective meanings specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.9(c) of the Agreement.

"Borrowing" means a borrowing consisting of Revolving Loans made on the same day by the Lenders (or Agent on behalf thereof), or by Swing Lender in the case of a Swing Loan, or by Agent in the case of an Extraordinary Advance.

"Borrowing Base" means, as of any date of determination, the result of:

(a) 85% of the amount of Eligible Accounts, less the amount, if any, of the Dilution Reserve, plus

(b) the lesser of:

(i) the sum (without duplication) of (A) the product of the Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory, plus (B) the product of the Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory, plus (C) the product of the Eligible Corn Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, plus (D) the product of the Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, plus (E) the product of the Eligible Finished Goods Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Finished Goods Inventory, plus (F) the product of the Eligible Barreled Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory, plus (G) the product of the Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory, plus (H) the Elsester of \$4,500,000 and the product of the Eligible Work in Process Inventory Advance Rate times the value of the Eligible Raw Materials Inventory (other than Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory and Eligible Corn Inventory), in each case with such value to be calculated at the lower of cost or market on a basis consistent with Borrowers' historical accounting practices, and

(ii) the product of 85% multiplied by the Net Recovery Percentage identified in the most recent inventory appraisal ordered and obtained by Agent multiplied by the value (calculated at the lower of cost or market on a basis consistent with Borrowers' historical accounting practices) of Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory, Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory, Eligible Corn Inventory, Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, Eligible Finished Goods Inventory, Eligible Barreled Inventory, Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory, Eligible Work in Process Inventory and Eligible Raw Materials Inventory (other than Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory and Eligible Corn Inventory) (such determination may be made as to different categories of Eligible Inventory based upon the Net Recovery Percentage applicable to such categories) at such time,

provided, that Revolving Loans outstanding against Eligible Rail Inventory shall not exceed \$3,000,000 at any time outstanding,

## <u>plus</u>

(c) on and after the Fixed Asset Availability Date, Fixed Asset Availability, minus

(d) the Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve, minus

(e) the Rail Reserve, minus

(f) the aggregate amount of any other reserves, if any, established by Agent under Section 2.1(c) of the Agreement.

"Borrowing Base Certificate" means a certificate in the form of Exhibit B-1.

"Bunge Agreements" means, collectively (i) that certain Feedstock Supply Agreement dated as of January 27, 2012 between MGPI Indiana and Bunge North America (East), L.L.C. and (ii) that certain Third Amended and Restated Corn Supply Agreement dated as of April 18, 2012 between MGP Ingredients, Inc. and Bunge Milling, Inc., in each case as amended from time to time and together with any replacements thereof.

"Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other day on which banks are authorized or required to close in the state of Illinois, except that, if a determination of a Business Day shall relate to a LIBOR Rate Loan, the term "Business Day" also shall exclude any day on which banks are closed for dealings in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

"Capital Expenditures" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the amount of all expenditures by such Person and its Subsidiaries during such period that are capital expenditures as determined in accordance with GAAP, whether such expenditures are paid in cash or financed, but excluding, without duplication (a) expenditures made during such period in connection with the replacement, substitution, or restoration of assets or properties pursuant to <u>Section 2.3(e)(ii)</u> of the Agreement, (b) with respect to the purchase price of assets that are purchased substantially contemporaneously with the trade-in of existing assets during such period, the amount that the gross amount of such purchase price is reduced by the credit granted by the seller of such assets for the assets being traded in at such time, (c) expenditures made during such period to consummate one or more Permitted Acquisitions, (d) expenditures made during such period to the extent made with identifiable proceeds of an equity investment in Parent, which equity investment is made substantially contemporaneously with the making of the expenditure, (e) capitalized software development costs to the extent such costs are deducted from net earnings under the definition of EBITDA for such period, and (f) expenditures during such period that, pursuant to a written agreement, are reimbursed by a third Person (excluding Parent or any of its Affiliates).

"Capitalized Lease Obligation" means that portion of the obligations under a Capital Lease that is required to be capitalized in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Lease" means a lease that is required to be capitalized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with GAAP.

"Cash Equivalents" means (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within 1 year from the date of acquisition thereof, (b) marketable direct obligations issued or fully guaranteed by any state of the United States or any political subdivision of any such state or any public instrumentality thereof maturing within 1 year from the date of acquisition thereof and, at the time of acquisition, having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Standard & Poor's Rating Group ("S&P") or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), (c) commercial paper maturing no more than 270 days from the date of creation thereof and, at the time of acquisition, having a rating of at least A-1 from S&P or at least P-1 from Moody's, (d) certificates of deposit, time deposits, overnight bank deposits or bankers' acceptances maturing within 1 year from the date of acquisition thereof issued by any bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia or any United States branch of a foreign bank having at the date of acquisition thereof combined capital and surplus of not less than \$1,000,000,000, (e) Deposit Accounts maintained with (i) any bank that satisfies the criteria described in clause (d) above, or (ii) any other bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof so long as the full amount maintained with any such other bank is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, (f) repurchase obligations of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (d) of this definition or recognized securities dealer having combined capital and surplus of not less than \$1,000,000,000, having a term of not more than seven days, with respect to securities satisfying the criteria in clauses (a) or (d) above, (g) debt securities with maturities of six months or less from the date of

"Cash Management Services" means any cash management or related services including treasury, depository, return items, overdraft, controlled disbursement, merchant store value cards, e-payables services, electronic funds transfer, interstate depository network, automatic clearing house transfer (including the Automated Clearing House processing of electronic funds transfers through the direct Federal Reserve Fedline system) and other cash management arrangements.

"CFC" means a controlled foreign corporation (as that term is defined in the IRC).

"Change of Control" means that:

(a) any Person or two or more Persons acting in concert (other than Permitted Holders), shall have acquired beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, of Equity Interests of Parent (or other securities convertible into such Equity Interests) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of all Equity Interests of Parent entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote for the election of members of the Board of Directors of Parent;

(b) any Person or two or more Persons acting in concert (other than Permitted Holders), shall have acquired by contract or otherwise, or shall have entered into a contract or arrangement that, upon consummation thereof, will result in its or their acquisition of the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of Parent or control over the Equity Interests of such Person entitled to vote for members of the Board of Directors of Parent on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such Equity Interests that such Person or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right) representing 30% or more of the combined voting power of such Equity Interests;

(c) during any period of 24 consecutive months commencing on or after the Closing Date, the occurrence of a change in the composition of the Board of Directors of Parent such that a majority of the members of such Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors;

(d) Parent fails to own and control, directly or indirectly, 100% of the Equity Interests of each other Loan Party; or

(e) the occurrence of any "Change in Control" as reported by Parent in response to either Item 6(e) of Schedule 14A of Regulation 14A promulgated under the Exchange Act or Item 1 of Form 8 K promulgated under the Exchange Act.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence after the date of the Agreement of: (a) the adoption or effectiveness of any law, rule, regulation, judicial ruling, judgment or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation, judicial ruling, judgment or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application by any Governmental Authority of any law, rule, regulation, guideline or treaty, or (c) the making or issuance by any Governmental Authority of any request, rule, guideline or directive, whether or not having the force of law; provided that notwithstanding anything in the Agreement 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 concerning capital adequacy 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 shall, in each case, be deemed to be a "Change in Law," regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Closing Date" means the date of the making of the initial Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) under the Agreement.

"Code" means the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect from time to time in the state of Illinois.

"Collateral" means all assets and interests in assets and proceeds thereof now owned or hereafter acquired by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in or upon which a Lien is granted by such Person in favor of Agent or the Lenders under any of the Loan Documents.

"Collateral Access Agreement" means a landlord waiver, bailee letter, or acknowledgement agreement of any lessor, warehouseman, processor, consignee, or other Person in possession of, having a Lien upon, or having rights or interests in Parent's or its Subsidiaries' books and records, Equipment, or Inventory, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

"<u>Commitment</u>" means, with respect to each Lender, its Revolver Commitment, and, with respect to all Lenders, their Revolver Commitments, in each case as such Dollar amounts are set forth beside such Lender's name under the applicable heading on <u>Schedule C-1</u> to the Agreement or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a Lender under the Agreement, as such amounts may be reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments made in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.1</u> of the Agreement.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-1 to the Agreement delivered by the chief financial officer of Parent to

Agent.

"<u>Confidential Information</u>" has the meaning specified therefor in <u>Section 17.9(a)</u> of the Agreement.

"Continuing Director" means (a) any member of the Board of Directors who was a director (or comparable manager) of Parent on the Closing Date, and (b) any individual who becomes a member of the Board of Directors after the Closing Date if such individual was approved, appointed or nominated for election to the Board of Directors by either the Permitted Holders or a majority of the Continuing Directors, but excluding any such individual originally proposed for election in opposition to the Board of Directors in office at the Closing Date in an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of the directors (or comparable managers) of Parent and whose initial assumption of office resulted from such contest or the settlement thereof.

"Control Agreement" means a control agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, executed and delivered by Parent or one of its Subsidiaries, Agent, and the applicable securities intermediary (with respect to a Securities Account) or bank (with respect to a Deposit Account).

"Current Asset Base Rate Loan" means each portion of the Current Asset Loans that bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.

"Current Asset Base Rate Margin" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin.

"Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loan" means each portion of the Current Asset Loans that bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the LIBOR Rate.

"Current Asset LIBOR Rate Margin" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin.

"Current Asset Loans" means that portion of the Revolving Loans that is predicated on the value of Eligible Accounts and Eligible Inventory.

"Customer Access Agreement" means an acknowledgment agreement of a customer that has access to Rail Inventory in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

"Customer Agreement" means an agreement executed by an Account Debtor in favor of a Borrower and Agent, pursuant to which the Account Debtor agrees to pay when due all invoices relating to the purchase of Inventory held by such Borrower subject to a bill and hold arrangement, regardless of whether such Inventory is delivered to such Account Debtor, and which is otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

"Default" means an event, condition, or default that, with the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Lender that (a) has failed to fund any amounts required to be funded by it under the Agreement on the date that it is required to do so under the Agreement (including the failure to make available to Agent amounts required pursuant to a Settlement or to make a required payment in connection with a Letter of Credit Disbursement), (b) notified Borrowers, Agent, or any Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with all or any portion of its funding obligations under the Agreement, (c) has made a public statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under the Agreement or under other agreements generally (as reasonably determined by Agent) under which it has committed to extend credit, (d) failed, within 1 Business Day after written request by Agent, to confirm that it will comply with the terms of the Agreement relating to its obligations to fund any amounts required to be funded by it under the Agreement, (e) otherwise failed to pay over to Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it under the Agreement or (i) becomes or is insolvent or has a parent company that has become or is insolvent or (ii) becomes the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, or custodian or appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment or has a parent company that has become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee, or custodian appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment.

"Defaulting Lender Rate" means (a) for the first 3 days from and after the date the relevant payment is due, the Base Rate, and (b) thereafter, the interest rate then applicable to Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans (inclusive of the Base Rate Margin applicable thereto).

"Deposit Account" means any deposit account (as that term is defined in the Code).

"Designated Account" means the Deposit Account of Parent (or, once such Deposit Account has been assigned to Administrative Borrower, Administrative Borrower identified on <u>Schedule D-1</u> to the Agreement (or such other Deposit Account of Administrative Borrower located at Designated Account Bank that has been designated as such, in writing, by Borrowers to Agent).

"Designated Account Bank" has the meaning specified therefor in Schedule D-1 to the Agreement (or such other bank that is located within the United States that has been designated as such, in writing, by Borrowers to Agent).

"Dilution" means, as of any date of determination, a percentage, based upon the experience of the immediately prior 12 months, that is the result of dividing the Dollar amount of (a) bad debt write-downs, discounts, advertising allowances, credits, or other dilutive items with respect to Borrowers' Accounts during such period, by (b) Borrowers' billings with respect to Accounts during such period.

"Dilution Reserve" means, as of any date of determination, an amount sufficient to reduce the advance rate against Eligible Accounts by 1 percentage point for each percentage point by which Dilution is in excess of 5%.

"Disqualified Equity Interests" means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security or other Equity Interests into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event or condition (a) matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Qualified Equity Interests), pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise (except as a result of a change of control or asset sale so long as any rights of the holders thereof upon the occurrence of a change of control or asset sale event shall be subject to the prior repayment in full of the Loans and all other Obligations that are accrued and payable and the termination of the Commitments), (b) is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Equity Interests), in whole or in part, (c) provides for the scheduled payments of dividends in cash, or (d) is or becomes convertible into or exchangeable for Indebtedness or any other Equity Interests that would constitute Disqualified Equity Interests, in each case, prior to the date that is 180 days after the Maturity Date.

"Distilled Spirits Lien" means any Liens on the Borrowers' Inventory for taxes arising under 26 U.S.C. 5001et seq. and any actual or effective substitutions or replacements thereof.

"Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve" means an amount determined by Agent in its Permitted Discretion to reasonably approximate the amount of taxes which are due and unpaid in respect of Borrowers' Inventory pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 5001 *et. seq.* (and any actual or effective substitutions or replacements thereof.

"Dollars" or "§" means United States dollars.

"Drawing Document" means any document referred to in or related to any Letter of Credit that is required to be presented in order to make a draw under such Letter of Credit.

"EBITDA" means, with respect to any fiscal period,

(a) Parent's consolidated net earnings (or loss),

minus

(b) without duplication, the sum of the following amounts of Parent for such period to the extent included in determining consolidated net earnings (or loss) for such period:

(i) extraordinary gains,

(ii) interest income,

plus

(c) without duplication, the sum of the following amounts of Parent for such period to the extent included in determining consolidated net earnings (or loss) for such period:

- (i) non-cash extraordinary losses,
- (ii) Interest Expense,
- (iii) income taxes paid,

(iv) and depreciation and amortization for such period, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

For the purposes of calculating EBITDA for any period of 4 consecutive fiscal quarters (each, a '<u>Reference Period</u>''), if at any time during such Reference Period (and after the Closing Date), Parent or any of its Subsidiaries shall have made a Permitted Acquisition, EBITDA for such Reference Period shall be calculated after giving *pro forma* effect thereto (including *pro forma* adjustments arising out of events which are directly attributable to such Permitted Acquisition, are factually supportable, and are expected to have a continuing impact, in each case to be mutually and reasonably agreed upon by Parent and Agent) or in such other manner acceptable to Agent as if any such Permitted Acquisition or adjustment occurred on the first day of such Reference Period.

"Eligible Accounts" means those Accounts created by a Borrower in the ordinary course of its business, that arise out of such Borrower's sale of goods or rendition of services, that comply with each of the representations and warranties respecting Eligible Accounts made in the Loan Documents, and that are not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria set forth below; provided, that such criteria may be revised from time to time by Agent in Agent's Permitted Discretion to address the results of any field examination performed by (or on behalf of) Agent from time to time after the Closing Date. In determining the amount to be included, Eligible Accounts shall be calculated net of customer deposits, unapplied cash, taxes, discounts, credits, allowances, and rebates. Eligible Accounts shall not include the following:

(a) Accounts that the Account Debtor has failed to pay within 90 days of original invoice date or 60 days of the due date,

(b) Accounts owed by an Account Debtor (or its Affiliates) where 50% or more of all Accounts owed by that Account Debtor (or its Affiliates) are deemed ineligible under clause (a) above,

(c) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is an Affiliate of any Borrower or an employee or agent of any Borrower or any Affiliate of any Borrower,

(d) Accounts arising in a transaction wherein goods are placed on consignment or are sold pursuant to a guaranteed sale, a sale or return, a sale on approval, or any other terms by reason of which the payment by the Account Debtor may be conditional,

(e) Accounts arising in a transaction wherein goods are sold subject to a bill and hold arrangement, unless the applicable Account Debtor has executed a Customer Agreement,

(f) Accounts that are not payable in Dollars,

(g) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor either (i) does not maintain its chief executive office in the United States, or (ii) is not organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or (iii) is the government of any foreign country or sovereign state, or of any state, province, municipality, or other political subdivision thereof, or of any department, agency, public corporation, or other instrumentality thereof, unless (A) the Account is supported by an irrevocable letter of credit reasonably satisfactory to Agent (as to form, substance, and issuer or domestic confirming bank) that has been delivered to Agent and is directly drawable by Agent, or (B) the Account is covered by credit insurance in form, substance, and amount, and by an insurer, reasonably satisfactory to Agent,

(h) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is either (i) the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States (exclusive, however, of Accounts with respect to which Borrowers have complied, to the reasonable satisfaction of Agent, with the Assignment of Claims Act, 31 USC §3727), or (ii) any state of the United States,

(i) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is a creditor of a Borrower, has or has asserted a right of recoupment or setoff, or has disputed its obligation to pay all or any portion of the Account, to the extent of such claim, right of recoupment or setoff, or dispute,

(j) Accounts (a) with respect to Vi-Jon, Inc., a Tennessee corporation and its Affiliates (collectively, <u>Vijon</u>"), to the extent the obligations owing by Vijon exceed 15% (such percentage being subject to reduction by Agent in its Permitted Discretion if the creditworthiness of Vijon deteriorates) of all Eligible Accounts, (b) with respect to B.C. Williams Bakery Service, Inc., a Texas corporation and its Affiliates (collectively, "<u>BC Williams</u>"), to the extent the obligations owing by BC Williams exceed 15% (such percentage being subject to reduction by Agent in its Permitted Discretion if the creditworthiness of BC Williams deteriorates) of all Eligible Accounts and (c) with respect to any Account Debtor (other than Vijon or BC Williams) whose total obligations owing to Borrowers exceed 10% (such percentage, as applied to a particular Account Debtor, being subject to reduction by Agent in its Permitted Discretion if the creditworthiness of such Account Debtor deteriorates) of all Eligible Accounts, to the extent of the obligations owing by such Account Debtor in excess of such percentage; provided, that, in each case, the amount of Eligible Accounts that are excluded because they exceed the foregoing percentage shall be determined by Agent based on all of the otherwise Eligible Accounts prior to giving effect to any eliminations based upon the foregoing concentration limits,

(k) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, has gone out of business, or as to which any Borrower has received notice of an imminent Insolvency Proceeding or a material impairment of the financial condition of such Account Debtor,

(1) Accounts, the collection of which, Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, believes to be doubtful, including by reason of the Account Debtor's financial

condition,

(m) Accounts that are not subject to a valid and perfected first priority Agent's Lien,

(n) Accounts with respect to which (i) the goods giving rise to such Account have not been shipped and billed to the Account Debtor, or (ii) the services giving rise to such Account have not been performed and billed to the Account Debtor,

(o) Accounts with respect to which the Account Debtor is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity,

(p) Accounts that represent the right to receive progress payments or other advance billings that are due prior to the completion of performance by the applicable Borrower of the subject contract for goods or services, or

(q) Accounts owned by a target acquired in connection with a Permitted Acquisition, until the completion of an appraisal and field examination with respect to such target, in each case, reasonably satisfactory to Agent (which appraisal and field examination may be conducted prior to the closing of such Permitted Acquisition).

"Eligible Barreled Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of barreled alcoholic beverages that are less than 2 years old that qualifies as Eligible Inventory in all respects.

"Eligible Barreled Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of barreled alcoholic beverages that are 2 years old or greater that qualifies as Eligible Inventory in all respects.

"Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Corn Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of corn that qualifies as Eligible Raw Materials Inventory in all respects.

"Eligible Corn Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Equipment" means Equipment of any Borrower included in the most recent appraisal of the Equipment of Borrowers received by Agent in form and substance acceptable to Agent, which is addressed to Agent and upon which Agent is expressly permitted to rely, that complies with each of the representations and warranties respecting Eligible Equipment made in the Loan Documents, and that is not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria set forth below; <u>provided</u>, that such criteria may be revised from time to time by Agent in Agent's Permitted Discretion to address the result of any field examination or appraisal conducted by Agent after the Closing Date. An item of Equipment shall not be included in Eligible Equipment if:

(a) the applicable Borrower does not have good, valid, and marketable title thereto,

(b) the applicable Borrower does not have actual and exclusive possession thereof (either directly or through a bailee or agent of such Borrower),

(c) it is not located at one of the locations in the continental United States set forth on<u>Schedule 4.25</u> to the Agreement,

(d) it is in-transit,

(e) it is located on real property leased by the applicable Borrower or in a contract warehouse, in each case, unless it is subject to a Collateral Access Agreement executed by the lessor or warehouseman and any applicable mortgagee, as the case may be, and unless it is segregated or otherwise separately identifiable from goods of others, if any, stored on the premises,

(f) it is not subject to a valid and perfected first priority Agent's Lien,

(g) it is not in good order, repair, running and marketable condition (ordinary wear and tear excepted),

(h) it is worn out, obsolete, damaged or defective Equipment or Equipment not used or usable in the ordinary course of business of the applicable Borrower as presently conducted,

- (i) it consists of computer hardware,
- (j) it consists of fixtures,
- (k) it consists of tooling, or

(1) it is leased to a Borrower or by another Borrower.

"Eligible Finished Goods Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower that qualifies as Eligible Inventory and consists of first quality finished goods held for sale in the ordinary course of Borrowers' business (other than Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory, Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory, Eligible Barreled Inventory and Eligible Barreled (Two-Year) Inventory).

"Eligible Finished Goods Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of flour, rye or barley that qualifies as Eligible Raw Materials Inventory in all respects.

"Eligible Flour/Rye/Barley Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of food grade alcohol which qualifies as Eligible Inventory in all

respects.

"Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower, that complies with each of the representations and warranties respecting Eligible Inventory made in the Loan Documents, and that is not excluded as ineligible by virtue of one or more of the excluding criteria set forth below; <u>provided</u>, that such criteria may be revised from time to time by Agent in Agent's Permitted Discretion to address the results of any field examination or appraisal performed by Agent from time to time after the Closing Date. In determining the amount to be so included, Inventory shall be valued at the lower of cost or market on a basis consistent with Borrowers' historical accounting practices. An item of Inventory shall not be included in Eligible Inventory if:

(a) a Borrower does not have good, valid, and marketable title thereto,

(b) a Borrower does not have actual and exclusive possession thereof (either directly or through a bailee or agent of a Borrower),

(c) it is not located at one of the locations in the continental United States set forth on <u>Schedule E-1</u> to the Agreement (or in-transit from one such location to another such location),

(d) it is in-transit to or from a location of a Borrower (other than in-transit from one location set forth or <u>Schedule E-1</u> to the Agreement to another location set forth on <u>Schedule E-1</u> to the Agreement),

(e) it is located on real property leased by a Borrower or in a contract warehouse, in each case, unless it is subject to a Collateral Access Agreement executed by the lessor or warehouseman, as the case may be, and unless it is segregated or otherwise separately identifiable from goods of others, if any, stored on the premises,

(f) it is held on consignment by a third party,

(g) it is the subject of a bill of lading or other document of title,

(h) it is not subject to a valid, perfected and (subject to Distilled Spirits Liens for which Agent has established a Distilled Spirits Reserve) first priority Agent's

Lien,

(i) it consists of goods returned or rejected by a Borrower's customers,

(j) it consists of goods that are obsolete or slow moving, restrictive or custom items, work-in-process (other than Eligible Work in Process), raw materials, or goods that constitute spare parts, packaging and shipping materials, supplies used or consumed in Borrowers' business, bill and hold goods, defective goods, "seconds," or Inventory acquired on consignment,

(k) it is subject to third party trademark, licensing or other proprietary rights, unless Agent is satisfied that such Inventory can be freely sold by Agent on and after the occurrence of an Event of a Default despite such third party rights,

(1) it was acquired in connection with a Permitted Acquisition, until the completion of an appraisal and field examination of such Inventory, in each case, reasonably satisfactory to Agent (which appraisal and field examination may be conducted prior to the closing of such Permitted Acquisition), or

(m) it is located at any JV Location.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for purposes of Eligible Inventory, "in-transit" shall not be deemed to include Eligible Rail Inventory.

"Eligible Raw Materials Inventory" means Inventory that qualifies as Eligible Inventory and consists of goods that are first quality raw materials.

"Eligible Raw Materials Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Real Estate" means the Real Property Collateral listed on Schedule E-3 attached hereto.

"Eligible Rail Inventory" means those items of Rail Inventory that do not qualify as Eligible Inventory solely because they are not in a location set forth on Schedule E-1 or in transit among such locations and a Borrower does not have actual and exclusive possession thereof, but as to which (i) Agent has received an executed Customer Access Agreement and (ii) Agent has received a true and correct copy of any contracts between Borrower and the customer that has access to such Rail Inventory.

"Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory" means all Inventory of a Borrower consisting of starch or protein which qualifies as Eligible Inventory in all respects

"Eligible Starch/Protein Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Eligible Transferee" means (a) any Lender (other than a Defaulting Lender), any Affiliate of any Lender and any Related Fund of any Lender; and (b) (i) a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, and having total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; (ii) a savings and loan association or savings bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, and having total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; (iii) a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, and having total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; (iii) a commercial bank organized under the laws of any other country or a political subdivision thereof; provided that (A) (x) such bank is acting through a branch or agency located in the United States or (y) such bank is organized under the laws of a country that is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development or a political subdivision of such country, and (B) such bank has total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; (d) any other entity (other than a natural person) that is an "accredited investor" (as defined in Regulation D under the Securities Act) that extends credit or buys loans as one of its businesses including insurance companies, investment or mutual funds and lease financing companies, and having total assets in excess of \$1,000,000,000; and (e) during the continuation of an Event of Default, any other Person approved by Agent; provided, that no Affiliate of Parent shall qualify as an Eligible Transferee.

"Eligible Work in Process Inventory" means Inventory of a Borrower consisting of goods that are first quality work-in-process and otherwise qualifies as Eligible Inventory; provided, that anything to the contrary contained herein notwithstanding, the value of such Inventory shall not include the value of any labor or other services rendered to produce such Inventory.

### "Eligible Work in Process Inventory Advance Rate" means seventy-five percent (75%).

"Employee Benefit Plan" means any employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA, (a) that is or within the preceding six (6) years has been sponsored, maintained or contributed to by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate or (b) to which any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate has, or has had at any time within the preceding six (6) years, any liability, contingent or otherwise.

"Environmental Action" means any written complaint, summons, citation, notice, directive, order, claim, litigation, investigation, judicial or administrative proceeding, judgment, letter, or other written communication from any Governmental Authority, or any third party involving violations of Environmental Laws or releases of Hazardous Materials (a) from any assets, properties, or businesses of any Borrower, any Subsidiary of any Borrower, or any of their predecessors in interest, (b) from adjoining properties or businesses, or (c) from or onto any facilities which received Hazardous Materials generated by any Borrower, any Subsidiary of any Borrower, or any of their predecessors in interest.

"Environmental Law" means any applicable federal, state, provincial, foreign or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, binding and enforceable guideline, binding and enforceable written policy, or rule of common law now or hereafter in effect and in each case as amended, or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent decree or judgment, in each case, to the extent binding on Parent or its Subsidiaries, relating to the environment, the effect of the environment on employee health, or Hazardous Materials, in each case as amended from time to time.

"Environmental Liabilities" means all liabilities, monetary obligations, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including all reasonable fees, disbursements and expenses of counsel, experts, or consultants, and costs of investigation and feasibility studies), fines, penalties, sanctions, and interest incurred as a result of any claim or demand, or Remedial Action required, by any Governmental Authority or any third party, and which relate to any Environmental Action.

"Environmental Lien" means any Lien in favor of any Governmental Authority for Environmental Liabilities.

"Equipment" means equipment (as that term is defined in the Code).

"Equity Interest" means, with respect to a Person, all of the shares, options, warrants, interests, participations, or other equivalents (regardless of how designated) of or in such Person, whether voting or nonvoting, including capital stock (or other ownership or profit interests or units), preferred stock, or any other "equity security" (as such term is defined in Rule 3a11-1 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act).

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and any successor statutes, and all regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder. Any reference to a specific section of ERISA shall be deemed to be a reference to such section of ERISA and any successor statutes, and all regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate" means (a) any Person subject to ERISA whose employees are treated as employed by the same employer as the employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries under IRC Section 414(b), (b) any trade or business subject to ERISA whose employees are treated as employed by the same employer as the employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries under IRC Section 414(c), (c) solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the IRC, any organization subject to ERISA that is a member of an affiliated service group of which Parent or any of its Subsidiaries is a member under IRC Section 414(m), or (d) solely for purposes of Section 302 of ERISA and Section 412 of the IRC, any Person subject to ERISA that is a party to an arrangement with Parent or any of its Subsidiaries and whose employees are aggregated with the employees of Parent or its Subsidiaries under IRC Section 414(o).

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 8 of the Agreement.

"Excess Availability" means, as of any date of determination, the amount equal to Availability *minus* the aggregate amount, if any, of all trade payables of Parent and its Subsidiaries aged in excess of historical levels with respect thereto and all book overdrafts of Parent and its Subsidiaries in excess of historical practices with respect thereto, in each case as determined by Agent in its Permitted Discretion.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as in effect from time to time.

"Excluded Taxes" means (i) any tax imposed on the net income or net profits of any Lender or any Participant (including any branch profits taxes), in each case imposed by the jurisdiction (or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof) in which such Lender's or such Participant's principal office is located in each case as a result of a present or former connection between such Lender or such Participant and the jurisdiction or taxing authority imposing the tax (other than any such connection arising solely from such Lender or such Participant having executed, delivered or performed its obligations or received payment under, or enforced its rights or remedies under the Agreement or any other Loan Document); (ii) taxes resulting from a Lender's or a Participant's failure to comply with the requirements of Section 16.2 of the Agreement, and (iii) any United States federal withholding taxes that would be imposed on amounts payable to a Foreign Lender based upon the applicable withholding rate in effect at the time such Foreign Lender becomes a party to the Agreement (or designates a new lending office), except that Taxes shall include (A) any amount that such Foreign Lender becomes a party to the Agreement (or designates a new lending office), except that Taxes shall include (A) any amount that such Foreign Lender becomes a party to the Agreement (or designates a new lending office), as a result of a change in law, rule, regulation, order or other decision with respect to any of the foregoing by any Governmental Authority.

"Existing Credit Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Existing JVs" means, collectively, the German Joint Venture and the Illinois Joint Venture.

"Existing Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Existing Letters of Credit" means those letters of credit described on Schedule E-2 to the Agreement.

"Existing Obligations" means all Indebtedness and obligations of MGPI Processing to Existing Lender under the Existing Credit Agreement as of the Closing Date, and all other obligations of MGPI to Existing Lender as of the Closing Date.

"Existing Supply Agreements" means, collectively, (i) each Bunge Agreement and (ii) that certain Supply Agreement, dated as of October 24th, 2008 by and between Conagra Foods Food Ingredients Company, Inc. and MGP Ingredients, Inc., as amended from time to time and together with any replacements thereof.

# "Extraordinary Advances" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.2(d)(iii) of the Agreement.

"Extraordinary Receipts" means (a) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, proceeds of judgments, proceeds of settlements, or other consideration of any kind received in connection with any cause of action or claim in excess of \$500,000, and (b) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any payments received by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries not in the ordinary course of business (and not consisting of proceeds described in <u>Section 2.3(e)(ii)</u> of the Agreement) consisting of (i) proceeds of judgments, proceeds of settlements, or other consideration of any kind received in connection with any cause of action or claim, (ii) indemnity payments (other than to the extent such indemnity payments are immediately payable to a Person that is not an Affiliate of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, and (iii) any purchase price adjustment received in connection with any purchase agreement.

"Fee Letter" means that certain fee letter, dated as of even date with the Agreement, among Borrowers and Agent, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any period, a fluctuating interest rate per annum equal to, for each day during such period, the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day which is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for such day on such transactions received by Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it.

"Financial Covenant Period" means a period which shall commence on any date (the '<u>Commencement Date</u>") on which Excess Availability is less than the Threshold Amount and shall continue until the later of: (a) the date that is the last day of the second full fiscal quarter after the Commencement Date, and (b) the last day of the fiscal quarter after the Commencement Date in which Average Availability for a period of 60 consecutive days is greater than or equal to the Threshold Amount.

"Fixed Asset Availability " means, (i) as of any date on or after the Fixed Asset Availability Date, an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount and (b) the amount equal to the sum of (x) eighty-five percent (85%) of the "net orderly liquidation value" of all Eligible Equipment as set forth in the most recent reasonably acceptable appraisal of the Equipment of Borrowers received by Agent which is addressed to Agent and upon which Agent is expressly entitled to rely, net of operating expenses, liquidation expenses and commissions (to the extent not already reflected in such appraisal of the Equipment of Borrowers), and (y) sixty percent (60%) of the fair market value of all Eligible Real Estate as set forth in the most recent reasonably acceptable appraisal of the real property of Borrowers received by Agent which is addressed to Agent and upon which Agent is expressly entitled to rely and (ii) as of any date before the Fixed Asset Availability Date, zero.

"Fixed Asset Availability Date" means the first date on which all conditions set forth in Section 3.3 of the Agreement have been satisfied, which date must occur on or prior to November 2, 2014.

"Fixed Asset Base Rate Loan" means each portion of the Fixed Asset Loans that bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.

"Fixed Asset Base Rate Margin" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin.

"Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loan" means each portion of the Fixed Asset Loans that bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the LIBOR Rate.

"Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Margin" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin.

"Fixed Asset Loans" means that portion of the Revolving Loans that is predicated on the value of Eligible Equipment and Eligible Real Estate.

"Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount" means \$5,000,000; provided that the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount shall be permanently reduced (i) on the first day of each month following the Fixed Asset Availability Date by an amount equal to (a) Fixed Asset Availability (as in effect on the Fixed Asset Availability Date) divided by (b) 84 (for example, if Fixed Asset Availability on the Fixed Asset Availability Date is equal to \$5,000,000, the Fixed Asset Sub-Line would reduce on the first day of each month by an amount equal to \$59,523.81), (ii) on each date that any mandatory reduction is required to be made pursuant to Section 2.3(f)(ii) in an amount equal to the amount of such required mandatory reduction, (iii) the amount by which the portion of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount predicated on Eligible Equipment (after taking into account any reduction value") and (ii) above) at any time is in excess of the appraised "net orderly liquidation value" of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount predicated on Eligible Equipment (such reduction to be on the date Agent receives such appraisal setting into account any reductions under clauses (i) and (ii) above) at any time is under clauses (i) and (ii) above) at any time is of the appraised "net orderly liquidation value" of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount predicated on Eligible Equipment (such reduction to be on the date Agent receives such appraisal setting into account any reductions under clauses (i) and (ii) above) at any time is in excess of the appraised fair market value of all Eligible Real Estate (such reduction to be on the date Agent receives such appraisal setting forth the fair market value).

"Fixed Charges" means, with respect to any fiscal period and with respect to Parent determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, the sum, without duplication, of (a) Interest Expense accrued (other than interest paid-in-kind, amortization of financing fees, and other non-cash Interest Expense) during such period, (b) principal payments in respect of Indebtedness that are required to be paid during such period, including without limitation required all reductions of the Fixed Asset Sub-Line Amount, and (c) all federal, state, and local income taxes accrued during such period, and (d) all Restricted Payments paid (whether in cash or other property, other than common Equity Interests) during such period.

"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any fiscal period and with respect to Parent determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, the ratio of (i) EBITDA for such period *minus* unfinanced Capital Expenditures made (to the extent not already incurred in a prior period) or incurred during such period, to (ii) Fixed Charges for such period.

"Flow of Funds Agreement" means a flow of funds agreement, dated as of even date herewith, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, executed and delivered by each Loan Party and Agent.

"Foreign Lender" means any Lender or Participant that is not a United States person within the meaning of IRC section 7701(a)(30).

"Funding Date" means the date on which a Borrowing occurs.

"Funding Losses" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.11(b)(ii) of the Agreement.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States, consistently applied.

"German Joint Venture" means DM Ingredients GmbH, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Germany.

"German Joint Venture Distribution Agreement" means the Distribution Agreement dated as of July 2, 2007 between the German Joint Venture and MGPI Processing.

"Governing Documents" means, with respect to any Person, the certificate or articles of incorporation, by-laws, or other organizational documents of such Person.

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, state, local, or other governmental or administrative body, instrumentality, board, department, or agency or any court, tribunal, administrative hearing body, arbitration panel, commission, or other similar dispute-resolving panel or body.

"Guarantor" means (a) each Subsidiary of Parent, (b) Parent, and (c) each other Person that becomes a guarantor after the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section</u> 5.11 of the Agreement.

"Guaranty and Security Agreement" means an Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated as of even date with the Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, executed and delivered by each of the Borrowers and each of the Guarantors to Agent.

"Hazardous Materials" means (a) substances that are defined or listed in, or otherwise classified pursuant to, any applicable laws or regulations as "hazardous substances," "hazardous materials," "hazardous wastes," "toxic substances," or any other formulation intended to define, list, or classify substances by reason of deleterious properties such as ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, carcinogenicity, reproductive toxicity, or "EP toxicity", (b) oil, petroleum, or petroleum derived substances, natural gas, natural gas liquids, synthetic gas, drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal resources, (c) any flammable substances or explosives or any radioactive materials, and (d) asbestos in any form or electrical equipment that contains any oil or dielectric fluid containing levels of polychlorinated biphenyls in excess of 50 parts per million.

"Hedge Agreement" means a "swap agreement" as that term is defined in Section 101(53B)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Hedge Obligations" means any and all obligations or liabilities, whether absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising, of Parent and its Subsidiaries arising under, owing pursuant to, or existing in respect of Hedge Agreements.

"Illinois Joint Venture" means Illinois Corn Processing, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Illinois Joint Venture Marketing Agreement" means the Marketing Agreement dated as of November 20, 2009 as amended through the Closing Date, between the Illinois Joint Venture and MGPI Processing, Inc.

"Indebtedness" as to any Person means (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, or other similar instruments and all reimbursement or other obligations in respect of letters of credit, bankers acceptances, or other financial products, (c) all obligations of such Person as a lessee under Capital Leases, (d) all obligations or liabilities of others secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, irrespective of whether such obligation or liability is assumed, (e) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of assets (other than trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business and repayable in accordance with customary trade practices and, for the avoidance of doubt, other than royalty payments payable in the ordinary course of business in respect of non-exclusive licenses), (f) all monetary obligations of such Person owing under Hedge Agreements (which amount shall be calculated based on the amount that would be payable by such Person if the Hedge Agreement were terminated on the date of determination), (g) any Disqualified Equity Interests of such Person, and (h) any obligation of such Person that constitutes Indebtedness under any of clauses (a) through (g) above. For purposes of this definition, (i) the amount of any Indebtedness represented by a guarante or the rimitar instrument shall be the lesser of the principal amount of the obligations guaranteed and still outstanding and the maximum amount for which the guaranteeing Person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Indebtedness, and (ii) the amount of any Indebtedness which is limited or is non-recourse to a Person or for which recourse is limited to an identified asset shall be valued at the lesser of (A) if applicable, the limited amount of such obligations, and (B) if applicable, the fair market value of such assets securing such obligation.

"Indemnified Liabilities" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.3 of the Agreement.

"Indemnified Person" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 10.3 of the Agreement.

"Indemnified Taxes" means, any Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

"Insolvency Proceeding" means any proceeding commenced by or against any Person under any provision of the Bankruptcy Code or under any other state or federal bankruptcy or insolvency law, assignments for the benefit of creditors, formal or informal moratoria, compositions, extensions generally with creditors, or proceedings seeking reorganization, arrangement, or other similar relief.

"Intercompany Subordination Agreement, means an intercompany subordination agreement, dated as of even date with the Agreement, executed and delivered by Parent, each of its Subsidiaries, and Agent, the form and substance of which is reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

"Interest Expense" means, for any period, the aggregate of the interest expense of Parent for such period, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Interest Period" means, with respect to each LIBOR Rate Loan, a period commencing on the date of the making of such LIBOR Rate Loan (or the continuation of a LIBOR Rate Loan or the conversion of a Base Rate Loan to a LIBOR Rate Loan) and ending 1, 2, 3, or 6 months thereafter; provided, that (a) interest shall accrue at the applicable rate based upon the LIBOR Rate from and including the first day of each Interest Period to, but excluding, the day on which any Interest Period expires, (b) any Interest Period that would 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, (c) with respect to an Interest Period), the Interest Period shall end 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), the Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month that is 1, 2, 3, or 6 months after the date on which the Interest Period began, as applicable, and (d) Borrowers may not elect an Interest Period which will end after the Maturity Date.

"Inventory" means inventory (as that term is defined in the Code).

"Inventory and Fixed Asset Reserves" means, as of any date of determination, (a) Landlord Reserves, (b) with respect to Eligible Equipment, those reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain to the extent that the net orderly liquidation value of the Equipment, as set forth in the most recent reasonably acceptable appraisal received by Agent with respect thereto after the date hereof (in each case net of operating expenses, liquidation expenses and commissions (without duplication) estimated to be incurred in connection with the liquidation thereof), has declined so that the Fixed Asset Availability predicated on Eligible Equipment is greater than (A) the percentages with respect to the value of Equipment used in establishing the original amounts of the Fixed Asset Availability multiplied by (B) the applicable values set forth in such subsequent appraisals, (c) with respect to Eligible Inventory, those reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain as a result of a change in the turnover, age or mix of the categories of Eligible Inventory that adversely affects the aggregate value of all Eligible Inventory, (d) with respect to Eligible Real Estate, those reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain to the extent that the fair market value of Eligible Real Estate, as set forth in the most recent reasonably acceptable appraisal received by Agent with respect thereto after the date hereof (in each case net of operating expenses, liquidation expenses and commissions (without duplication) estimated to be incurred in connection with the liquidation thereof), has declined so that the Fixed Asset Availability predicated on Eligible Real Estate is greater than (A) the percentages with respect to the value of Eligible Real Estate used in establishing the original amounts of the Fixed Asset Availability multiplied by (B) the applicable values set forth in such subsequent appraisals, (d) with respect to Eligible Rail Inventory, those Reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain for the estimated costs relating to unpaid freight charges, warehousing or storage charges, taxes, duties and other similar unpaid costs associated with the acquisition of such Eligible Rail Inventory and the estimated reclamation claims of unpaid sellers of such Eligible Rail Inventory, and (e) such other reserves as Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain (including reserves for slow moving Inventory and Inventory shrinkage) with respect to Eligible Inventory, Eligible Equipment, Eligible Real Estate or the Maximum Revolver Amount.

"Investment" means, with respect to any Person, any investment by such Person in any other Person (including Affiliates) in the form of loans, guarantees, advances, capital contributions (excluding (a) commission, travel, and similar advances to officers and employees of such Person made in the ordinary course of business, and (b) *bona fide* accounts receivable arising in the ordinary course of business), or acquisitions of Indebtedness, Equity Interests, or all or substantially all of the assets of such other Person (or of any division or business line of such other Person), and any other items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP. The amount of any Investment shall be the original cost of such Investment plus the cost of all additions thereto, without any adjustment for increases or decreases in value, or write-ups, write-downs, or write-offs with respect to such Investment.

"IRB Lease" means that certain Lease, dated as of the Issue Date of the Atchison IRB Bonds, by and between the City of Atchison, Kansas and MGPI Processing, as in effect on the date hereof.

"IRC" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect from time to time.

"ISP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices 1998" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"Issuer Document" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, a letter of credit application, a letter of credit agreement, or any other document, agreement or instrument entered into (or to be entered into) by a Borrower in favor of Issuing Bank and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Issuing Bank" means Wells Fargo or any other Lender that, at the request of Borrowers and with the consent of Agent, agrees, in such Lender's sole discretion, to become an Issuing Bank for the purpose of issuing Letters of Credit or Reimbursement Undertakings pursuant to Section 2.10 of the Agreement and Issuing Bank shall be a Lender.

"JV Locations" means the location of the Illinois Joint Venture at 1301 South Front Street in Pekin, Illinois and the location of any other Permitted JV.

"KCK Lot" means the tract of vacant land owned by Administrative Borrower and located at 16 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.

"Landlord Reserve" means, as to each location at which a Borrower has Inventory or books and records located and as to which a Collateral Access Agreement has not been received by Agent, a reserve in an amount equal to the greater of (a) the number of months' rent for which the landlord will have, under applicable law, a Lien in the Inventory of such Borrower to secure the payment of rent or other amounts under the lease relative to such location, or (b) 3 months' rent under the lease relative to such location.

"Lead Arranger" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Lender" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to the Agreement, shall include Issuing Bank and the Swing Lender, and shall also include any other Person made a party to the Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 13.1 of the Agreement and "Lenders" means each of the Lenders or any one or more of them.

"Lender Group" means each of the Lenders (including Issuing Bank and the Swing Lender) and Agent, or any one or more of them.

"Lender Group Expenses" means all (a) costs or expenses (including taxes and insurance premiums) required to be paid by Parent or its Subsidiaries under any of the Loan Documents that are paid, advanced, or incurred by the Lender Group, (b) documented out-of-pocket fees or charges paid or incurred by Agent in connection with the Lender Group's transactions with Parent and its Subsidiaries under any of the Loan Documents, including, fees or charges for background checks, OFAC/PEP searches, photocopying, notarization, couriers and messengers, telecommunication, public record searches, filing fees, recording fees, publication, appraisal (including periodic collateral appraisals or business valuations to the extent of the fees and charges (and up to the amount of any limitation) contained in the Agreement or the Fee Letter), real estate surveys, real estate title policies and endorsements, and environmental audits, (c) Agent's customary fees and charges (as adjusted from time to time) with respect to the disbursement of funds (or the receipt of funds) to or for the account of any Borrower (whether by wire transfer or otherwise), together with any out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, (d) customary charges imposed or incurred by Agent resulting from the dishonor of checks payable by or to any Loan Party, (e) reasonable documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses paid or incurred by the Lender Group to correct any default or enforce any provision of the Loan Documents, or during the continuance of an Event of Default, in gaining possession of, maintaining, handling, preserving, storing, shipping, selling, preparing for sale, or advertising to sell the Collateral, or any portion thereof, irrespective of whether a sale is consummated, (f) field examination, appraisal, and valuation fees and expenses of Agent related to any field examinations, appraisals, or valuation to the extent of the fees and charges (and up to the amount of any limitation) provided in Section 2.9 of the Agreement, (g) Agent's reasonable costs and expenses (including reasonable documented attorneys' fees and expenses) relative to third party claims or any other lawsuit or adverse proceeding paid or incurred, whether in enforcing or defending the Loan Documents or otherwise in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, Agent's Liens in and to the Collateral, or the Lender Group's relationship with Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, (h) Agent's reasonable documented costs and expenses (including reasonable documented attorneys' fees and due diligence expenses) incurred in advising, structuring, drafting, reviewing, administering (including travel, meals, and lodging), syndicating (including reasonable costs and expenses relative to CUSIP, DXSyndicateTM, SyndTrak or other communication costs incurred in connection with a syndication of the loan facilities), or amending, waiving, or modifying the Loan Documents, (i) Agent's and each Lender's reasonable documented costs and expenses (including reasonable documented attorneys, accountants, consultants, and other advisors fees and expenses) incurred in terminating, enforcing (including attorneys, accountants, consultants, and other advisors fees and expenses incurred in connection with a "workout," a "restructuring," or an Insolvency Proceeding concerning Parent or any of its Subsidiaries or in exercising rights or remedies under the Loan Documents), or defending the Loan Documents, irrespective of whether a lawsuit or other adverse proceeding is brought, or in taking any enforcement action or any Remedial Action with respect to the Collateral, and (j) the fees, charges, commissions and costs provided for in Section 2.10(j) of the Agreement (including any fronting fees) and all other fees, charges, commissions, costs and expenses for amendments, renewals, extensions, transfers, or drawings from time to time incurred or charged by Issuing Bank in respect of Letters of Credit and out-of-pocket fees, costs, and expenses incurred or charged by Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal, extension, or transfer of, or drawing under, any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder.

"Lender Group Representatives" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.9 of the Agreement.

agents.

"Lender-Related Person" means, with respect to any Lender, such Lender, together with such Lender's Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, and

# "Letter of Credit" means a letter of credit (as that term is defined in the Code) issued by Issuing Bank.

"Letter of Credit Collateralization" means either (a) providing cash collateral (pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to Agent, including provisions that specify that the Letter of Credit Fees and all fees, charges and commissions provided for in <u>Section 2.10(j)</u> of the Agreement (including any fronting fees) will continue to accrue while the Letters of Credit are outstanding) to be held by Agent for the benefit of the Revolving Lenders in an amount equal to 105% of the then existing Letter of Credit Usage, (b) delivering to Agent documentation excuted by all beneficiaries under the Letters of Credit, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent and Issuing Bank, terminating all of such beneficiaries' rights under the Letters of Credit, or (c) providing Agent with a standby letter of credit in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, from a commercial bank acceptable to Agent (in its reasonable discretion) in an amount equal to 105% of the then existing Letter of Credit Usage (it being understood that the Letters of Credit Fee and all fronting fees set forth in the Agreement will continue to accrue while the Letters of Credit are outstanding and that any such fees that accrue must be an amount that can be drawn under any such standby letter of credit).

"Letter of Credit Disbursement" means a payment made by Issuing Bank pursuant to a Letter of Credit.

"Letter of Credit Exposure" means, as of any date of determination with respect to any Lender, such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Letter of Credit Usage on

"Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.5(b) of the Agreement.

"Letter of Credit Indemnified Costs" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.10(f) of the Agreement.

"Letter of Credit Related Person" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.10(f) of the Agreement.

"Letter of Credit Usage" means, as of any date of determination, the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit.

"LIBOR Deadline" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.11(b)(i) of the Agreement.

"LIBOR Notice" means a written notice in the form of Exhibit L-1.

"LIBOR Option" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.11(a) of the Agreement.

"LIBOR Rate" means the rate per annum rate appearing on Macro\*World's (https://capitalmarkets.mworld.com; the 'Service") Page BBA LIBOR - USD (or on any successor or substitute page of such Service, or any successor to or substitute for such Service) 2 Business Days prior to the commencement of the requested Interest Period, for a term, and in an amount, comparable to the Interest Period and the amount of the LIBOR Rate Loan requested (whether as an initial LIBOR Rate Loan or as a continuation of a LIBOR Rate Loan or as a conversion of a Base Rate Loan to a LIBOR Rate Loan) by Borrowers in accordance with the Agreement (and, if any such rate is below zero, the LIBOR Rate shall be deemed to be zero), which determination shall be made by Agent and shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error.

"LIBOR Rate Loan" means a Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loan or a Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loan, as applicable.

"LIBOR Rate Margin" means that Current Asset LIBOR Rate Margin or the Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Margin, as applicable.

"Lien" means any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, charge, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, easement, lien (statutory or other), security interest, or other security arrangement and any other preference, priority, or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever, including any conditional sale contract or other title retention agreement, the interest of a lessor under a Capital Lease and any synthetic or other financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing.

"Loan" means any Revolving Loan, Swing Loan or Extraordinary Advance made (or to be made) hereunder.

"Loan Account" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.8 of the Agreement.

"Loan Assignment" means the assignment of a portion of the Loans and other Obligations to a non-Affiliate of any Lender as of the Closing Date, in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Agreement.

"Loan Documents" means the Agreement, the Control Agreements, any Borrowing Base Certificate, the Fee Letter, the Guaranty and Security Agreement, the Intercompany Subordination Agreement, any Issuer Documents, the Letters of Credit, the Mortgages, the Patent Security Agreement, the Trademark Security Agreement, any note or notes executed by Borrowers in connection with the Agreement and payable to any member of the Lender Group, and any other instrument or agreement entered into, previously, now or in the future, by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries and any member of the Lender Group in connection with the Agreement.

"Loan Party" means any Borrower or any Guarantor.

"Margin Stock" as defined in Regulation U of the Board of Governors as in effect from time to time.

"Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse effect in the business, operations, results of operations, assets, liabilities or financial condition of Parent and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (b) a material impairment of Parents' and its Subsidiaries ability to perform their obligations under the Loan Documents to which they are parties or of the Lender Group's ability to enforce the Obligations or realize upon the Collateral (other than as a result of as a result of an action taken or not taken that is solely in the control of Agent), or (c) a material impairment of the enforceability or priority of Agent's Liens with respect to all or a material portion of the Collateral other than as a result of an action or failure to act on the part of Parent or its Subsidiaries.

"<u>Material Contract</u>" means, collectively, (i) any contract or other agreement (other than the Loan Documents), whether written or oral, to which any Loan Party is a party that involves payments in an aggregate amount of more than \$25,000,000 or as to which the breach, nonperformance, cancellation or failure to renew by any party thereto would have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) each Existing Supply Agreement.

"Maturity Date" means November 2, 2017.

"Maximum Revolver Amount" means \$55,000,000, decreased by the amount of reductions in the Revolver Commitments made in accordance with Section 2.3(c) of the Agreement.

"MGPI Indiana" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"MGPI Pipeline" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"MGPI Processing" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"Moody's" has the meaning specified therefor in the definition of Cash Equivalents.

"Mortgages" means, individually and collectively, one or more mortgages, deeds of trust, or deeds to secure debt, executed and delivered by Parent or one of its Subsidiaries in favor of Agent, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, that encumber the Real Property Collateral.

"<u>Multiemployer Plan</u>" means any multiemployer plan within the meaning of Section 3(37) or 4001(a)(3) of ERISA with respect to which any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate has an obligation to contribute or has any liability, contingent or otherwise or could be assessed withdrawal liability assuming a complete withdrawal from any such multiemployer plan.

#### "Net Cash Proceeds" means:

(a) with respect to any sale or disposition by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of assets, the amount of cash proceeds received (directly or indirectly) from time to time (whether as initial consideration or through the payment of deferred consideration) by or on behalf of Parent or such Subsidiary, in connection therewith after deducting therefrom only (i) the amount of any Indebtedness secured by any Permitted Lien on any asset (other than (A) Indebtedness owing to Agent or any Lender under the Agreement or the other Loan Documents and (B) Indebtedness assumed by the purchaser of such asset) which is required to be, and is, repaid in connection with such sale or disposition, (ii) reasonable fees, commissions, and expenses related thereto and required to be paid by Parent or such Subsidiary in connection with such sale or disposition, (iii) taxes paid or payable to any taxing authorities by Parent or such Subsidiary in connection with such sale or disposition, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that the amounts so deducted are, at the time of receipt of such cash, actually paid or payable to a Person that is not an Affiliate of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, and are properly attributable to such transaction; and (iv) all amounts that are set aside as a reserve (A) for adjustments in respect of the purchase price of such assets, (B) for any liabilities associated with such sale or casualty, to the extent such reserve is required by GAAP, and (C) for the payment of unassumed liabilities relating to the assets sold or otherwise disposed of at the time of, or within 30 days after, the date of such sale or other disposition, to the extent that in each case the funds described above in this clause (iv) are (x) deposited into escrow with a third party escrow agent or set aside in a separate Deposit Account that is subject to a Control Agreement in favor of Agent and (y) paid to Agent as a prepayment of the applicable Obligations in accordance with <u>Section 2.3(e)</u> of the Agreement at such time w

(b) with respect to the issuance or incurrence of any Indebtedness by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or the issuance by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries of any Equity Interests, the aggregate amount of cash received (directly or indirectly) from time to time (whether as initial consideration or through the payment or disposition of deferred consideration) by or on behalf of Parent or such Subsidiary in connection with such issuance or incurrence, after deducting therefrom only (i) reasonable fees, commissions, and expenses related thereto and required to be paid by Parent or such Subsidiary in connection with such issuance or incurrence, (ii) taxes paid or payable to any taxing authorities by Parent or such Subsidiary in connection with such issuance or incurrence, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that the amounts so deducted are, at the time of receipt of such cash, actually paid or payable to a Person that is not an Affiliate of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, and are properly attributable to such transaction.

"<u>Net Recovery Percentage</u>" means, as of any date of determination, the percentage of the book value of Borrowers' Inventory that is estimated to be recoverable in an orderly liquidation of such Inventory net of all associated costs and expenses of such liquidation, such percentage to be determined as to each category of Inventory and to be as specified in the most recent appraisal received by Agent from an appraisal company selected by Agent.

"Non-Consenting Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 14.2(a) of the Agreement.

"<u>Non-Defaulting Lender</u>" means each Lender other than a Defaulting Lender.

"Notification Event" means (a) the occurrence of a "reportable event" described in Section 4043 of ERISA for which the 30-day notice requirement has not been waived by applicable regulations issued by the PBGC, (b) the withdrawal of any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan during a plan year in which it was a "substantial employer" as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA, (c) the termination of a Pension Plan, the filing of a notice of intent to terminate a Pension Plan or the treatment of a Pension Plan amendment as a termination, under Section 4041 of ERISA, if the plan assets are not sufficient to pay all plan liabilities, (d) the institution of proceedings to terminate, or the appointment of a trustee with respect to, any Pension Plan by the PBGC or any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan administrator, (e) any other event or condition that would constitute grounds under Section 4042(a) of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan, (f) the imposition of a Lien pursuant to the IRC or ERISA in connection with any Employee Benefit Plan or the existence of any facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to result in the imposition of a Lien, (g) the partial or complete withdrawal of any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan (other than any withdrawal that would not constitute an Event of Default under Section 8.12), (h) any event or condition that results in the reorganization or insolvency of a Multiemployer Plan under Sections of ERISA, (i) any event or condition that results in the termination of a Multiemployer Plan under Section 4041A of ERISA or the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate or to appoint a trustee to administer a Multiemployer Plan under ERISA, (j) any Pension Plan being in "at risk status" within the meaning of IRC Section 430(i), (k) any Multiemployer Plan being in "endangered status" or "critical status" within the meaning of IRC Section 432(b) or the determination that any Multiemployer Plan is or is expected to be insolvent or in reorganization within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA, (1) with respect to any Pension Plan, any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate incurring a substantial cessation of operations within the meaning of ERISA Section 4062(e), (m) an "accumulated funding deficiency" within the meaning of the IRC or ERISA (including Section 412 of the IRC or Section 302 of ERISA) or the failure of any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan to meet the minimum funding standards within the meaning of the IRC or ERISA (including Section 412 of the IRC or Section 302 of ERISA), in each case, whether or not waived, (n) the filing of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standards within the meaning of the IRC or ERISA (including Section 412 of the IRC or Section 302 of ERISA) with respect to any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, (o) the failure to make by its due date a required payment or contribution with respect to any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, (p) any event that results in or could reasonably be expected to result in a liability by a Loan Party pursuant to Title I of ERISA or the excise tax provisions of the IRC relating to Employee Benefit Plans or any event that results in or could reasonably be expected to result in a liability to any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Title IV of ERISA or Section 401(a)(29) of the IRC, or (q) any of the foregoing is reasonably likely to occur in the following 30 days.

"Obligations" means (a) all loans (including the Revolving Loans (inclusive of Extraordinary Advances and Swing Loans)), debts, principal, interest (including any interest that accrues after the commencement of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding), reimbursement or indemnification obligations with respect to Reimbursement Undertakings or with respect to Letters of Credit (irrespective of whether contingent), premiums, liabilities (including all amounts charged to the Loan Account pursuant to the Agreement), obligations (including indemnification obligations), fees (including the fees provided for in the Fee Letter), Lender Group Expenses (including any fees or expenses that accrue after the commencement of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding), guaranties, and all covenants and duties of any other kind and description owing by any Loan Party arising out of, under, pursuant to, in connection with, or evidenced by the Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents and irrespective of whether due and all other expenses or other amounts that Borrowers are required to pay or reimburse by the Loan Documents or by law or otherwise in connection with the Loan Documents and (b) all Bank Product Obligations. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Obligations of Borrowers under the Loan Documents include the obligation to pay (i) the principal of the Revolving Loans, (ii) interest accrued on the Revolving Loans, (iii) the amount necessary to reimburse Issuing Bank for amounts paid or payable pursuant to Letters of Credit or Reimbursement Undertakings, (iv) Letter of Credit commissions, charges, expenses, and fees, (v) Lender Group Expenses, (vi) fees payable under the Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and (vii) indemnities and other amounts payable by any Loan Party under any Loan Document. Any reference i

"OFAC" means The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

"Onaga Facility" means the Real Property and improvements thereon, as well as all bio-polymer production equipment used therein owned by MPGI Processing and located at 210 South Leonard Street, Onaga, Kansas.

"Originating Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 13.1(e) of the Agreement.

"Overadvance" means, as of any date of determination, that the Revolver Usage is greater than any of the limitations set forth in Section 2.1 or Section 2.10.

"Parent" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to the Agreement.

"<u>Participant</u>" has the meaning specified therefor in <u>Section 13.1(e)</u> of the Agreement.

"Participant Register" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.1(i) of the Agreement.

"Patent Security Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the Guaranty and Security Agreement.

"Patriot Act" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 4.13 of the Agreement.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation or any successor agency.

"Pension Plan" means any Employee Benefit Plan, other than a Multiemployer Plan, which is subject to the provisions of Title IV or Section 302 of ERISA or Sections 412 or 430 of the Code sponsored, maintained, or contributed to by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate or to which any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate has any liability, contingent or otherwise.

"Perfection Certificate" means a certificate in the form of Exhibit P-1.

"Permitted Acquisition" means any Acquisition by a Borrower so long as:

(a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result from the consummation of the proposed Acquisition and the proposed Acquisition is consensual,

(b) no Indebtedness will be incurred, assumed, or would exist with respect to Parent or its Subsidiaries as a result of such Acquisition, other than Indebtedness permitted under clause (f) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness and no Liens will be incurred, assumed, or would exist with respect to the assets of Parent or its Subsidiaries as a result of such Acquisition other than Permitted Liens,

(c) Borrowers have provided Agent with written confirmation, supported by reasonably detailed calculations, that on *apro forma* basis (including *pro forma* adjustments arising out of events which are directly attributable to such proposed Acquisition, are factually supportable, and are expected to have a continuing impact, in each case, determined as if the combination had been accomplished at the beginning of the relevant period; such eliminations and inclusions to be mutually and reasonably agreed upon by Borrowers and Agent), Parent and its Subsidiaries (i) would have been in compliance with the financial covenants in <u>Section 7</u> of the Agreement for the 4 fiscal quarter period ended immediately prior to the proposed date of consummation of such proposed Acquisition, and (ii) are projected to be in compliance with the financial covenants in <u>Section 7</u> of the Agreement for the 4 fiscal quarter period ended one year after the proposed date of consummation of such proposed Acquisition,

(d) Borrowers have provided Agent with its due diligence package relative to the proposed Acquisition, including forecasted balance sheets, profit and loss statements, and cash flow statements of the Person or assets to be acquired, all prepared on a basis consistent with such Person's (or assets') historical financial statements, together with appropriate supporting details and a statement of underlying assumptions for the 1 year period following the date of the proposed Acquisition, on a quarter by quarter basis), in form and substance (including as to scope and underlying assumptions) reasonably satisfactory to Agent,

(e) Borrowers shall have Excess Availability in an amount equal to or greater than \$10,000,000 immediately after giving effect to the consummation of the proposed Acquisition,

(f) Borrowers have provided Agent with written notice of the proposed Acquisition at least 15 Business Days prior to the anticipated closing date of the proposed Acquisition and, not later than 5 Business Days prior to the anticipated closing date of the proposed Acquisition, copies of the acquisition agreement and other material documents relative to the proposed Acquisition, which agreement and documents must be reasonably acceptable to Agent,

(g) the assets being acquired are located within the United States or the Person whose Equity Interests are being acquired is organized in a jurisdiction located within the United States, and

(h) the purchase consideration payable in respect of all Permitted Acquisitions (including the proposed Acquisition and including earn-outs and other deferred payment obligations) shall not exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate; provided, that the purchase consideration payable in respect of any single Acquisition or series of related Acquisitions shall not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate.

"Permitted Discretion" means a determination made in the exercise of reasonable (from the perspective of a secured asset-based lender) business judgment.

## "Permitted Dispositions" means:

(a) sales, abandonment, or other dispositions of Equipment that is substantially worn, damaged, or obsolete or no longer used or useful in the ordinary course of business and leases or subleases of Real Property not useful in the conduct of the business of Parent and its Subsidiaries,

(b) sales of Inventory to buyers in the ordinary course of business,

(c) the use or transfer of money or Cash Equivalents in a manner that is not prohibited by the terms of the Agreement or the other Loan Documents,

(d) the licensing, on a non-exclusive basis, of patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business,

(e) the granting of Permitted Liens,

(f) the sale or discount, in each case without recourse, of accounts receivable arising in the ordinary course of business, but only in connection with the compromise or collection thereof,

(g) any involuntary loss, damage or destruction of property,

(h) any involuntary condemnation, seizure or taking, by exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise, or confiscation or requisition of use of

property,

(i) the leasing or subleasing of assets of Parent or its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business,

(j) the sale or issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of Parent,

(k) (i) the lapse of registered patents, trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to the extent not economically desirable in the conduct of its business or (ii) the abandonment of patents, trademarks, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business so long as (in each case under clauses (i) and (ii)), (A) with respect to copyrights, such copyrights are not material revenue generating copyrights, and (B) such lapse is not materially adverse to the interests of the Lender Group,

(1) the making of Restricted Payments that are expressly permitted to be made pursuant to the Agreement,

(m) the making of Permitted Investments,

(n) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would immediately result therefrom, transfers of assets (i) from one Loan Party to another Loan Party (other than Parent), and (ii) from any Subsidiary of Parent that is not a Loan Party to any other Subsidiary of Parent,

(o) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and such sale is made at fair market value, the sale of the Onaga Facility, the KCK Lot, or the Equity Interests in the Illinois Joint Venture, and

(p) sales or dispositions of assets (other than Accounts, Inventory, Equity Interests of Subsidiaries of Parent or any Borrower) not otherwise permitted in clauses (a) through (o) above so long as made at fair market value and the aggregate fair market value of all assets disposed of in fiscal year (including the proposed disposition) would not exceed \$250,000.

"Permitted Holder" means any of (i) Karen Seaberg, (ii) Richard B. Cray and (iii) Laidacker M. Seaberg, or any trust controlled by any of such Persons.

"Permitted Indebtedness" means:

(a) Indebtedness evidenced by the Agreement or the other Loan Documents,

(b) Indebtedness set forth on Schedule 4.14 to the Agreement and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of such Indebtedness,

(c) Permitted Purchase Money Indebtedness and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect of such Indebtedness,

(d) endorsement of instruments or other payment items for deposit,

(e) Indebtedness consisting of (i) unsecured guarantees incurred in the ordinary course of business with respect to surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, completion guarantee and similar obligations relating to performance or payment obligations of a Loan Party (or, to the extent permitted by clause (p) of the definition of Permitted Investments, relating to payment obligations of the Illinois JV); (ii) unsecured guarantees arising with respect to customary indemnification obligations to purchasers in connection with Permitted Dispositions; and (iii) unsecured guarantees with respect to Indebtedness of Parent or one of its Subsidiaries, to the extent that the Person that is obligated under such guaranty could have incurred such underlying Indebtedness,

(f) Acquired Indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 outstanding at any one time,

(g) Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business under performance, surety, statutory, or appeal bonds,

(h) Indebtedness owed to any Person providing property, casualty, liability, or other insurance to Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, so long as the amount of such Indebtedness is not in excess of the amount of the unpaid cost of, and shall be incurred only to defer the cost of, such insurance for the year in which such Indebtedness is incurred and such Indebtedness is outstanding only during such year,

(i) the incurrence by Parent or its Subsidiaries of Indebtedness under Hedge Agreements that are incurred for the bona fide purpose of hedging the interest rate, commodity, or foreign currency risks associated with Parent's and its Subsidiaries' operations and not for speculative purposes,

(j) Indebtedness incurred in the ordinary course of business in respect of credit cards, credit card processing services, debit cards, stored value cards, purchase cards (including so-called "procurement cards" or "P-cards"), or Cash Management Services,

(k) unsecured Indebtedness of Parent owing to former employees, officers, or directors (or any spouses, ex-spouses, or estates of any of the foregoing) incurred in connection with the repurchase or redemption by Parent of the Equity Interests of Parent that have been issued to such Persons, so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the incurrence of such Indebtedness, (ii) the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness outstanding at any one time does not exceed \$500,000, and (iii) such Indebtedness is subordinated to the Obligations on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to Agent,

(1) contingent liabilities in respect of any indemnification obligation, adjustment of purchase price, non-compete, or similar obligation of any Loan Party incurred in connection with the consummation of one or more Permitted Acquisitions,

(m) Indebtedness composing Permitted Investments,

(n) unsecured Indebtedness incurred in respect of netting services, overdraft protection, and other like services, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business,

(o) accrual of interest, accretion or amortization of original issue discount, or the payment of interest in kind, in each case, on Indebtedness that otherwise constitutes Permitted Indebtedness,

(p) Indebtedness of MGPI Processing under the IRB Lease in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 at any one time, so long as all Atchison IRB Bonds are held by Borrowers,

(q) Indebtedness under the Bank of Atchison Term Loan Documents, in aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 at any one time,

(r) unsecured subordinated Indebtedness, the aggregate outstanding amount of which does not exceed \$250,000 so long as (i) such unsecured Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to Agent, and (ii) such unsecured Indebtedness is otherwise on terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to Agent, and

(s) any other unsecured Indebtedness incurred by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any one

time.

"Permitted Intercompany Advances" means loans made by (a) a Loan Party to another Loan Party other than Parent, (b) a Subsidiary of Parent that is not a Loan Party to another Subsidiary of Parent that is not a Loan Party, (c) a Subsidiary of Parent that is not a Loan Party to a Loan Party to a Loan Party, so long as the parties thereto are party to the Intercompany Subordination Agreement.

## "Permitted Investments" means:

(a) Investments in cash and Cash Equivalents,

(b) Investments in negotiable instruments deposited or to be deposited for collection in the ordinary course of business,

(c) advances made in connection with purchases of goods or services in the ordinary course of business,

(d) Investments received in settlement of amounts due to any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries effected in the ordinary course of business or owing to any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries as a result of Insolvency Proceedings involving an account debtor or upon the foreclosure or enforcement of any Lien in favor of a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries,

(e) Investments owned by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries on the Closing Date and set forth on Schedule P-1 to the Agreement,

(f) guarantees permitted under the definition of Permitted Indebtedness,

(g) Permitted Intercompany Advances,

(h) Equity Interests or other securities acquired in connection with the satisfaction or enforcement of Indebtedness or claims due or owing to a Loan Party or its Subsidiaries (in bankruptcy of customers or suppliers or otherwise outside the ordinary course of business) or as security for any such Indebtedness or claims,

(i) deposits of cash made in the ordinary course of business to secure performance of operating leases,

(j) (i) non-cash loans and advances to employees, officers, and directors of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries for the purpose of purchasing Equity Interests in Parent so long as the proceeds of such loans are used in their entirety to purchase such Equity Interests in Parent, and (ii) loans and advances to employees and officers of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business for any other business purpose and in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$200,000 at any one time,

(k) Permitted Acquisitions,

(1) Investments in the form of capital contributions and the acquisition of Equity Interests made by any Loan Party in any other Loan Party (other than capital contributions to or the acquisition of Equity Interests of Parent),

(m) Investments resulting from entering into (i) Bank Product Agreements, or (ii) agreements relative to Indebtedness that is permitted under clause (j) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness,

(n) equity Investments by any Loan Party in any Subsidiary of such Loan Party which is required by law to maintain a minimum net capital requirement or as may be otherwise required by applicable law,

(o) Investments held by a Person acquired in a Permitted Acquisition to the extent that such Investments were not made in contemplation of or in connection with such Permitted Acquisition and were in existence on the date of such Permitted Acquisition,

(p) Investments by Borrowers in the Existing JVs made after the Closing Date (including any reimbursement obligations incurred by Borrowers with respect to surety bonds issued in favor of the Illinois Joint Venture), so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom (ii) the aggregate consideration to be paid by Borrower for such Investment does not exceed (A) \$1,000,000 for any one Investment or (B) \$5,000,000 minus the amount paid in connection with any Permitted Acquisitions, in the aggregate for all such Investments, (iii) after giving effect to such Investment, Excess Availability is not less than \$10,000,000 and (iv) Borrowers shall have pledged to Agent the ownership interests in the Existing JVs pursuant to documentation in form and substance acceptable to Agent,

(q) Repurchases by Parent of the stock of Parent, to the extent any payment therefor is permitted by Section 6.7;

(r) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any other Investments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 during the term of the Agreement.

"Permitted JVs" means, collectively, the Existing JVs and each other joint venture permitted pursuant to the definition of "Permitted Investments".

"Permitted Liens" means

(a) Liens granted to, or for the benefit of, Agent to secure the Obligations,

(b) Liens for unpaid taxes, assessments, or other governmental charges (including, without limitation, Distilled Spirits Liens) or levies that either (i) are not yet delinquent, or (ii) do not have priority over Agent's Liens and the underlying taxes, assessments, or charges or levies are the subject of Permitted Protests,

(c) judgment Liens arising solely as a result of the existence of judgments, orders, or awards that do not constitute an Event of Default underSection 8.3 of the Agreement,

(d) Liens set forth on <u>Schedule P-2</u> to the Agreement; <u>provided</u>, that to qualify as a Permitted Lien, any such Lien described on <u>Schedule P-2</u> to the Agreement shall only secure the Indebtedness that it secures on the Closing Date and any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof,

(e) the interests of lessors under operating leases and non-exclusive licensors under license agreements,

(f) purchase money Liens or the interests of lessors under Capital Leases to the extent that such Liens or interests secure Permitted Purchase Money Indebtedness and so long as (i) such Lien attaches only to the asset purchased or acquired and the proceeds thereof, and (ii) such Lien only secures the Indebtedness that was incurred to acquire the asset purchased or acquired or any Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof,

(g) Liens arising by operation of law in favor of warehousemen, landlords, carriers, mechanics, materialmen, laborers, or suppliers, incurred in the ordinary course of business and not in connection with the borrowing of money, and which Liens either (i) are for sums not yet delinquent, or (ii) are the subject of Permitted Protests,

(h) Liens on amounts deposited to secure Parent's and its Subsidiaries obligations in connection with worker's compensation or other unemployment insurance,

(i) Liens on amounts deposited to secure Parent's and its Subsidiaries obligations in connection with the making or entering into of bids, tenders, or leases in the ordinary course of business and not in connection with the borrowing of money,

(j) Liens on amounts deposited to secure Parent's and its Subsidiaries reimbursement obligations with respect to surety or appeal bonds obtained in the ordinary course of business,

(k) with respect to any Real Property, easements, rights of way, and zoning restrictions that do not materially interfere with or impair the use or operation thereof,

(1) non-exclusive licenses of patents, trademarks, copyrights, and other intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business,

(m) Liens that are replacements of Permitted Liens to the extent that the original Indebtedness is the subject of permitted Refinancing Indebtedness and so long as the replacement Liens only encumber those assets that secured the original Indebtedness,

(n) rights of setoff or bankers' liens upon deposits of funds in favor of banks or other depository institutions, solely to the extent incurred in connection with the maintenance of such Deposit Accounts in the ordinary course of business,

(o) Liens granted in the ordinary course of business on the unearned portion of insurance premiums securing the financing of insurance premiums to the extent the financing is permitted under the definition of Permitted Indebtedness,

(p) 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

(q) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement with respect to a Permitted Acquisition,

(r) Liens assumed by Parent or its Subsidiaries in connection with a Permitted Acquisition that secure Acquired Indebtedness,

goods,

(s) Liens on the Real Property located at 100 Commercial and 200 Commercial, Atchison, Kansas securing Indebtedness permitted under clause (t) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness,

(t) Liens on the Real Property located at 1100 Main, 1200 Main and 1300 Main, Atchison, Kansas, pursuant to the Bank of Atchison Term Loan Documents,

(u) other Liens which do not secure Indebtedness for borrowed money or letters of credit and as to which the aggregate amount of the obligations secured thereby does not exceed \$50,000.

"<u>Permitted Protest</u>" means the right of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to protest any Lien (other than any Lien that secures the Obligations), taxes (other than payroll taxes or taxes that are the subject of a United States federal tax lien), or rental payment, provided that (a) a reserve with respect to such obligation is established on Parent's or its Subsidiaries' books and records in such amount as is required under GAAP, (b) any such protest is instituted promptly and prosecuted diligently by Parent or its Subsidiary, as applicable, in good faith, and (c) Agent is satisfied that, while any such protest is pending, there will be no impairment of the enforceability, validity, or priority of any of Agent's Liens.

"Permitted Purchase Money Indebtedness" means, as of any date of determination, Indebtedness (other than the Obligations, but including Capitalized Lease Obligations), incurred after the Closing Date and at the time of, or within 20 days after, the acquisition of any fixed assets for the purpose of financing all or any part of the acquisition cost thereof, in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any one time not in excess of \$15,000,000.

"Person" means natural persons, corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, general partnerships, limited liability partnerships, joint ventures, trusts, land trusts, business trusts, or other organizations, irrespective of whether they are legal entities, and governments and agencies and political subdivisions thereof.

"Platform" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.9(c) of the Agreement.

"Projections" means Parent's forecasted (a) balance sheets, (b) profit and loss statements, and (c) cash flow statements, all prepared on a basis consistent with Parent's historical financial statements, together with appropriate supporting details and a statement of underlying assumptions.

"Pro Rata Share" means, as of any date of determination:

(a) with respect to a Lender's obligation to make all or a portion of the Revolving Loans, with respect to such Lender's right to receive payments of interest, fees, and principal with respect to the Revolving Loans, and with respect to all other computations and other matters related to the Revolver Commitments or the Revolving Loans, the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the Revolving Loan Exposure of such Lender by (ii) the aggregate Revolving Loan Exposure of all Lenders,

(b) with respect to a Lender's obligation to participate in the Letters of Credit, with respect to such Lender's obligation to reimburse Issuing Bank, and with respect to such Lender's right to receive payments of Letter of Credit fees, and with respect to all other computations and other matters related to the Letters of Credit, the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the Revolving Loan Exposure of such Lender by (ii) the aggregate Revolving Loan Exposure of all Lenders; <u>provided</u>, that if all of the Revolving Loans have been repaid in full and all Revolver Commitments have been terminated, but Letters of Credit remain outstanding, Pro Rata Share under this clause shall be determined as if the Revolver Commitments had not been terminated and based upon the Revolver Commitments as they existed immediately prior to their termination, and

(c) with respect to all other matters and for all other matters as to a particular Lender (including the indemnification obligations arising under<u>Section 15.7</u> of the Agreement), the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the Revolving Loan Exposure of such Lender by (ii) the aggregate Revolving Loan Exposure of all Lenders, in any such case as the applicable percentage may be adjusted by assignments permitted pursuant to <u>Section 13.1</u>; <u>provided</u>, that if all of the Loans have been repaid in full, all Letters of Credit have been made the subject of Letter of Credit Collateralization, and all Commitments have been terminated, Pro Rata Share under this clause shall be determined as if the Revolving Loan Exposures had not been repaid, collateralized, or terminated and shall be based upon the Revolving Loan Exposures as they existed immediately prior to their repayment, collateralization, or termination.

"Protective Advances" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.2(d)(i) of the Agreement.

"Public Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.9(c) of the Agreement.

"Qualified Cash" means, as of any date of determination, the amount of unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents of Parent and its Subsidiaries that is in Deposit Accounts or in Securities Accounts, or any combination thereof, and which such Deposit Account or Securities Account is the subject of a Control Agreement and is maintained by a branch office of the bank or securities intermediary located within the United States.

"Qualified Equity Interest" means and refers to any Equity Interests issued by Parent (and not by one or more of its Subsidiaries) that is not a Disqualified Equity Interest.

"Rail Inventory" means Eligible Food Grade Alcohol Inventory which is located in rail cars at the Rail Staging Area.

"Rail Reserve" means such amount as Agent may from time to time establish in its Permitted Discretion as an amount sufficient to offset certain costs of exercising rights and remedies in respect of Inventory of Borrowers located or anticipated to be located on or in railcars from time to time.

"Rail Staging Area" means (i) that certain CSX Corporation rail siding located adjacent to the premises of Reckitt Benckiser at 799 Route 206, Belle Meade, New Jersey, 08502, (ii) that certain CSX Corporation rail siding located adjacent to the premises of Dundee Foods, LLC at 74 Seneca Street, Dundee, New York 14837, (iii) that certain CSX Corporation rail siding located adjacent to the premises of Cone Solvents at 6185 Cockrill Bend Circle, Nashville, Tennessee 37209 and (iv) that certain Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad rail siding located adjacent to the premises of Chemisphere at 2102 Clifton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139.

"Real Estate Deliveries" means, (a) with respect to any real property owned or leased by a Loan Party, (i) such certificates, affidavits, questionnaires or returns as shall be required in connection with the recording or filing of the applicable Mortgage or Leasehold Mortgage to create a Lien under applicable law and such financing statements and any other instruments necessary to grant a Lien under applicable law, all of which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, (ii) a policy of title insurance insuring the Lien of the applicable Mortgage or Leasehold Mortgage as a valid mortgage Lien on the real property encumbered thereby in the amount equal to not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the fair market value of such real property (as determined based upon any available evidence, including appraisals, and which fair market value shall be reasonably acceptable to Agent), which policy shall be on terms, and in substance, satisfactory to Agent and be issued by a title insurance company as shall be retained by the Loan Party that is the owner of the related real property and reasonably acceptable to Agent, (iii) a completed Federal Emergency Management Agency Standard Flood Hazard Determination with respect to such real property (if located in the United States) and, if the same is designated a "flood hazard area" in any Flood Insurance Rate Map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or any successor agency), flood insurance in such total amount as Agent may from time to time reasonably require in order to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, (iv) a real estate survey certified to Agent and the scope and results of which shall be acceptable to Agent, (v) an appraisal conducted by a company selected by Agent which is addressed to Agent and upon which Agent is expressly entitled to rely, (vi) a Phase I environmental report conducted by a company selected by Agent which is addressed to Agent and upon which Agent is expressly entitled to rely and the scope and results of which report shall be acceptable to Agent, and (iv) an opinion of local counsel reasonably acceptable to Agent (A) in respect of the registration and enforceability of the applicable Mortgage or Leasehold Mortgage and such other matters as shall be reasonably requested by Agent, (B) dated the date of delivery of such Mortgage or Leasehold Mortgage) and (C) addressed to Agent and the Lenders and (b) with respect to Real Property leased by Parent and located at 200 Commercial, Atchison, Kansas, a pledge of all Atchison IRB Bonds held by Borrowers, pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Agent.

"Real Property" means any estates or interests in real property now owned or hereafter acquired by Parent or one of its Subsidiaries and the improvements

"Real Property Collateral" means the Real Property identified on Schedule R-1 to the Agreement and any Real Property hereafter acquired by Parent or one of its Subsidiaries.

"Receivable Reserves" means, as of any date of determination, those reserves that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain (including reserves for rebates, discounts, warranty claims, and returns) with respect to the Eligible Accounts or the Maximum Revolver Amount.

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thereto.

"Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

"Reference Period" has the meaning set forth in the definition of EBITDA.

"Refinancing Indebtedness" means refinancings, renewals, or extensions of Indebtedness so long as:

(a) such refinancings, renewals, or extensions do not result in an increase in the principal amount of the Indebtedness so refinanced, renewed, or extended, other than by the amount of premiums paid thereon and the fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith and by the amount of unfunded commitments with respect thereto,

(b) such refinancings, renewals, or extensions do not result in a shortening of the average weighted maturity (measured as of the refinancing, renewal, or extension) of the Indebtedness so refinanced, renewed, or extended, nor are they on terms or conditions that, taken as a whole, are or could reasonably be expected to be materially adverse to the interests of the Lenders,

(c) if the Indebtedness that is refinanced, renewed, or extended was subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations, then the terms and conditions of the refinancing, renewal, or extension must include subordination terms and conditions that are at least as favorable to the Lender Group as those that were applicable to the refinanced, renewed, or extended Indebtedness, and

(d) the Indebtedness that is refinanced, renewed, or extended is not recourse to any Person that is liable on account of the Obligations other than those Persons which were obligated with respect to the Indebtedness that was refinanced, renewed, or extended.

"Register" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.1(h) of the Agreement.

"Registered Loan" has the meaning set forth in Section 13.1(h) of the Agreement.

"Reimbursement Undertaking" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.10(a) of the Agreement.

"Related Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is engaged in making, purchasing, holding or investing in bank loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course and that is administered, advised or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers, advises or manages a Lender.

"<u>Remedial Action</u>" means all actions taken to (a) clean up, remove, remediate, contain, treat, monitor, assess, evaluate, or in any way address Hazardous Materials in the indoor or outdoor environment, (b) prevent or minimize a release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials so they do not migrate or endanger or threaten to endanger public health or welfare or the indoor or outdoor environment, (c) restore or reclaim natural resources or the environment, (d) perform any pre-remedial studies, investigations, or post-remedial operation and maintenance activities, or (e) conduct any other actions with respect to Hazardous Materials required by Environmental Laws.

"Replacement Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.12(b) of the Agreement.

"Report" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 15.16 of the Agreement.

"<u>Required Availability</u>" means that the sum of (a) Excess Availability, *plus* (b) Qualified Cash exceeds \$15,000,000.

"Required Lenders" means, at any time, Lenders having or holding more than 50% of the aggregate Revolving Loan Exposure of all Lenders<u>provided</u>, that (i) the Revolving Loan Exposure of any Defaulting Lender shall be disregarded in the determination of the Required Lenders and (ii) at any time there are 2 or more Lenders, "Required Lenders" must include at least 2 Lenders (who are not Affiliates of one another).

"Reserves," means, as of any date of determination, those reserves (other than Receivable Reserves, Bank Product Reserves, Inventory and Fixed Asset Reserves, the Distilled Spirits Tax Reserve and the Rail Reserve) that Agent deems necessary or appropriate, in its Permitted Discretion and subject to Section 2.1(c), to establish and maintain (including reserves with respect to (a) sums that Parent or its Subsidiaries are required to pay under any Section of the Agreement or any other Loan Document (such as taxes, assessments, insurance premiums, or, in the case of leased assets, rents or other amounts payable under such leases) and has failed to pay, and (b) amounts owing by Parent or its Subsidiaries to any Person to the extent secured by a Lien on, or trust over, any of the Collateral (other than a Permitted Lien), which Lien or trust, in the Permitted Discretion of Agent likely would have a priority superior to Agent's Liens (such as Liens or trusts in favor of landlords, warehousemen, carriers, mechanics, materialmen, laborers, or suppliers, or Liens or trusts for ad valorem, excise, sales, or other taxes where given priority under applicable law) in and to such item of the Collateral) with respect to the Borrowing Base or the Maximum Revolver Amount.

"Restricted Payment" means to (a) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution, directly or indirectly, on account of Equity Interests issued by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries (including any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Parent or such Subsidiary) or to the direct or indirect holders of Equity Interests issued by Parent or such Subsidiary or (b) purchase, redeem, make any sinking fund or similar payment, or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Parent or any of its Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests issued by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests used by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests issued by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries) any Equity Interests issued by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or other rights to acquire Equity Interests of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or other rights to acquire Equity Interests of Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, or redeemption, and (d) make, or cause or suffer to permit Parent or any of its Subsidiaries to make, any payment or prepayment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, or redemption, purchase, retirement, defeasance (including in-substance or legal defeasance), sinking fund or similar payment with respect to, any Subordinated Indebtedness.

"Revolver Commitment" means, with respect to each Revolving Lender, its Revolver Commitment, and, with respect to all Revolving Lenders, their Revolver Commitments, in each case as such Dollar amounts are set forth beside such Revolving Lender's name under the applicable heading on <u>Schedule C-1</u> to the Agreement or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Revolving Lender became a Revolving Lender under the Agreement, as such amounts may be reduced or increased from time to time pursuant to assignments made in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.1</u> of the Agreement.

"Revolver Usage" means, as of any date of determination, the sum of (a) the amount of outstanding Revolving Loans (inclusive of Swing Loans and Protective Advances), *plus* (b) the amount of the Letter of Credit Usage.

"Revolving Lender" means a Lender that has a Revolving Loan Commitment or that has an outstanding Revolving Loan.

"Revolving Loan Exposure" means, with respect to any Revolving Lender, as of any date of determination (a) prior to the termination of the Revolver Commitments, the amount of such Lender's Revolver Commitment, and (b) after the termination of the Revolver Commitments, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Revolving Loans of such Lender.

"Revolving Loans" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.1(a) of the Agreement.

"Sanctioned Entity" means (a) a country or a government of a country, (b) an agency of the government of a country, (c) an organization directly or indirectly controlled by a country or its government, (d) a Person resident in or determined to be resident in a country, in each case, that is subject to a country sanctions program administered and enforced by OFAC.

"Sanctioned Person" means a person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals maintained by OFAC.

"S&P" has the meaning specified therefor in the definition of Cash Equivalents.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor thereto.

"Securities Account" means a securities account (as that term is defined in the Code).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

"Settlement" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.2(e)(i) of the Agreement.

"Settlement Date" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.2(e)(i) of the Agreement.

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, that (a) at fair valuations, the sum of such Person's debts (including contingent liabilities) is less than all of such Person's assets, (b) such Person is not engaged or about to engage in a business or transaction for which the remaining assets of such Person are unreasonably small in relation to the business or transaction or for which the property remaining with such Person is an unreasonably small capital, and (c) such Person has not incurred and does not intend to incur, or reasonably believe that it will incur, debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise), and (d) such Person is "solvent" or not "insolvent", as applicable within the meaning given those terms and similar terms under applicable laws relating to fraudulent transfers and conveyances. For purposes of this definition, the amount of any contingent liability at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability (irrespective of whether such contingent liabilities meet the criteria for accrual under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 5).

"Standard Letter of Credit Practice" means, for Issuing Bank, any domestic or foreign law or letter of credit practices applicable in the city in which Issuing Bank issued the applicable Letter of Credit or, for its branch or correspondent, such laws and practices applicable in the city in which it has advised, confirmed or negotiated such Letter of Credit, as the case may be, in each case, (a) which letter of credit practices are of banks that regularly issue letters of credit in the particular city, and (b) which laws or letter of credit practices are required or permitted under the ISP or UCP 600, as chosen in the applicable Letter of Credit.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means any unsecured Indebtedness of Parent or its Subsidiaries incurred from time to time that is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations and that (a) is only guaranteed by the Guarantors, (b) is not subject to scheduled amortization, redemption, sinking fund or similar payment and does not have a final maturity, in each case, on or before the date that is six months after the Maturity Date, (c) does not include any financial covenants or any covenant or agreement that is more restrictive or onerous on any Loan Party in any material respect than any comparable covenant in the Agreement, and (d) contains customary subordination (including customary payment blocks during a payment default under any "senior debt" designated thereunder) and turnover provisions and shall be limited to cross-payment default and cross-acceleration to other "senior debt" designated thereunder.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity in which that Person directly or indirectly owns or controls the Equity Interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the Board of Directors of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity.

"Supermajority Lenders" means, at any time, Lenders having or holding more than 66 2/3% of the aggregate Revolving Loan Exposure of all Lenders; provided, that (i) the Revolving Loan Exposure of any Defaulting Lender shall be disregarded in the determination of the Required Lenders and (ii) at any time there are 2 or more Lenders, "Supermajority Lenders" must include at least 2 Lenders (who are not Affiliates of one another).

"Swing Lender" means Wells Fargo or any other Lender that, at the request of Borrowers and with the consent of Agent agrees, in such Lender's sole discretion, to become the Swing Lender under Section 2.2(b) of the Agreement.

"Swing Loan" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.2(b) of the Agreement.

"Swing Loan Exposure" means, as of any date of determination with respect to any Lender, such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Swing Loans on such date.

"Taxes" means any taxes, levies, imposts, duties, fees, assessments or other charges of whatever nature now or hereafter imposed by any jurisdiction or by any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, and all interest, penalties or similar liabilities with respect thereto.

"Tax Lender" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 14.2(a) of the Agreement.

"Threshold Amount" means 17.5% of the Maximum Revolver Amount.

"Trademark Security Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the Guaranty and Security Agreement.

"Type" means, with respect to (a) any Base Rate Loan, whether such Base Rate Loan is a Current Asset Base Rate Loan or a Fixed Asset Base Rate Loan and (b) any LIBOR Rate Loan, whether such LIBOR Rate Loan is a Current Asset LIBOR Rate Loan or a Fixed Asset LIBOR Rate Loan.

"UCP 600" means the rules of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as most recently published by the International Chamber of Commerce and in effect as of July 1, 2007 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"United States" means the United States of America.

"Unused Line Fee" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2.9(b) of the Agreement.

"Voidable Transfer" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 17.8 of the Agreement.

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association.

"Withdrawal Liability" means liability with respect to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

# Schedule 5.1

Deliver to Agent (and if so requested by Agent, with copies to each Lender) each of the financial statements, reports, or other items set forth below at the following times in form satisfactory to Agent:

as soon as available, but in any event within 20 days (45 days in the case of a month that is the end of one of Parent's fiscal quarters) after the end of each month during each of Parent's fiscal years,	(a) an unaudited consolidated and consolidating balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flow, and statement of shareholder's equity covering Parent's and its Subsidiaries' operations during such period and compared to the prior period and plan, together with a corresponding discussion and analysis of results from management, and
	(b) a Compliance Certificate along with the underlying calculations, including the calculations to arrive at EBITDA and the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio to the extent applicable.
as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each of Parent's fiscal years,	<ul> <li>(c) consolidated and consolidating financial statements of Parent and its Subsidiaries for each such fiscal year, audited by independent certified public accountants reasonably acceptable to Agent and certified, without any qualifications (including any (A) "going concern" or like qualification or exception, (B) qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit, or</li> <li>(C) qualification which relates to the treatment or classification of any item and which, as a condition to the removal of such qualification, would require an adjustment to such item, the effect of which would be to cause any noncompliance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Agreement), by such accountants to have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (such audited financial statements to include a balance sheet, income statement of cash flow, and statement of shareholder's equity, and, if prepared, such accountants' letter to management), and</li> <li>(d) a Compliance Certificate along with the underlying calculations, including the calculations to arrive at EBITDA and the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio to the extent applicable.</li> </ul>

as soon as available, but in any event within 30 days prior to the start of each of Parent's fiscal years,	(e) copies of Parent's Projections, in form and substance (including as to scope and underlying assumptions) satisfactory to Agent, in its Permitted Discretion, for the forthcoming 3 years, year by year, and for the forthcoming fiscal year, month by month, certified by the chief financial officer of Parent as being such officer's good faith estimate of the financial performance of Parent during the period covered thereby.
within 5 days following the filing thereof by Parent,	(f) Form 10-Q quarterly reports, Form 10-K annual reports, and Form 8-K current reports,
	(g) any other filings made by Parent with the SEC, and
	(h) any other information that is provided by Parent to its shareholders generally.
promptly, but in any event within 5 days after any Borrower has knowledge of any event or condition that constitutes a Default or an Event of Default, promptly after the commencement thereof, but in any event within 5 days after the service of process with respect thereto on Parent or any of its Subsidiaries,	(i) notice of such event or condition and a statement of the curative action that Borrowers propose to take with respect thereto.
	(j) notice of all actions, suits, or proceedings brought by or against Parent or any of its Subsidiaries before any Governmental Authority which reasonably could be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
upon the request of Agent,	(k) copies of each annual and other report with respect to each Pension Plan or any trust created thereunder.

promptly upon becoming aware of the occurrence of any Notification Event or of any "prohibited transaction," as described in section 406 of ERISA or in section 4975 of the IRC in connection with any Pension Plan or any trust created thereunder	(l) a written notice signed by a chief financial officer of Parent, specifying the nature thereof, what action the Loan Parties propose to take with respect thereto, and, when known, any action taken or proposed by the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Labor or the PBGC with respect thereto.
promptly upon receipt thereof,	(m) copies of any notice of the PBGC's intention to terminate or to have a trustee appointed to administer any Pension Plan, and
	(n) a copy of each estimate of Withdrawal Liability received by any Loan Party or ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan.
no later than March 15 of each year,	(o) proof that each Loan Party submitted a request for a Withdrawal Liability estimate to each Multiemployer Plan no later than February 15 of such year.
upon the request of Agent,	(p) copies of all regular and periodic reports which any Loan Party files with the United States Department of Treasury or other Governmental Authority relating to the Loan Parties' production of Inventory consisting of food grade alcohol.
upon the request of Agent,	(q) a report, in form reasonably acceptable to Agent, setting form Parent's and its Subsidiaries then current tax liability (i) pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 5001 <i>et seq.</i> (and any actual or effective substitutions or replacements thereof) with respect to Borrowers' Inventory and (ii) with respect to any ad valorem and real estate taxes, which report shall provide the applicable tax liability and the methods utilized by Parent or its Subsidiaries to determine such tax liability, together with evidence of payment of such tax liabilities.
within 45 days following the beginning of each fiscal quarter (or more frequently if required by Agent),	(r) a current report, in form reasonably acceptable to Agent, of Parent's and its Subsidiaries open hedging positions, together with (if requested by Agent) copies of statements of all hedging and commodities accounts of Parent and its Subsidiaries.

simultaneoulsy with delivery thereof,	
	(s) a copy of any notice delivered by Parent or its Subsidiaries regarding non-renewal or termination of, or any default under, any Bunge Agreement.
immediately following receipt or execution thereof (as applicable)	(t) a copy of any notice received by Parent or its Subsidiaries regarding non-renewal or termination of, or any default under, any Material Contract, and
	(u) any amendments to or renewals or replacements of any Material Contract.
immediately after any Loan Party has knowledge thereof,	(v) a notice describing any strike, labor dispute, slowdown, stoppage or similar action or grievance pending or threatened in writing against Parent or its Subsidiaries.
upon the request of Agent,	(w) copies of all statements or reports to any taxing authority with respect to taxes arising from the Borrowers' production or possession of Inventory which consists of food or fuel grade alcohol (including all excise taxes), together with evidence of payment of any tax liabilities related thereto.
upon the request of Agent,	(x) any other information reasonably requested relating to the financial condition of Parent or its Subsidiaries.

# Schedule 5.2

Provide Agent (and if so requested by Agent, with copies for each Lender) with each of the documents set forth below at the following times in form satisfactory to Agent:

Monthly (no later than the 15th day	
of each month) (Weekly at any	records,
time that Excess Availability is less	(b) notice of all claims, offsets, or disputes asserted by Account Debtors with respect to each Borrower's and its Subsidiaries'
than 15% of the Maximum	Accounts, and
Revolver Amount)	(c) if requested by Agent, copies of invoices together with corresponding shipping and delivery documents, and credit memos together with corresponding supporting documentation, with respect to invoices and credit memos in excess of an amount determined in the sole discretion of Agent, from time to time.
	(d) Inventory system/perpetual reports specifying the cost of each Borrower's and its Subsidiaries' Inventory, by category, with additional detail showing additions to and deletions therefrom and the locations of all Inventory and detail supporting the calculation of the lower of cost or market value of Inventory included in the Borrowing Base (delivered electronically in an acceptable format, if Borrowers have implemented electronic reporting).
	(e) an executed Borrowing Base Certificate,
	<ul> <li>(f) a detailed aging, by total, of each Borrower's Accounts, together with a reconciliation and supporting documentation for any reconciling items noted (delivered electronically in an acceptable format, if Borrowers have implemented electronic reporting),</li> <li>(g) a detailed calculation of those Accounts that are not eligible for the Borrowing Base, if Borrowers have not implemented electronic reporting,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>(h) a detailed Inventory system/perpetual report together with a reconciliation to each Borrower's general ledger accounts</li> <li>(delivered electronically in an acceptable format, if Borrowers have implemented electronic reporting),</li> <li>(i) a detailed calculation of Inventory categories that are not eligible for the Borrowing Base, if Borrowers have not implemented</li> </ul>
	electronic reporting,
	(j) a summary aging, by vendor, of Parent's and its Subsidiaries' accounts payable and any book overdraft (delivered electronically in an acceptable format, if Borrowers have implemented electronic reporting) and an aging, by vendor, of any held checks,
	(k) a detailed report regarding each Borrower's and its Subsidiaries' cash and Cash Equivalents, and
	(1) a monthly Account roll-forward, in a format acceptable to Agent in its discretion, tied to the beginning and ending account receivable balances of each Borrower's general ledger.

Monthly (no later than the 30th day	(m) a reconciliation of Accounts, trade accounts payable, and Inventory of each Borrower's general ledger accounts to its
of each month)	monthly financial statements including any book reserves related to each category.
Quarterly	(n) a report regarding Parent's and its Subsidiaries' accrued, but unpaid, ad valorem taxes, and
	(o) to the extent any information contained in the most recently delivered Perfection Certificate or a supplement to the Perfection
	Certificate is no longer accurate, an update or supplement to such Perfection Certificate specifying the information that has changed.
Annually	(p) a detailed list of each Borrower's and its Subsidiaries' customers, with address and contact information.
Upon request by Agent	(q) copies of purchase orders and invoices for Inventory and Equipment acquired by each Borrower or its Subsidiaries, and
	(r) such other reports as to the Collateral or the financial condition of Parent and its Subsidiaries, as Agent may reasonably
	request.

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED GUARANTY AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

This **AMENDED AND RESTATED GUARANTY AND SECURITY AGREEMENT** (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of November 2, 2012, among the Persons listed on the signature pages hereof as "Grantors" and those additional entities that hereafter become parties hereto by executing the form of Joinder attached hereto as <u>Annex</u> (each, a "<u>Grantor</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Grantors</u>"), and **WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** ("<u>WF</u>"), in its capacity as administrative agent for the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, "<u>Agent</u>").

## <u>WITNESSETH</u>

WHEREAS, MGPI Ingredients, Inc., a Kansas corporation ("Ingredients") and WF executed and delivered that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified prior to the Closing Date, the "Existing Credit Agreement"). The obligations, liabilities and rights of Ingredients under the Existing Credit Agreement were assigned to, and assumed by, Parent (formerly known as MGPI Holding, Inc.) pursuant to that certain Assignment and Assumption of Note and Credit Agreement and Fourth Amendment to the Credit Agreement dated as of January 3, 2012;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Existing Credit Agreement, (i) MGPI Processing, Inc., a Kansas corporation (formerly known as MGPI Ingredients, Inc.) ("MGPI Processing") executed that certain Continuing Guaranty, dated as of January 3, 2012 (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the <u>Opco</u> <u>Guaranty</u>"), in favor of WF, pursuant to which MGPI Processing guaranteed the obligations of Parent under the Existing Credit Agreement (the <u>ECA Obligations</u>"), (ii) MGPI Pipeline, Inc., a Kansas corporation (formerly known as Midwest Grain Pipeline, Inc.) ("<u>MGPI Pipeline</u>") and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MGPI Indiana</u>") executed that certain Continuing Guaranty, dated as of October 20, 2011 (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "<u>MGPI Pipeline Guaranty</u>"; and together with the Opco Guaranty, the "<u>Existing Guaranties</u>"), pursuant to which MGPI Pipeline and MGPI Indiana guaranteed the ECA Obligations, (iii) MGPI Indiana and MGPI Pipeline executed that certain Third Party Security Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2011 (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "<u>Subsidiary Security Agreement</u>"), in favor of WF, pursuant to which MGPI Pipeline and MGPI Indiana granted to WF a lien on substantially all of their assets to secure the obligations under the MGPI Pipeline Guaranty and the ECA Obligations, (iv) MGPI Processing, executed that certain Third Party Security Agreement, dated as of January 3, 2012 (as amended, restated, or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "<u>Illinois Corn Processing Pledge</u>"), in favor of WF, pursuant to which MGPI Processing granted to WF a lien on substantially all of its assets to secure the obligations, (v) MGPI Processing granted to WF a lien on substantially all of its assets to secure the obligations under the Opco Guaranty and the ECA Obligations, (v) MGPI Processing granted to WF a lien on substantially all of its assets to secure the obligation

prior to the date hereof, the "<u>MGPI Indiana Pledge</u>"), in favor of WF, pursuant to which MGPI Processing granted to WF a lien on the membership interests of MGP Indiana to secure the obligations under the Opco Guaranty and the ECA Obligations, and (vii) MGPI Processing executed that certain Stock Pledge Agreement, dated as of July 21, 2009 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified prior to the date hereof, the "<u>MGPI Pipeline Pledge</u>", and together with the MGPI Indiana Pledge, the Illinois Corn Processing Pledge, the Opco Security Agreement and the Subsidiary Security Agreement, the "Existing Security Documents" ), in favor of WF, pursuant to which MGPI Processing granted to WF a lien on the stock of MGPI Pipeline, to secure the obligations under the Opco Guaranty and the ECA Obligations (the Existing Guaranties and the Existing Security Documents are referred to collectively as the "Existing Loan Documents);

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption dated as of the date hereof, Parent has assigned to MGPI Processing, and MGPI Processing has accepted, all obligations, liabilities and rights of Parent under the Existing Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, Parent, MGPI Processing, MGPI Indiana, MGPI Pipeline, Agent and WF, as sole Lender, have entered into that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), pursuant to which the Existing Credit Agreement, without constituting a novation, has been amended and restated and the obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement have been continued; and

WHEREAS, Agent has agreed to act as agent for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Credit Agreement and this Agreement;

WHEREAS, in order to induce the Lender Group to enter into the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, to induce the Bank Product Providers to enter into the Bank Product Agreements, and to induce the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers to make financial accommodations to Borrowers as provided for in the Credit Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Bank Product Agreements, (a) each Grantor has agreed to guaranty, and, to the extent applicable, to reaffirm its guaranty pursuant to the Existing Guaranties of, the Guarantied Obligations, and (b) each Grantor has agreed to grant, and to the extent applicable, to reaffirm its grant pursuant to the Existing Security Documents, to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, a continuing lien on and security interest in and to the Collateral in order to secure the prompt and complete payment, observance and performance of, among other things, the Secured Obligations; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Credit Agreement, WF and each of Parent, MGPI Processing, MGPI Pipeline and MGPI Indiana (as applicable) has agreed to amend and restate (but not effect a novation of) each of the Loan Documents in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

WHEREAS, each Grantor will benefit by virtue of the financial accommodations extended to each Borrower by the Lender Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the recitals made above and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

### 1. Definitions; Construction.

(a) All initially capitalized terms used herein (including in the preamble and recitals hereof) without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Credit Agreement (including <u>Schedule 1.1</u> thereto). Any terms (whether capitalized or lower case) used in this Agreement that are defined in the Code shall be construed and defined as set forth in the Code unless otherwise defined herein or in the Credit Agreement; <u>provided that</u> to the extent that the Code is used to define any term used herein and if such term is defined differently in different Articles of the Code, the definition of such term contained in Article 9 of the Code shall govern. In addition to those terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, as used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (i) "Activation Instruction" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 7(k).
- (ii) "Agent" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to this Agreement.
- (iii) "Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the preamble to this Agreement.
- (iv) "Bank" shall mean Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as depository bank.

(v) "Books" means books and records (including each Grantor's Records indicating, summarizing, or evidencing such Grantor's assets (including the Collateral) or liabilities, each Grantor's Records relating to such Grantor's business operations or financial condition, and each Grantor's goods or General Intangibles related to such information).

(vi) "Borrowers" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(vii) "Chattel Paper" means, collectively, chattel paper and electronic chattel paper (as each such term is defined in the Code).

(viii) "<u>Code</u>" means the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect from time to time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any or all of the attachment, perfection, priority, or remedies with respect to Agent's Lien on any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted and in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of Illinois, the term "Code" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted and in effect in such other jurisdiction solely for purposes of the provisions thereof relating to such attachment, perfection, priority, or remedies.

(ix) "Collateral" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 3.

on Schedule 1.

(x) "Commercial Tort Claims" means commercial tort claims (as that term is defined in the Code), and includes those commercial tort claims listed

## (xi) "Controlled Account" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 7(k).

(xii) "<u>Controlled Account Agreements</u>" means those certain cash management agreements, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent, each of which is executed and delivered by a Grantor, Agent, and Bank.

(xiii) "<u>Copyrights</u>" means any and all rights in any works of authorship, including (A) copyrights and moral rights, (B) copyright registrations and recordings thereof and all applications in connection therewith including those listed on <u>Schedule 2</u>, (C) income, license fees, royalties, damages, and payments now and hereafter due or payable under and with respect thereto, including payments under all licenses entered into in connection therewith and damages and payments for past, present, or future infringements thereof, (D) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof, and (E) all of each Grantor's rights corresponding thereto throughout the world.

(xiv) "<u>Copyright Security Agreement</u>" means each Copyright Security Agreement executed and delivered by Grantors, or any of them, and Agent, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

(xv) "Credit Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xvi) "Existing Credit Agreement" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xvii) "Existing Guaranties" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xviii) "Existing Loan Documents" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xix) "Existing Security Documents" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xx) "Foreclosed Grantor" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 2(i)(iii).

(xxi) "<u>General Intangibles</u>" means general intangibles (as that term is defined in the Code), and includes payment intangibles, software, contract rights, rights to payment, rights under Hedge Agreements (including the right to receive payment on account of the termination (voluntarily or involuntarily) of such Hedge Agreements), rights arising under common law, statutes, or regulations, choses or things in action, goodwill, Intellectual Property, Intellectual Property Licenses, purchase orders, customer lists, monies due or recoverable from pension funds, route lists, rights to payment and other rights under any royalty or licensing agreements, including Intellectual Property Licenses, infringement claims, pension plan refunds,

pension plan refund claims, insurance premium rebates, tax refunds, and tax refund claims, interests in a partnership or limited liability company which do not constitute a security under Article 8 of the Code, and any other personal property other than Commercial Tort Claims, money, Accounts, Chattel Paper, Deposit Accounts, goods, Investment Property, Negotiable Collateral, and oil, gas, or other minerals before extraction.

# (xxii) "Grantor" and "Grantors" have the respective meanings specified therefor in the preamble to this Agreement.

(xxiii) "<u>Guarantied Obligations</u>" means, with respect to each Guarantor all of the Obligations (other than direct Obligations of such Guarantor in its capacity as a Borrower) (including any Bank Product Obligations) now or hereafter existing, whether for principal, interest (including any interest that accrues after the commencement of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding), fees (including the fees provided for in the Fee Letter), Lender Group Expenses (including any fees or expenses that accrue after the commencement of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any such Insolvency Proceeding), or otherwise, and any and all expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider (or any of them) in enforcing any rights under the any of the Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Guarantied Obligations shall include all amounts that constitute part of the Guarantied Obligations and would be owed by any Borrower to Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable, including due to the existence of a bankruptcy, reorganization, other Insolvency Proceeding or similar proceeding involving any Borrower or any guarantor.

- (xxiv) "Guarantor" means each Grantor.
- (xxv) "Guaranty" means the guaranty set forth inSection 2 hereof.

(xxvi) "Intellectual Property" means any and all Patents, Copyrights, Trademarks, trade secrets, know-how, inventions (whether or not patentable), algorithms, software programs (including source code and object code), processes, product designs, industrial designs, blueprints, drawings, data, customer lists, URLs and domain names, specifications, documentations, reports, catalogs, literature, and any other forms of technology or proprietary information of any kind, including all rights therein and all applications for registrations thereof.

(xxvii) "Intellectual Property Licenses" means, with respect to any Person (the 'Specified Party"), (A) any licenses or other similar rights provided to the Specified Party in or with respect to Intellectual Property owned or controlled by any other Person, and (B) any licenses or other similar rights provided to any other Person in or with respect to Intellectual Property owned or controlled by the Specified Party, in each case, including (x) any software license agreements (other than license agreements for commercially available off-the-shelf software that is generally available to the public which have been licensed to a Grantor pursuant to end-user licenses), (y) the license agreements listed on Schedule 3, and (z) the right to use any

of the licenses or other similar rights described in this definition in connection with the enforcement of the Lender Group's rights under the Loan Documents.

(xxviii) "Investment Property" means (A) any and all investment property (as that term is defined in the Code), and (B) any and all of the following (regardless of whether classified as investment property under the Code): all Pledged Interests, Pledged Operating Agreements, and Pledged Partnership Agreements.

(xxix) "Joinder" means each Joinder to this Agreement executed and delivered by Agent and each of the other parties listed on the signature pages thereto, in substantially the form of Annex 1.

(xxx) "Lender" and "Lenders" have the respective meanings specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

defined in the Code).

(xxxi) "Negotiable Collateral" means letters of credit, letter-of-credit rights, instruments, promissory notes and documents (as each such term is

(xxxii) "Parent" has the meaning specified therefor in the recitals to this Agreement.

(xxxiii) "Patents" means patents and patent applications, including (A) the patents and patent applications listed on Schedule 4, (B) all continuations, divisionals, continuations-in-part, re-examinations, reissues, and renewals thereof and improvements thereon, (C) all income, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due or payable under and with respect thereto, including payments under all licenses entered into in connection therewith and damages and payments for past, present, or future infringements thereof, (D) the right to sue for past, present, and future infringements thereof, and (E) all of each Grantor's rights corresponding thereto throughout the world.

(xxxiv) "Patent Security Agreement" means each Patent Security Agreement executed and delivered by Grantors, or any of them, and Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit B.

(xxxv) "Pledged Companies" means each Person listed on Schedule 5 as a "Pledged Company", together with each other Person, all or a portion of whose Equity Interests are acquired or otherwise owned by a Grantor after the Closing Date.

(xxxvi) "Pledged Interests" means all of each Grantor's right, title and interest in and to all of the Equity Interests (other than the interests in the German Joint Venture) now owned or hereafter acquired by such Grantor, regardless of class or designation, including in each of the Pledged Companies, and all substitutions therefor and replacements thereof, all proceeds thereof and all rights relating thereto, also including any certificates representing the Equity Interests, the right to receive any certificates representing any of the Equity Interests, all warrants, options, share appreciation rights and other rights, contractual or otherwise, in respect thereof and the right to receive all dividends, distributions of income, profits, surplus, or other compensation by way of income or liquidating distributions, in cash or in kind, and all cash, instruments, and other property from time to time received, receivable, or otherwise distributed

in respect of or in addition to, in substitution of, on account of, or in exchange for any or all of the foregoing.

(xxxvii) "Pledged Interests Addendum" means a Pledged Interests Addendum substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

(xxxviii) "<u>Pledged Operating Agreements</u>" means all of each Grantor's rights, powers, and remedies under the limited liability company operating agreements of each of the Pledged Companies that are limited liability companies.

(xxxix) "Pledged Partnership Agreements" means all of each Grantor's rights, powers, and remedies under the partnership agreements of each of the Pledged Companies that are partnerships.

(xl) "Proceeds" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 3.

(xli) "PTO" means the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

perceivable form.

(xlii) "Record," means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or which is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in

(xliii) "Rescission" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 7(k).

(xliv) "Secured Obligations" means each and all of the following: (A) all of the present and future obligations of each of the Grantors arising from, or owing under or pursuant to, this Agreement (including the Guaranty), the Credit Agreement, or any of the other Loan Documents, (B) all Bank Product Obligations, and (C) all other Obligations of any Borrower and all other Guarantied Obligations of each Guarantor (including, in the case of each of clauses (A), (B) and (C), reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses and any interest, fees, or expenses that accrue after the filing of an Insolvency Proceeding, regardless of whether allowed or allowable in whole or in part as a claim in any Insolvency Proceeding).

(xlv) "Security Interest" has the meaning specified therefor in Section 3.

(xlvi) "Supporting Obligations" means supporting obligations (as such term is defined in the Code), and includes letters of credit and guaranties issued in support of Accounts, Chattel Paper, documents, General Intangibles, instruments or Investment Property.

(xlvii) "<u>Trademarks</u>" means any and all trademarks, trade names, registered trademarks, trademark applications, service marks, registered service marks and service mark applications, including (A) the trade names, registered trademarks, trademark applications, registered service marks and service mark applications listed on <u>Schedule 6</u>, (B) all renewals thereof, (C) all income, royalties, damages and payments now and hereafter due or payable under and with respect thereto, including payments under all licenses entered into in connection therewith and damages and payments for past or future infringements or dilutions thereof, (D) the right to sue for past, present and future infringements and dilutions thereof, (E) the goodwill of each Grantor's business symbolized by the foregoing or connected therewith, and (F) all of each Grantor's rights corresponding thereto throughout the world.

(xlviii) "Trademark Security Agreement" means each Trademark Security Agreement executed and delivered by Grantors, or any of them, and Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit D.

(xlix) "Triggering Event" means, as of any date of determination, that (A) an Event of Default has occurred as of such date, or (B) Excess Availability is less than 20% of the Maximum Revolver Amount as of such date.

- (1) "URL" means "uniform resource locator," an internet web address.
- (li) "<u>VIN</u>" has the meaning specified therefor in <u>Section 6(1)</u>.

(b) Unless the context of this Agreement clearly requires otherwise, references to the plural include the singular, references to the singular include the plural, the terms "includes" and "including" are not limiting, and the term "or" has, except where otherwise indicated, the inclusive meaning represented by the phrase "and/or." The words "hereof," "herein," "hereby," "hereunder," and similar terms in this Agreement refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. Section, subsection, clause, schedule, and exhibit references herein are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified. Any reference in this Agreement to any agreement, instrument, or document shall include all alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, substitutions, joinders, and supplements, thereto and thereof, as applicable (subject to any restrictions on such alterations, amendments, changes, extensions, modifications, renewals, replacements, substitutions, joinders, and supplements set forth herein or in the Credit Agreement). 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. Any reference herein to the satisfaction, repayment, or payment in full of the Secured Obligations or the Guarantied Obligations shall mean (i) the payment or repayment in full in immediately available funds of (A) the principal amount of, and interest accrued with respect to, all outstanding Loans, together with the payment of any premium applicable to the repayment of the Loans, (B) all Lender Group Expenses that have accrued regardless of whether demand has been made therefor, (C) all fees or charges that have accrued hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the Letter of Credit Fee and the Unused Line Fee), (ii) in the case of contingent reimbursement obligations with respect to Letters of Credit, providing Letter of Credit Collateralization, (iii) in the case of obligations with respect to Bank Products (other than Hedge Obligations), providing Bank Product Collateralization, (iv) the receipt by Agent of cash collateral in order to secure any other contingent Secured Obligations or Guarantied Obligations for which a claim or demand for payment has been made at such time or in respect of matters or circumstances known to Agent or a Lender at the time that are reasonably expected to result in any loss, cost, damage or expense (including attorneys' fees and legal expenses), such cash collateral to be in such amount as Agent reasonably determines is appropriate to secure such contingent Secured Obligations or Guarantied Obligations, (v) the payment or repayment in full in immediately available funds of all other Secured Obligations or Guarantied Obligations (as the case may be) (including the payment of any termination amount then applicable (or which would or could become applicable as a result of the repayment of the other Obligations) under Hedge Agreements provided by Hedge Providers) other than (A) unasserted contingent indemnification obligations, (B) any Bank Product Obligations (other than Hedge Obligations) that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Bank Product Provider to remain outstanding without being

required to be repaid or cash collateralized, and (C) any Hedge Obligations that, at such time, are allowed by the applicable Hedge Provider to remain outstanding without being required to be repaid, and (vi) the termination of all of the Commitments of the Lenders. Any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns. Any requirement of a writing contained herein shall be satisfied by the transmission of a Record.

- (c) All of the schedules and exhibits attached to this Agreement shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Guaranty.

(a) In recognition of the direct and indirect benefits to be received by Guarantors from the proceeds of the Revolving Loans, the issuance of the Letters of Credit, and the entering into of the Bank Product Agreements and by virtue of the financial accommodations to be made to each Borrower, each of the Guarantors, jointly and severally, hereby unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees, and reaffirms its guarantee pursuant to the Existing Guaranties, as a primary obligor and not merely as a surety the full and prompt payment when due, whether upon maturity, acceleration, or otherwise, of all of the Guarantied Obligations. If any or all of the Obligations becomes due and payable, each of the Guarantors, unconditionally and irrevocably, and without the need for demand, protest, or any other notice or formality, promises to pay such indebtedness to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Provider, together with any and all expenses (including Lender Group Expenses) that may be incurred by Agent or any other member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider for repayment or recovery of any amount or amounts received in payment of or on account of any or all of the Obligations and any of Agent or any other member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider for up any Bank Product Provider repays all or part of said amount by reason of (i) any judgment, decree, or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over such payee or any of its property, or (ii) any settlement or compromise of any such claim effected by such payee with any such claimant (including upon the Guarantors, notwithstanding any revocation (or purported revocation) of this Guaranty or other instrument evidencing any liability of any Grantor, and the Guarantors shall be and remain liable to the aforesaid payees hereunder for the amount so repaid or recovered to the same extent as if such amount had never originally been received by any such payee.

(b) Additionally, each of the Guarantors unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees the payment of any and all of the Obligations to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, whether or not due or payable by any Loan Party upon the occurrence of any of the events specified in <u>Section 8.4</u> or <u>8.5</u> of the Credit Agreement, and irrevocably and unconditionally promises to pay such indebtedness to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, without the requirement of demand, protest, or any other notice or other formality, in lawful money of the United States.



(c) The liability of each of the Guarantors hereunder is primary, absolute, and unconditional, and is independent of any security for or other guaranty of the Obligations, whether executed by any other Guarantor or by any other Person, and the liability of each of the Guarantors hereunder shall not be affected or impaired by (i) any payment on, or in reduction of, any such other guaranty or undertaking, (ii) any dissolution, termination, or increase, decrease, or change in personnel by any Guarantor, (iii) any payment made to Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider on account of the Obligations which Agent, such other member of the Lender Group, or such Bank Product Provider repays to any Guarantor pursuant to court order in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, moratorium or other debtor relief proceeding (or any settlement or compromise of any claim made in such a proceeding relating to such payment), and each of the Guarantors waives any right to the deferral or modification of its obligations hereunder by reason of any such proceeding, or (iv) any action or inaction by Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider, or (v) any invalidity, irregularity, avoidability, or unenforceability of all or any part of the Obligations or of any security therefor.

(d) This Guaranty includes all present and future Guarantied Obligations including any under transactions continuing, compromising, extending, increasing, modifying, releasing, or renewing the Guarantied Obligations, changing the interest rate, payment terms, or other terms and conditions thereof, or creating new or additional Guarantied Obligations after prior Guarantied Obligations have been satisfied in whole or in part. To the maximum extent permitted by law, each Guarantor hereby waives any right to revoke this Guaranty as to future Guarantied Obligations. If such a revocation is effective notwithstanding the foregoing waiver, each Guarantor acknowledges and agrees that (i) no such revocation shall be effective until written notice thereof has been received by Agent, (ii) no such revocation shall apply to any Guarantied Obligations in existence on the date of receipt by Agent of such written notice (including any subsequent continuation, extension, or renewal thereof, or change in the interest rate, payment terms, or other terms and conditions thereof), (iii) no such revocation shall apply to any Guarantied Obligations made or created after such date to the extent made or created pursuant to a legally binding commitment of any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider in existence on the date of such revocation, (iv) no payment by any Guarantor hereunder, and (v) any payment by any Borrower or from any source other than such Guarantor subsequent to the date of such revocation shall first be applied to that portion of the Guarantied Obligations as to which the revocation is effective and which are not, therefore, guarantied hereunder, and to the extent so applied shall not reduce the maximum obligation of such Guarantor hereunder. This Guaranty shall be binding upon each Guarantor, its successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by Agent (for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers) and its successors, transferees, or assigns.

(e) The guaranty by each of the Guarantors hereunder is a guaranty of payment and not of collection. The obligations of each of the Guarantors hereunder are independent of the obligations of any other Guarantor or Grantor or any other Person and a separate action or actions may be brought and prosecuted against one or more of the Guarantors whether or not action is brought against any other Guarantor or Grantor or any other Person and whether or not any other Guarantor or Grantor or any other Person be joined in any such action

or actions. Each of the Guarantors waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the benefit of any statute of limitations affecting its liability hereunder or the enforcement hereof. Any payment by any Grantor or other circumstance which operates to toll any statute of limitations as to any Grantor shall operate to toll the statute of limitations as to each of the Guarantors.

(f) Each of the Guarantors authorizes Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, and the Bank Product Providers without notice or demand, and without affecting or impairing its liability hereunder, from time to time to:

(i) change the manner, place, or terms of payment of, or change or extend the time of payment of, renew, increase, accelerate, or alter: (A) any of the Obligations (including any increase or decrease in the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest or fees thereon); or (B) any security therefor or any liability incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof, and this Guaranty shall apply to the Obligations as so changed, extended, renewed, or altered;

(ii) take and hold security for the payment of the Obligations and sell, exchange, release, impair, surrender, realize upon, collect, settle, or otherwise deal with in any manner and in any order any property at any time pledged or mortgaged to secure the Obligations or any of the Guarantied Obligations (including any of the obligations of all or any of the Guarantors under this Guaranty) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, or any offset on account thereof;

(iii) exercise or refrain from exercising any rights against any Grantor;

(iv) release or substitute any one or more endorsers, guarantors, any Grantor, or other obligors;

(v) settle or compromise any of the Obligations, any security therefor, or any liability (including any of those of any of the Guarantors under this Guaranty) incurred directly or indirectly in respect thereof or hereof, and may subordinate the payment of all or any part thereof to the payment of any liability (whether due or not) of any Grantor to its creditors;

(vi) apply any sums by whomever paid or however realized to any liability or liabilities of any Grantor to Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider regardless of what liability or liabilities of such Grantor remain unpaid;

(vii) consent to or waive any breach of, or any act, omission, or default under, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, any Bank Product Agreement, or any of the instruments or agreements referred to herein or therein, or otherwise amend, modify, or supplement this Agreement, any other Loan Document, any Bank Product Agreement, or any of such other instruments or agreements; or

(viii) take any other action that could, under otherwise applicable principles of law, give rise to a legal or equitable discharge of one or more of the Guarantors from all or part of its liabilities under this Guaranty.

(g) It is not necessary for Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider to inquire into the capacity or powers of any of the Guarantors or the officers, directors, partners or agents acting or purporting to act on their behalf, and any Obligations made or created in reliance upon the professed exercise of such powers shall be Guaranteed hereunder.

(h) Each Guarantor jointly and severally guarantees that the Guarantied Obligations will be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents, regardless of any law, regulation, or order now or hereafter in effect in any jurisdiction affecting any of such terms or the rights of any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider with respect thereto. The obligations of each Guarantor under this Guaranty are independent of the Guarantied Obligations, and a separate action or actions may be brought and prosecuted against each Guarantor to enforce such obligations, irrespective of whether any action is brought against any other Guarantor is joined in any such action or actions. The liability of each Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be absolute and unconditional irrespective of, and each Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives any defense it may now or hereafter have in any way relating to, any or all of the following:

(i) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Loan Document or any agreement or instrument relating thereto;

(ii) any change in the time, manner, or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Guarantied Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from any Loan Document, including any increase in the Guarantied Obligations resulting from the extension of additional credit;

(iii) any taking, exchange, release, or non-perfection of any Lien in and to any Collateral, or any taking, release, amendment, waiver of, or consent to departure from any other guaranty, for all or any of the Guarantied Obligations;

(iv) the existence of any claim, set-off, defense, or other right that any Guarantor may have at any time against any Person, including Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider;

(v) any defense, set-off, counterclaim, or claim, of any kind or nature, arising directly or indirectly from the present or future lack of perfection, sufficiency, validity, or enforceability of the Guarantied Obligations or any security therefor;

(vi) any right or defense arising by reason of any claim or defense based upon an election of remedies by any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider including any defense based upon an impairment or elimination of such Guarantor's rights of subrogation, reimbursement, contribution, or indemnity of such Guarantor against any other Grantor or any guarantors or sureties;

(vii) any change, restructuring, or termination of the corporate, limited liability company, or partnership structure or existence of any Grantor; or

## (i) Waivers:

(i) Each of the Guarantors waives any right (except as shall be required by applicable statute and cannot be waived) to require Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider to (i) proceed against any other Grantor or any other Person, (ii) proceed against or exhaust any security held from any other Grantor or any other Person, or (iii) protect, secure, perfect, or insure any security interest or Lien on any property subject thereto or exhaust any right to take any action against any other Grantor, any other Person, or any collateral, or (iv) pursue any other remedy in any member of the Lender Group's or any Bank Product Provider's power whatsoever. Each of the Guarantors waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any Grantor or any other Person, other than payment of the Obligations to the extent of such payment, based on or arising out of the disability of any Grantor or any other than payment of the Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any Grantor other than payment of the Obligations to the extent of such payment. Agent may, at the election of the Required Lenders, foreclose upon any Collateral held by Agent by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales or other dispositions, whether or not every aspect of any such sale is commercially reasonable or otherwise fails to comply with applicable law or may exercise any other right or remedy Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider may have against any Grantor or any other Person, or any security, in each case, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any of the Guarantors hereunder except to the extent the Obligations have been paid.

(ii) Each of the Guarantors waives all presentments, demands for performance, protests and notices, including notices of nonperformance, notices of protest, notices of dishonor, notices of acceptance of this Guaranty, and notices of the existence, creation, or incurring of new or additional Obligations or other financial accommodations. Each of the Guarantors waives notice of any Default or Event of Default under any of the Loan Documents. Each of the Guarantors assumes all responsibility for being and keeping itself informed of each Grantor's financial condition and assets and of all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Obligations and the nature, scope, and extent of the risks which each of the Guarantors assumes and incurs hereunder, and agrees that neither Agent nor any of the other members of the Lender Group nor any Bank Product Provider shall have any duty to advise any of the Guarantors of information known to them regarding such circumstances or risks.

(iii) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Guarantor hereby waives: (A) any right to assert against any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider, any defense (legal or equitable), set-off, counterclaim, or claim which each Guarantor may now or at any time hereafter have against any Borrower or any other party liable to any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider; (B) any defense, set-off, counterclaim, or claim, of any kind or nature, arising directly or indirectly from the present or future lack of perfection, sufficiency, validity, or enforceability of the Guarantied Obligations or any security therefor; (C) any right or defense arising by reason of any claim or defense based upon an election of remedies by any member of the Lender Group or any Bank Product Provider including any defense based upon an impairment or elimination of such Guarantor's rights of subrogation, reimbursement, contribution, or indemnity of such Guarantor against any Borrower or other guarantors or sureties; and (D) the benefit of any statute of limitations affecting such Guarantor's liability hereunder or the enforcement thereof, and any act which shall defer or delay the operation of any statute of limitations applicable to the Guarantied Obligations shall similarly operate to defer or delay the operation of such statute of limitations applicable to such Guarantor's liability hereunder.

(iv) No Guarantor will exercise any rights that it may now or hereafter acquire against any Grantor or any other guarantor that arise from the existence, payment, performance or enforcement of such Guarantor's obligations under this Guaranty, including any right of subrogation, reimbursement, exoneration, contribution or indemnification and any right to participate in any claim or remedy of Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider against any Grantor or any other guarantor or any Collateral, whether or not such claim, remedy or right arises in equity or under contract, statute or common law, including the right to take or receive from any Grantor or any other guarantor, directly or indirectly, in cash or other property or by set-off or in any other manner, payment or security solely on account of such claim, remedy or right, unless and until all of the Guarantied Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guaranty shall have been paid in full in cash and all of the Commitments have been terminated. If any amount shall be paid to any Guarantor in violation of the immediately preceding sentence, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, and shall forthwith be paid to Agent to be credited and applied to the Guarantied Obligations and all other amounts payable under this Guaranty, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement, or to be held as Collateral for any Guarantor may exercise any rights of subrogation, contribution, indemnity, reimbursement or other similar rights against, and may not proceed or seek recourse against or with respect to any property or asset of, any other Grantor (the "<u>Foreclosed Grantor</u>"), including after payment in full of the Obligations, if all or any portion of the Obligations have been satisfied in connection with an exercise of remedies in respect of the Equity Interests of such Foreclosed Grantor whether pursuant to

(v) Each of the Guarantors hereby acknowledges and affirms that it understands that to the extent the Obligations are secured by Real Property located in California, Guarantors shall be liable for the full amount of the liability hereunder notwithstanding the foreclosure on such Real Property by trustee sale or any other reason impairing such Guarantor's right to proceed against any Loan Party. In accordance with Section 2856 of the California Code of Civil Procedure or any similar laws of any other applicable jurisdiction, each of the Guarantors hereby waives until such time as the Obligations have been paid in full:

(1) all rights of subrogation, reimbursement, indemnification, and contribution and any other rights and defenses that are or may become available to the Guarantors by reason of Sections 2787 to 2855, inclusive, 2899, and 3433 of the California Code of Civil Procedure or any similar laws of any other applicable jurisdiction;

(2) all rights and defenses that the Guarantors may have because the Obligations are secured by Real Property located in California, meaning, among other things, that: (A) Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, and the Bank Product

Providers may collect from the Guarantors without first foreclosing on any real or personal property collateral pledged by any Borrower or any other Grantor, and (B) if Agent, on behalf of the Lender Group, forecloses on any Real Property collateral pledged by any Borrower or any other Grantor, (1) the amount of the Obligations may be reduced only by the price for which that collateral is sold at the foreclosure sale, even if the collateral is worth more than the sale price, and (2) the Lender Group may collect from the Guarantors even if, by foreclosing on the Real Property collateral, Agent or the other members of the Lender Group have destroyed or impaired any right the Guarantors may have to collect from any other Grantor, it being understood that this is an unconditional and irrevocable waiver of any rights and defenses the Guarantors may have because the Obligations are secured by Real Property (including, without limitation, any rights or defenses based upon Sections 580a, 580d, or 726 of the California Code of Civil Procedure or any similar laws of any other applicable jurisdiction); and

(3) all rights and defenses arising out of an election of remedies by Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, and the Bank Product Providers, even though that election of remedies, such as a nonjudicial foreclosure with respect to security for the Obligations, has destroyed Guarantors' rights of subrogation and reimbursement against any Grantor by the operation of Section 580d of the California Code of Civil Procedure or any similar laws of any other applicable jurisdiction or otherwise.

(vi) Each of the Guarantors represents, warrants, and agrees that each of the waivers set forth above is made with full knowledge of its significance and consequences and that if any of such waivers are determined to be contrary to any applicable law or public policy, such waivers shall be effective to the maximum extent permitted by law.

(vii) The provisions in this Section 2 which refer to certain sections of the California Civil Code are included in this Guaranty solely out of an abundance of caution and shall not be construed to mean that any of the above-referenced provisions of California law are in any way applicable to this Guaranty.

3. <u>Grant of Security</u>. Each Grantor hereby unconditionally grants, assigns, and pledges, to Agent, for the benefit of each member of the Lender Group and each of the Bank Product Providers, and hereby reaffirms its prior grant, assignment and pledge pursuant to the Existing Security Documents, to secure the Secured Obligations, a continuing security interest (hereinafter referred to as the "Security Interest") in all of such Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising and wherever located (the "Collateral"):

(a) all of such Grantor's Accounts;

(b) all of such Grantor's Books;

(c) all of such Grantor's Chattel Paper;

(d) all of such Grantor's Commercial Tort Claims;

(e) all of such Grantor's Deposit Accounts;

(f) all of such Grantor's Equipment;

- (g) all of such Grantor's Farm Products;
- (h) all of such Grantor's Fixtures;
- (i) all of such Grantor's General Intangibles;
- (j) all of such Grantor's Inventory;
- (k) all of such Grantor's Investment Property;
- (l) all of such Grantor's Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Licenses;
- (m) all of such Grantor's Negotiable Collateral;
- (n) all of such Grantor's Pledged Interests (including all of such Grantor's Pledged Operating Agreements and Pledged Partnership Agreements);
- (o) all of such Grantor's Securities Accounts;

existing or

(p) all of such Grantor's Supporting Obligations;

(q) all of such Grantor's money, Cash Equivalents, or other assets of such Grantor that now or hereafter come into the possession, custody, or control of Agent (or its agent or designee) or any other member of the Lender Group; and

(r) all of the proceeds (as such term is defined in the Code) and products, whether tangible or intangible, of any of the foregoing, including proceeds of insurance or Commercial Tort Claims covering or relating to any or all of the foregoing, and any and all Accounts, Books, Chattel Paper, Deposit Accounts, Equipment, Fixtures, General Intangibles, Inventory, Investment Property, Intellectual Property, Negotiable Collateral, Pledged Interests, Securities Accounts, Supporting Obligations, money, or other tangible or intangible property resulting from the sale, lease, license, exchange, collection, or other disposition of any of the foregoing, the proceeds of any award in condemnation with respect to any of the foregoing, any rebates or refunds, whether for taxes or otherwise, and all proceeds of any such proceeds, or any portion thereof or interest therein, and the proceeds thereof, and all proceeds of any loss of, damage to, or destruction of the above, whether insured or not insured, and, to the extent not otherwise included, any indemnity, warranty, or guaranty payable by reason of loss or damage to, or otherwise with respect to any of the foregoing (the "Proceeds"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the term "Proceeds" includes whatever is receivable or received when Investment Property or proceeds are sold, collected, or otherwise disposed of, whether such disposition is voluntary or involuntary, and includes proceeds of any indemnity or guaranty payable to any Grantor or Agent from time to time with respect to any of the Investment Property.

4. Security for Secured Obligations. The Security Interest created hereby secures the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, whether now

arising hereafter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement secures the payment of all amounts which constitute part of the Secured Obligations and would be owed by Grantors, or any of them, to Agent, the Lender Group, the Bank Product Providers or any of them, but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable (in whole or in part) as a claim in an Insolvency Proceeding involving any Grantor due to the existence of such Insolvency Proceeding.

5. <u>Grantors Remain Liable</u> Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, (a) each of the Grantors shall remain liable under the contracts and agreements included in the Collateral, including the Pledged Operating Agreements and the Pledged Partnership Agreements, to perform all of the duties and obligations thereunder to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, (b) the exercise by Agent or any other member of the Lender Group of any of the rights hereunder shall not release any Grantor from any of its duties or obligations under such contracts and agreements included in the Collateral, and (c) none of the members of the Lender Group shall have any obligation or liability under such contracts and agreements included in the Collateral by reason of this Agreement, nor shall any of the members of the Lender Group be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of any Grantors thereunder or to take any action to collect or enforce any claim for payment assigned hereunder. Until an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Credit Agreement, or any other Loan Document, Grantors shall have the right to possession and enjoyment of the Collateral for the purpose of conducting the ordinary course of their respective businesses, subject to and upon the terms hereof and of the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is the intention of the parties hereto that record and beneficial ownership of the Pledged Interests, including all voting, consensual, dividend, and distribution rights, shall remain in the applicable Grantor until (i) the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default and (ii) Agent has notified the applicable Grantor of Agent's election to exercise such rights with respect to the Pledged Interests pursuant to <u>Section 16</u>.

6. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. In order to induce Agent to enter into this Agreement for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, each Grantor makes the following representations and warranties to the Lender Group which shall be true, correct, and complete, in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof), as of the Closing Date, and shall be true, correct, and complete, in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof), as of the date of the making of each Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) made thereafter, as though made on and as of the date of such Revolving Loan (or other extension of credit) (except to the extent that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except that such materiality qualifier shall not be applicable to any representations and warranties that already are qualified or modified by materiality in the text thereof) as of such earlier date) and such representations and warranties shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement:

(a) The name (within the meaning of Section 9-503 of the Code) and jurisdiction of organization of each Grantor and each of its Subsidiaries is set forth on <u>Schedule 7</u> (as such Schedule may be updated from time to reflect changes resulting from transactions permitted under the Loan Documents).

(b) The chief executive office of each Grantor and each of its Subsidiaries is located at the address indicated on<u>Schedule 7</u> (as such Schedule may be updated from time to time to reflect changes resulting from transactions permitted under the Loan Documents).

(c) Each Grantor's and each of its Subsidiaries' tax identification numbers and organizational identification numbers, if any, are identified on <u>Schedule 7</u> (as such Schedule may be updated from time to reflect changes resulting from transactions permitted under the Loan Documents).

(d) As of the Closing Date, no Grantor and no Subsidiary of a Grantor holds any commercial tort claims that exceed \$100,000 in amount, except as set forth on Schedule 1.

(e) Set forth on Schedule 9 (as such Schedule may be updated from time to time subject to Section 7(k)(iii) with respect to Controlled Accounts and provided that Grantors comply with Section 7(c) hereof) is a listing of all of Grantors' and their Subsidiaries' Deposit Accounts and Securities Accounts, including, with respect to each bank or securities intermediary (a) the name and address of such Person, and (b) the account numbers of the Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts maintained with such Person.

#### (f) Schedule 8 sets forth all Real Property owned by any of the Grantors as of the Closing Date.

(g) As of the Closing Date: (i) <u>Schedule 2</u> provides a complete and correct list of all registered Copyrights owned by any Grantor, all applications for registration of Copyrights owned by any Grantor, and all other Copyrights owned by any Grantor and material to the conduct of the business of any Grantor; (ii) <u>Schedule 3</u> provides a complete and correct list of all Intellectual Property Licenses entered into by any Grantor that are material to the business of such Grantor and pursuant to which (A) any Grantor has provided any license or other rights in Intellectual Property owned or controlled by such Grantor to any other Person (other than non-exclusive software licenses granted in the ordinary course of business) or (B) any Person has granted to any Grantor any license or other rights in Intellectual Property that is incorporated in any Inventory, software, or other product marketed, sold, licensed, or distributed by such Grantor; (iii) <u>Schedule 4</u> provides a complete and correct list of all Patents owned by any Grantor, and all applications for Patents owned by any Grantor, and (iv) <u>Schedule 6</u> provides a complete and correct list of all registered Trademarks owned by any Grantor, all applications for registration of Trademarks owned by any Grantor, and all other Trademarks owned by any Grantor and material to the business of any Grantor.

(h) (i) each Grantor owns exclusively or holds licenses in all Intellectual Property that is necessary in or material to the conduct of its business;

(ii) to each Grantor's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, no Person has infringed or misappropriated or is currently infringing or misappropriating any Intellectual Property rights owned by such Grantor, in each case, that either individually or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(iii) (A) to each Grantor's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, (1) such Grantor is not currently infringing or misappropriating any Intellectual Property rights of any Person, and (2) no product manufactured, used, distributed, licensed, or sold by or service provided by such Grantor or is currently infringing or misappropriating any Intellectual Property rights of any Person, in each case, except where such infringement either individually or in the aggregate could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (B) there are no infringement or misappropriation claims or proceedings pending, or to any Grantor's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, threatened in writing against any Grantor, and no Grantor has received any written notice or other communication of any actual or alleged infringement or misappropriation of any Intellectual Property rights of any Person, in each case, except where such infringement either individually or in the aggregate could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(iv) to each Grantor's knowledge after reasonable inquiry, all registered Copyrights, registered Trademarks, and issued Patents that are owned by such Grantor and necessary in or material to the conduct of its business are valid, subsisting and enforceable and in compliance with all legal requirements, filings, and payments and other actions that are required to maintain such Intellectual Property in full force and effect, and

(v) each Grantor has taken reasonable steps to maintain the confidentiality of and otherwise protect and enforce its rights in all trade secrets owned by such Grantor that are necessary in or material to the conduct of the business of such Grantor,

(i) This Agreement creates a valid security interest in the Collateral of each Grantor, to the extent a security interest therein can be created under the Code, securing the payment of the Secured Obligations. Except to the extent a security interest in the Collateral cannot be perfected by the filing of a financing statement under the Code, all filings and other actions necessary or desirable to perfect and protect such security interest have been duly taken or will have been taken upon the filing of financing statements listing each applicable Grantor, as a debtor, and Agent, as secured party, in the jurisdictions listed next to such Grantor's name on <u>Schedule 11</u>. Upon the making of such filings, Agent shall have a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral of each Grantor to the extent such security interest can be perfected by the filing of a financing statement. Upon filing of any Copyright Security Agreement with the United States Copyright Office, filing of any Patent Security Agreement and any Trademark Security Interest in and on each Grantor's Patents, Trademarks, or Copyrights has been taken and such perfected Security Interest is enforceable as such as against any and all creditors of and purchasers from any Grantor. All action by any Grantor necessary to protect and perfect such security interest on each item of Collateral has been duly taken.

(j) (i) Except for the Security Interest created hereby, each Grantor is and will at all times be the sole holder of record and the legal and beneficial owner, free and clear of all

Liens other than Permitted Liens, of the Pledged Interests indicated on <u>Schedule 5</u> as being owned by such Grantor and, when acquired by such Grantor, any Pledged Interests acquired after the Closing Date; (ii) all of the Pledged Interests are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and the Pledged Interests constitute or will constitute the percentage of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Pledged Companies of such Grantor identified on <u>Schedule 5</u> as supplemented or modified by any Pledged Interests Addendum or any Joinder to this Agreement; (iii) such Grantor has the right and requisite authority to pledge, the Investment Property pledged by such Grantor to Agent as provided herein; (iv) all actions by such Grantor necessary or otherwise reasonably requested by Agent to perfect and establish the first priority of, or otherwise protect, Agent's Liens in the Investment Property, and the proceeds thereof, have been duly taken, upon (A) the execution and delivery of this Agreement; (B) the taking of possession by Agent (or its agent or designee) of any certificates representing the Pledged Interests, together with undated powers (or other documents of transfer acceptable to Agent) endorsed in blank by the applicable Grantor; (C) the filing of financing statements in the applicable jurisdiction set forth on <u>Schedule 11</u> for such Grantor Nith respect thereto; and (v) each Grantor has delivered to and deposited with Agent all certificates representing the Pledged Interests for any Securities Accounts, the delivery of Control Agreements with respect thereto; and (v) each Grantor has delivered to and deposited with Agent all certificates representing the Pledged Interests of transfer acceptable to Agent) endoged Interests owned by such Grantor thas been issued or transfer red in violation of any securities registration, securities disclosure, or similar laws of any jurisdiction to which such issuance or transfer may be subject.

(k) No consent, approval, authorization, or other order or other action by, and no notice to or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required (i) for the grant of a Security Interest by such Grantor in and to the Collateral pursuant to this Agreement or for the execution, delivery, or performance of this Agreement by such Grantor, or (ii) for the exercise by Agent of the voting or other rights provided for in this Agreement with respect to the Investment Property or the remedies in respect of the Collateral pursuant to this Agreement, except as may be required in connection with such disposition of Investment Property by laws affecting the offering and sale of securities generally and except for consents, approvals, authorizations, or other orders or actions that have been obtained or given (as applicable) and that are still in force. No Intellectual Property License of any Grantor to grant the security interest granted hereunder in such Grantor's right, title or interest in or to such Intellectual Property License.

(1) Schedule 12 sets forth all motor vehicles owned by Grantors as of the Closing Date, by model, model year, and vehicle identification number (VIN").

(m) As to all limited liability company or partnership interests, issued under any Pledged Operating Agreement or Pledged Partnership Agreement, each Grantor hereby represents and warrants that the Pledged Interests issued pursuant to such agreement (A) are not dealt in or traded on securities exchanges or in securities markets, (B) do not constitute investment company securities, and (C) are not held by such Grantor in a Securities Account. In addition, none of the Pledged Operating Agreements, the Pledged Partnership Agreements, or

any other agreements governing any of the Pledged Interests issued under any Pledged Operating Agreement or Pledged Partnership Agreement, provide that such Pledged Interests are securities governed by Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.

7. <u>Covenants</u>. Each Grantor, jointly and severally, covenants and agrees with Agent that from and after the date of this Agreement and until the date of termination of this Agreement in accordance with <u>Section 23</u>:

(a) <u>Possession of Collateral</u>. In the event that any Collateral, including Proceeds, is evidenced by or consists of Negotiable Collateral, Investment Property, or Chattel Paper having an aggregate value or face amount of \$250,000 or more for all such Negotiable Collateral, Investment Property, or Chattel Paper, as applicable, the Grantors shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days after acquisition thereof), notify Agent thereof, and if and to the extent that perfection or priority of Agent's Security Interest is dependent on or enhanced by possession, the applicable Grantor, promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days after requested by Agent or, if applicable, endorse and deliver physical possession of such Negotiable Collateral, Investment Property, or Chattel Paper to Agent, together with such undated powers (or other relevant document of transfer acceptable to Agent) endorsed in blank as shall be requested by Agent, and shall do such other acts or things deemed necessary or desirable by Agent to protect Agent's Security Interest therein;

### (b) Chattel Paper.

(i) Promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days) after request by Agent, each Grantor shall take all steps reasonably necessary to grant Agent control of all electronic Chattel Paper in accordance with the Code and all "transferable records" as that term is defined in Section 16 of the Uniform Electronic Transaction Act and Section 201 of the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction, to the extent that the aggregate value or face amount of such electronic Chattel Paper equals or exceeds \$250,000;

(ii) If any Grantor retains possession of any Chattel Paper or instruments (which retention of possession shall be subject to the extent permitted hereby and by the Credit Agreement), promptly upon the request of Agent, such Chattel Paper and instruments shall be marked with the following legend: "This writing and the obligations evidenced or secured hereby are subject to the Security Interest of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Agent for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers";

#### (c) Control Agreements.

(i) Except to the extent otherwise excused by Section 7(k)(iv), each Grantor shall obtain an authenticated Control Agreement (which may include a Controlled Account Agreement), from each bank maintaining a Deposit Account or Securities Account for such Grantor;

(ii) Except to the extent otherwise excused by Section 7(k)(iv), each Grantor shall obtain an authenticated Control Agreement, from each issuer of

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securities, securities intermediary, or commodities intermediary issuing or holding any financial assets or commodities to or for any Grantor, or maintaining a Securities Account for such Grantor; and

(iii) Except to the extent otherwise excused by Section 7(k)(iv), each Grantor shall obtain an authenticated Control Agreement with respect to all of such Grantor's investment property;

(d) Letter-of-Credit Rights. If the Grantors (or any of them) are or become the beneficiary of letters of credit having a face amount or value of \$250,000 or more in the aggregate, then the applicable Grantor or Grantors shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days after becoming a beneficiary), notify Agent thereof and, promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days) after request by Agent, assign the Grantors' rights in any such letter of credit to Agent and deliver such letter of credit to Agent;

(e) <u>Commercial Tort Claims</u>. If the Grantors (or any of them) obtain Commercial Tort Claims having a value, or involving an asserted claim, in the amount of \$250,000 or more in the aggregate for all Commercial Tort Claims, then the applicable Grantor or Grantors shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days of obtaining such Commercial Tort Claim), notify Agent upon incurring or otherwise obtaining such Commercial Tort Claims and, promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days) after request by Agent, amend <u>Schedule 1</u> to describe such Commercial Tort Claims in a manner that reasonably identifies such Commercial Tort Claims and which is otherwise reasonably satisfactory to Agent, and hereby authorizes the filing of additional financing statements or amendments to existing financing statements describing such Commercial Tort Claims, and agrees to do such other acts or things deemed necessary or desirable by Agent to give Agent a first priority, perfected security interest in any such Commercial Tort Claim;

(f) <u>Government Contracts</u>. Other than Accounts and Chattel Paper the aggregate value of which does not at any one time exceed \$250,000, if any Account or Chattel Paper arises out of a contract or contracts with the United States of America or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof, Grantors shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days of the creation thereof) notify Agent thereof and, promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days) after request by Agent, execute any instruments or take any steps reasonably required by Agent in order that all moneys due or to become due under such contract or contracts shall be assigned to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, and shall provide written notice thereof under the Assignment of Claims Act or other applicable law;

### (g) Intellectual Property.

(i) Upon the request of Agent, in order to facilitate filings with the PTO and the United States Copyright Office, each Grantor shall execute and deliver to Agent one or more Copyright Security Agreements, Trademark Security Agreements, or Patent Security Agreements to further evidence Agent's Lien on such Grantor's Patents, Trademarks, or Copyrights, and the General Intangibles of such Grantor relating thereto or represented thereby;

(ii) Each Grantor shall have the duty, with respect to Intellectual Property that is necessary in or material to the conduct of such Grantor's business, to protect and diligently enforce and defend at such Grantor's expense its Intellectual Property, including (A) to diligently enforce and defend, including promptly suing for infringement, misappropriation, or dilution and to recover any and all damages for such infringement, misappropriation, or dilution, and filing for opposition, interference, and cancellation against conflicting Intellectual Property rights of any Person, (B) to prosecute diligently any trademark application or service mark application that is part of the Trademarks pending as of the date hereof or hereafter until the termination of this Agreement, (C) to prosecute diligently any patent application that is part of the Patents pending as of the date hereof or hereafter until the termination of this Agreement, and (D) to take all reasonable and necessary action to preserve and maintain all of such Grantor's Trademarks, Patents, Copyrights, Intellectual Property Licenses, and its rights therein, including paying all maintenance fees and filing of applications for renewal, affidavits of use, and affidavits of noncontestability. Each Grantor hereby agrees to take the steps described in this <u>Section 7(g)(ii)</u> with respect to all new or acquired Intellectual Property to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is now or later becomes entitled that is necessary in or material to the conduct of such Grantor's business;

(iii) Grantors acknowledge and agree that the Lender Group shall have no duties with respect to any Intellectual Property or Intellectual Property Licenses of any Grantor. Without limiting the generality of this <u>Section 7(g)(iii)</u>. Grantors acknowledge and agree that no member of the Lender Group shall be under any obligation to take any steps necessary to preserve rights in the Collateral consisting of Intellectual Property or Intellectual Property Licenses against any other Person, but any member of the Lender Group may do so at its option from and after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, and all expenses incurred in connection therewith (including reasonable fees and expenses of attorneys and other professionals) shall be for the sole account of Borrowers and shall be chargeable to the Loan Account;

(iv) On each date on which a Compliance Certificate is to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u> of the Credit Agreement (or, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, more frequently if requested by Agent), each Grantor shall provide Agent with a written report of all new Patents, Trademarks or Copyrights that are registered or the subject of pending applications for registrations, and of all Intellectual Property Licenses that are material to the conduct of such Grantor's business, in each case, which were acquired, registered, or for which applications for registration were filed by any Grantor during the prior period and any statement of use or amendment to allege use with respect to intent-to-use trademark applications. In the case of such registrations or applicable Grantor as the owner (or as a co-owner thereof, if such is the case) of such Intellectual Property. In each of the foregoing cases, the applicable Grantor shall promptly cause to be prepared, executed, and delivered to Agent supplications filed on an intent-to-use

basis for which no statement of use or amendment to allege use has been filed) and Intellectual Property Licenses as being subject to the security interests created thereunder;

(v) Upon receipt from the United States Copyright Office of notice of registration of any Copyright, each Grantor shall promptly (but in no event later than ten (10) Business Days following such receipt) notify (but without duplication of any notice required by Section 7(g)(iv)) Agent of such registration by delivering, or causing to be delivered, to Agent, documentation sufficient for Agent to perfect Agent's Liens on such Copyright. If any Grantor acquires from any Person any Copyright registered with the United States Copyright Office or an application to register any Copyright with the United States Copyright Office, such Grantor shall promptly (but in no event later than ten (10) Business Days following such acquisition) notify Agent of such acquisition and deliver, or cause to be delivered, to Agent, documentation sufficient for Agent of such copyright registrations or applications therefor which were acquired by any Grantor, each such Grantor shall promptly (but in no event later than ten (10) Business Days following such acquisition) notify agent of such acquisitions or applications therefor which were acquired by any Grantor, each such Grantor shall promptly (but in no event later than ten (10) Business Days following such acquisition) file the necessary documents with the appropriate Governmental Authority identifying the applicable Grantor as the owner (or as a co-owner thereof, if such is the case) of such Copyrights;

(vi) Each Grantor shall take steps necessary in its reasonable business judgment to maintain the confidentiality of, and otherwise protect and enforce its rights in, the Intellectual Property that is necessary in or material to the conduct of such Grantor's business; and

(vii) No Grantor shall enter into any Intellectual Property License material to the conduct of the business to receive any license or rights in any Intellectual Property of any other Person unless such Grantor has used commercially reasonable efforts to permit the assignment of or grant of a security interest in such Intellectual Property License (and all rights of Grantor thereunder) to Agent (and any transferees of Agent);

#### (h) Investment Property.

(i) If any Grantor shall acquire, obtain, receive or become entitled to receive any Pledged Interests after the Closing Date, it shall promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days of acquiring or obtaining such Collateral) deliver to Agent a duly executed Pledged Interests Addendum identifying such Pledged Interests;

(ii) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, following the request of Agent, all sums of money and property paid or distributed in respect of the Investment Property that are received by any Grantor shall be held by the Grantors in trust for the benefit of Agent segregated from such Grantor's other property, and such Grantor shall deliver it forthwith to Agent in the exact form received;

(iii) Each Grantor shall promptly deliver to Agent a copy of each material notice or other material communication received by it in respect of any Pledged Interests;

Agreement, or

(iv) No Grantor shall make or consent to any amendment or other modification or waiver with respect to any Pledged Interests, Pledged Operating

Pledged Partnership Agreement, or enter into any agreement or permit to exist any restriction with respect to any Pledged Interests if the same is prohibited pursuant to the Loan Documents;

(v) Each Grantor agrees that it will cooperate with Agent in obtaining all necessary approvals and making all necessary filings under federal, state, local, or foreign law to effect the perfection of the Security Interest on the Investment Property or to effect any sale or transfer thereof;

(vi) As to all limited liability company or partnership interests, issued under any Pledged Operating Agreement or Pledged Partnership Agreement, each Grantor hereby covenants that the Pledged Interests issued pursuant to such agreement (A) are not and shall not be dealt in or traded on securities exchanges or in securities markets, (B) do not and will not constitute investment company securities, and (C) are not and will not be held by such Grantor in a securities account. In addition, none of the Pledged Operating Agreements, the Pledged Partnership Agreements, or any other agreements governing any of the Pledged Interests issued under any Pledged Operating Agreement or Pledged Partnership Agreement, provide or shall provide that such Pledged Interests are securities governed by Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any relevant jurisdiction.

(i) <u>Real Property; Fixtures.</u> Each Grantor covenants and agrees that upon the acquisition of any fee interest in Real Property having a fair market value in excess of \$250,000 it will promptly (and in any event within two (2) Business Days of acquisition) notify Agent of the acquisition of such Real Property and will grant to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, a first priority Mortgage on each fee interest in Real Property now or hereafter owned by such Grantor and shall deliver such other documentation and opinions, in form and substance satisfactory to Agent, in connection with the grant of such Mortgage as Agent shall request in its Permitted Discretion, including title insurance policies, financing statements, fixture filings and environmental audits and such Grantor shall pay all recording costs, intangible taxes and other fees and costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred in connection therewith. Each Grantor acknowledges and agrees that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all of the Collateral shall remain personal property regardless of the manner of its attachment or affixation to real property;

(j) <u>Transfers and Other Liens</u>. Grantors shall not (i) sell, assign (by operation of law or otherwise) or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, any of the Collateral, except as expressly permitted by the Credit Agreement, or (ii) create or permit to exist any Lien upon or with respect to any of the Collateral of any Grantor, except for Permitted Liens. The inclusion of Proceeds in the Collateral shall not be deemed to constitute Agent's consent to any sale or other disposition of any of the Collateral except as expressly permitted in this Agreement or the other Loan Documents;

#### (k) Controlled Accounts; Controlled Investments.

(i) Each Grantor shall (A) establish and maintain cash management services of a type and on terms reasonably satisfactory to Agent at Bank, and shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all of its and its Subsidiaries' Account Debtors forward payment of the amounts owed by them directly to Bank, and (B) deposit or cause to be deposited promptly, and in any event no later than the first Business Day after the date of receipt thereof,

all of their collections (including those sent directly by their Account Debtors to a Grantor) into a bank account of such Grantor (each, a Controlled Account") at Bank.

(ii) Each Grantor shall establish and maintain Controlled Account Agreements with Agent and Bank, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Agent. Each such Controlled Account Agreement shall provide, among other things, that (A) Bank will comply with any instructions originated by Agent directing the disposition of the funds in such Controlled Account without further consent by the applicable Grantor, (B) Bank waives, subordinates, or agrees not to exercise any rights of setoff or recoupment or any other claim against the applicable Controlled Account other than for payment of its service fees and other charges directly related to the administration of such Controlled Account and for returned checks or other items of payment, and (C) upon the instruction of Agent (an "<u>Activation Instruction</u>"), Bank will forward by daily sweep all amounts in the applicable Controlled Account to the Agent's Account. Agent agrees not to issue an Activation Instruction with respect to the Controlled Accounts unless a Triggering Event has occurred and is continuing at the time such Activation Instruction was issued has been waived in writing in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement, and (2) no additional Triggering Event has occurred and is continuing prior to the date of the Rescission or is reasonably expected to occur on or immediately after the date of the Rescission.

(iii) Other than (i) an aggregate amount of not more than \$375,000 at any one time, in the case of Grantors and their Subsidiaries, (ii) amounts deposited into Deposit Accounts specially and exclusively used for payroll, payroll taxes and other employee wage and benefit payments to or for any Grantor's or its Subsidiaries' employees, no Grantor will, and no Grantor will permit its Subsidiaries to, make, acquire, or permit to exist Permitted Investments consisting of cash, Cash Equivalents, or amounts credited to Deposit Accounts or Securities Accounts unless Grantor or its Subsidiary, as applicable, and the applicable bank or securities intermediary have entered into Control Agreements with Agent governing such Permitted Investments in order to perfect (and further establish) Agent's Liens in such Permitted Investments.

(1) Name, Etc. No Grantor will, nor will any Grantor permit any of its Subsidiaries to, change its name, organizational identification number, jurisdiction of organization or organizational identity; provided, that Grantor or any of its Subsidiaries may change its name upon at least 10 days prior written notice to Agent of such change; and

(m) Motor Vehicles. Promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Business Days) after request by Agent, with respect to all goods covered by a certificate of title owned by any Grantor, such Grantor shall deliver to Agent or Agent's designee, the certificates of title for all such goods and promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days) after request by Agent, such Grantor shall take all actions necessary to cause such certificates to be filed (with the Agent's Lien noted thereon) in the appropriate state motor vehicle filing office.

8. <u>Relation to Other Security Documents</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be read and construed with the other Loan Documents referred to below in the manner so indicated.

(a) <u>Credit Agreement</u>. In the event of any conflict between any provision in this Agreement and a provision in the Credit Agreement, such provision of the Credit Agreement shall control.

(b) <u>Patent, Trademark, Copyright Security Agreements</u>. The provisions of the Copyright Security Agreements, Trademark Security Agreements, and Patent Security Agreements are supplemental to the provisions of this Agreement, and nothing contained in the Copyright Security Agreements, Trademark Security Agreements, or the Patent Security Agreements shall limit any of the rights or remedies of Agent hereunder. In the event of any conflict between any provision in this Agreement and a provision in a Copyright Security Agreement, Trademark Security Agreement or Patent Security Agreement, such provision of this Agreement shall control.

#### 9. Further Assurances.

(a) Each Grantor agrees that from time to time, at its own expense, such Grantor will promptly execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take all further action, that Agent may reasonably request, in order to perfect and protect the Security Interest granted hereby, to create, perfect or protect the Security Interest purported to be granted hereby or to enable Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to any of the Collateral.

(b) Each Grantor authorizes the filing by Agent of financing or continuation statements, or amendments thereto, and such Grantor will execute and deliver to Agent such other instruments or notices, as Agent may reasonably request, in order to perfect and preserve the Security Interest granted or purported to be granted hereby.

(c) Each Grantor authorizes Agent at any time and from time to time to file, transmit, or communicate, as applicable, financing statements and amendments (i) describing the Collateral as "all personal property of debtor" or "all assets of debtor" or words of similar effect, (ii) describing the Collateral as being of equal or lesser scope or with greater detail, or (iii) that contain any information required by part 5 of Article 9 of the Code for the sufficiency or filing office acceptance. Each Grantor also hereby ratifies any and all financing statements or amendments previously filed by Agent in any jurisdiction.

(d) Each Grantor acknowledges that it is not authorized to file any financing statement or amendment or termination statement with respect to any financing statement filed in connection with this Agreement without the prior written consent of Agent, subject to such Grantor's rights under Section 9-509(d)(2) of the Code.

10. <u>Agent's Right to Perform Contracts, Exercise Rights, etc.</u> Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, Agent (or its designee) (a) may proceed to perform any and all of the obligations of any Grantor contained in any contract, lease, or other agreement and exercise any and all rights of any Grantor therein contained as fully as such Grantor itself could, (b) shall have the right to use any Grantor's rights under Intellectual Property Licenses in connection with the enforcement of Agent's rights hereunder, including the right to prepare for sale and sell any and all Inventory and Equipment now or hereafter owned by any Grantor and now or hereafter covered by such licenses, and (c) shall have the right to request

that any Equity Interests that are pledged hereunder be registered in the name of Agent or any of its nominees.

11. <u>Agent Appointed Attorney-in-Fact</u>. Each Grantor hereby irrevocably appoints Agent its attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the place and stead of such Grantor and in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, at such time as an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing under the Credit Agreement, to take any action and to execute any instrument which Agent may reasonably deem necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement, including:

(a) to ask, demand, collect, sue for, recover, compromise, receive and give acquittance and receipts for moneys due and to become due under or in connection with the Accounts or any other Collateral of such Grantor;

(b) to receive and open all mail addressed to such Grantor and to notify postal authorities to change the address for the delivery of mail to such Grantor to that of Agent;

(c) to receive, indorse, and collect any drafts or other instruments, documents, Negotiable Collateral or Chattel Paper;

(d) to file any claims or take any action or institute any proceedings which Agent may deem necessary or desirable for the collection of any of the Collateral of such Grantor or otherwise to enforce the rights of Agent with respect to any of the Collateral;

(e) to repair, alter, or supply goods, if any, necessary to fulfill in whole or in part the purchase order of any Person obligated to such Grantor in respect of any Account of such Grantor;

(f) to use any Intellectual Property or Intellectual Property Licenses of such Grantor, including but not limited to any labels, Patents, Trademarks, trade names, URLs, domain names, industrial designs, Copyrights, or advertising matter, in preparing for sale, advertising for sale, or selling Inventory or other Collateral and to collect any amounts due under Accounts, contracts or Negotiable Collateral of such Grantor; and

(g) Agent, on behalf of the Lender Group or the Bank Product Providers, shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to bring suit in its own name to enforce the Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Licenses and, if Agent shall commence any such suit, the appropriate Grantor shall, at the request of Agent, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all proper documents reasonably required by Agent in aid of such enforcement.

To the extent permitted by law, each Grantor hereby ratifies all that such attorney-in-fact shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney is coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable until this Agreement is terminated.

12. <u>Agent May Perform</u>. If any Grantor fails to perform any agreement contained herein, Agent may itself perform, or cause performance of, such agreement, and the reasonable expenses of Agent incurred in connection therewith shall be payable, jointly and severally, by Grantors.

13. Agent's Duties. The powers conferred on Agent hereunder are solely to protect Agent's interest in the Collateral, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, and shall not impose any duty upon Agent to exercise any such powers. Except for the safe custody of any Collateral in its actual possession and the accounting for moneys actually received by it hereunder, Agent shall have no duty as to any Collateral or as to the taking of any necessary steps to preserve rights against prior parties or any other rights pertaining to any Collateral. Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any Collateral in its actual possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which Agent accords its own property.

14. <u>Collection of Accounts, General Intangibles and Negotiable Collateral</u>. At any time upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, Agent or Agent's designee may (a) notify Account Debtors of any Grantor that the Accounts, General Intangibles, Chattel Paper or Negotiable Collateral of such Grantor have been assigned to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, or that Agent has a security interest therein, and (b) collect the Accounts, General Intangibles and Negotiable Collateral of any Grantor directly, and any collection costs and expenses shall constitute part of such Grantor's Secured Obligations under the Loan Documents.

15. Disposition of Pledged Interests by Agent. None of the Pledged Interests existing as of the date of this Agreement are, and none of the Pledged Interests hereafter acquired on the date of acquisition thereof will be, registered or qualified under the various federal or state securities laws of the United States and disposition thereof after an Event of Default may be restricted to one or more private (instead of public) sales in view of the lack of such registration. Each Grantor understands that in connection with such disposition, Agent may approach only a restricted number of potential purchasers and further understands that a sale under such circumstances may yield a lower price for the Pledged Interests than if the Pledged Interests were registered and qualified pursuant to federal and state securities laws and sold on the open market. Each Grantor, therefore, agrees that: (a) if Agent shall, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, sell or cause the Pledged Interests or any portion thereof to be sold at a private sale, Agent shall have the right to rely upon the advice and opinion of any nationally recognized brokerage or investment firm (but shall not be considered in determining the commercial reasonableness of such action) as to the best manner in which to offer the Pledged Interest or any portion thereof for sale and as to the best price reasonably obtainable at the private sale thereof; and (b) such reliance shall be conclusive evidence that Agent has handled the disposition in a commercially reasonable manner.

#### 16. Voting and Other Rights in Respect of Pledged Interests.

(a) Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, (i) Agent may, at its option, and with concurrent notice to any Grantor, and in addition to all rights and remedies available to Agent under any other agreement, at law, in equity, or otherwise, exercise all voting rights, or any other ownership or consensual rights (including any dividend or distribution rights) in respect of the Pledged Interests owned by such Grantor, but under no circumstances is Agent obligated by the terms of this Agreement to exercise such rights, and (ii) if Agent duly exercises its right to vote any of such Pledged Interests, each Grantor hereby appoints Agent, such Grantor's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and IRREVOCABLE PROXY to vote such Pledged Interests in any manner Agent deems advisable

for or against all matters submitted or which may be submitted to a vote of shareholders, partners or members, as the case may be. The power-of-attorney and proxy granted hereby is coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable.

(b) For so long as any Grantor shall have the right to vote the Pledged Interests owned by it, such Grantor covenants and agrees that it will not, without the prior written consent of Agent, vote or take any consensual action with respect to such Pledged Interests which would materially adversely affect the rights of Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, or the Bank Product Providers, or the value of the Pledged Interests.

#### 17. <u>Remedies</u>. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(a) Agent may, and, at the instruction of the Required Lenders, shall exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to other rights and remedies provided for herein, in the other Loan Documents, or otherwise available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party on default under the Code or any other applicable law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Grantor expressly agrees that, in any such event, Agent without demand of performance or other demand, advertisement or notice of any kind (except a notice specified below of time and place of public or private sale) to or upon any Grantor or any other Person (all and each of which demands, advertisements and notices are hereby expressly waived to the maximum extent permitted by the Code or any other applicable law), may take immediate possession of all or any portion of the Collateral and (i) require Grantors to, and each Grantor hereby agrees that it will at its own expense and upon request of Agent forthwith, assemble all or part of the Collateral as directed by Agent and make it available to Agent at one or more locations where such Grantor regularly maintains Inventory, and (ii) without notice except as specified below, sell the Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale, at any of Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit, and upon such other terms as Agent may deem commercially reasonable. Each Grantor agrees that, to the extent notification of sale shall be required by law, at least ten (10) days notification by mail to the applicable Grantor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification and specifically such notification shall constitute a reasonable "authenticated notification of disposition" within the meaning of Section 9-611 of the Code. Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notification of sale having been given. Agent may adjourn any public sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. Each Grantor agrees that (A) the internet shall constitute a "place" for purposes of Section 9-610(b) of the Code and (B) to the extent notification of sale shall be required by law, notification by mail of the URL where a sale will occur and the time when a sale will commence at least ten (10) days prior to the sale shall constitute a reasonable notification for purposes of Section 9-611(b) of the Code. Each Grantor agrees that any sale of Collateral to a licensor pursuant to the terms of a license agreement between such licensor and a Grantor is sufficient to constitute a commercially reasonable sale (including as to method, terms, manner, and time) within the meaning of Section 9-610 of the Code.

(b) Agent is hereby granted a license or other right to use, without liability for royalties or any other charge, each Grantor's Intellectual Property, including but not limited to,

any labels, Patents, Trademarks, trade names, URLs, domain names, industrial designs, Copyrights, and advertising matter, whether owned by any Grantor or with respect to which any Grantor has rights under license, sublicense, or other agreements (including any Intellectual Property License), as it pertains to the Collateral, in preparing for sale, advertising for sale and selling any Collateral, and each Grantor's rights under all licenses and all franchise agreements shall inure to the benefit of Agent.

(c) Agent may, in addition to other rights and remedies provided for herein, in the other Loan Documents, or otherwise available to it under applicable law and without the requirement of notice to or upon any Grantor or any other Person (which notice is hereby expressly waived to the maximum extent permitted by the Code or any other applicable law), (i) with respect to any Grantor's Deposit Accounts in which Agent's Liens are perfected by control under Section 9-104 of the Code, instruct the bank maintaining such Deposit Account for the applicable Grantor to pay the balance of such Deposit Account to or for the benefit of Agent, and (ii) with respect to any Grantor's Securities Accounts in which Agent's Liens are perfected by control under Section 9-106 of the Code, instruct the securities intermediary maintaining such Securities Account for the applicable Grantor to (A) transfer any cash in such Securities Account to or for the benefit of Agent, or (B) liquidate any financial assets in such Securities Account that are customarily sold on a recognized market and transfer the cash proceeds thereof to or for the benefit of Agent.

(d) Any cash held by Agent as Collateral and all cash proceeds received by Agent in respect of any sale of, collection from, or other realization upon all or any part of the Collateral shall be applied against the Secured Obligations in the order set forth in the Credit Agreement. In the event the proceeds of Collateral are insufficient to satisfy all of the Secured Obligations in full, each Grantor shall remain jointly and severally liable for any such deficiency.

(e) Each Grantor hereby acknowledges that the Secured Obligations arise out of a commercial transaction, and agrees that if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing Agent shall have the right to an immediate writ of possession without notice of a hearing. Agent shall have the right to the appointment of a receiver for the properties and assets of each Grantor, and each Grantor hereby consents to such rights and such appointment and hereby waives any objection such Grantor may have thereto or the right to have a bond or other security posted by Agent.

18. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. Each right, power, and remedy of Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider as provided for in this Agreement, the other Loan Documents or any Bank Product Agreement now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to every other right, power, or remedy provided for in this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Bank Product Agreements or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and the exercise or beginning of the exercise by Agent, any other member of the Lender Group, or any Bank Product Provider, of any one or more of such rights, powers, or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by Agent, such other member of the Lender Group or such Bank Product Provider of any or all such other rights, powers, or remedies.

19. <u>Marshaling</u>. Agent shall not be required to marshal any present or future collateral security (including but not limited to the Collateral) for, or other assurances of payment of, the Secured Obligations or any of them or to resort to such collateral security or other assurances of payment in any particular order, and all of its rights and remedies hereunder and in respect of such collateral security and other assurances of payment shall be cumulative and in addition to all other rights and remedies, however existing or arising. To the extent that it lawfully may, each Grantor hereby agrees that it will not invoke any law relating to the marshaling of collateral which might cause delay in or impede the enforcement of Agent's rights and remedies under this Agreement or under any other instrument creating or evidencing any of the Secured Obligations is outstanding or by which any of the Secured Obligations is secured or payment thereof is otherwise assured, and, to the extent that it lawfully may, each Grantor hereby waives the benefits of all such laws.

#### 20. Indemnity and Expenses.

(a) Each Grantor agrees to indemnify Agent and the other members of the Lender Group from and against all claims, lawsuits and liabilities (including reasonable attorneys' fees) growing out of or resulting from this Agreement (including enforcement of this Agreement) or any other Loan Document to which such Grantor is a party, except claims, losses or liabilities resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification as determined by a final non-appealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction. This provision shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the Credit Agreement and the repayment of the Secured Obligations.

(b) Grantors, jointly and severally, shall, upon demand, pay to Agent (or Agent, may charge to the Loan Account) all the Lender Group Expenses which Agent may incur in connection with (i) the administration of this Agreement, (ii) the custody, preservation, use or operation of, or, upon an Event of Default, the sale of, collection from, or other realization upon, any of the Collateral in accordance with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (iii) the exercise or enforcement of any of the rights of Agent hereunder or (iv) the failure by any Grantor to perform or observe any of the provisions hereof.

21. <u>Merger, Amendments; Etc.</u> THIS AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS, REPRESENTS THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS OR ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, and no consent to any departure by any Grantor herefrom, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by Agent, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by Agent and each Grantor to which such amendment applies.

22. <u>Addresses for Notices</u>. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be given in the form and manner and delivered to Agent at its address specified in the Credit Agreement, and to any of the Grantors at their respective addresses

specified in the Credit Agreement or, as to any party, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other party.

#### 23. Continuing Security Interest: Assignments under Credit Agreement

(a) This Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Collateral and shall (i) remain in full force and effect until the Obligations have been paid in full in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the Commitments have expired or have been terminated, (ii) be binding upon each Grantor, and their respective successors and assigns, and (iii) inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, Agent, and its successors, transferees and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing clause (iii), any Lender may, in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement, assign or otherwise transfer all or any portion of its rights and obligations under the Credit Agreement to any other Person, and such other Person shall thereupon become vested with all the benefits in respect thereof granted to such Lender herein or otherwise. Upon payment in full of the Secured Obligations (which for purposes of this Section 22 shall excluded contingent indemnification obligations for which no claim has been made) in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the expiration or termination of the Commitments, the Guaranty made and the Security Interest granted hereby shall terminate and all rights to the Collateral shall revert to Grantors or any other Person entitled thereto. At such time, upon Borrowers' request, Agent will authorize the filing of appropriate termination statements to terminate such Security Interest. No transfer or renewal, extension, assignment, or termination of this Agreement or other loans made by any Lender to any Borrower, nor the taking of further security, nor the retaking or re-delivery of the Collateral to Grantors, or any of them, shall release any Grantor from any obligation, except a release or discharge executed in writing by Agent in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement. Agent shall not by any act, delay, omission or otherwise, be deemed to have waived any of its rights or remedies hereunder, unless such waiver is in wri

(b) Each Grantor agrees that, if any payment made by any Grantor or other Person and applied to the Secured Obligations is at any time annulled, avoided, set, aside, rescinded, invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential or otherwise required to be refunded or repaid, or the proceeds of any Collateral are required to be returned by Agent or any other member of the Lender Group to such Grantor, its estate, trustee, receiver or any other party, including any Grantor, under any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or repayment, any Lien or other Collateral securing such liability shall be and remain in full force and effect, as fully as if such payment had never been made. If, prior to any of the foregoing, (i) any Lien or other Collateral securing such Grantor's liability hereunder shall have been released or terminated by virtue of the foregoing clause (a), or (ii) any provision of the Guaranty hereunder shall have been terminated, cancelled or surrendered, such Lien, other Collateral or provision shall be reinstated in full force and effect and such prior release, termination, cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release,

discharge, impair or otherwise affect the obligations of any such Grantor in respect of any Lien or other Collateral securing such obligation or the amount of such payment.

24. <u>Survival</u>. All representations and warranties made by the Grantors in this Agreement and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that Agent, Issuing Lender, or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any loan or any fee or any other amount payable under the Credit Agreement is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or terminated.

#### 25. CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE; JURY TRIAL WAIVER; JUDICIAL REFERENCE PROVISION

(a) THE VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION, AND ENFORCEMENT HEREOF, THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES HERETO WITH RESPECT TO ALL MATTERS ARISING HEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO, AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING HEREUNDER OR RELATED HERETO SHALL BE DETERMINED UNDER, GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

(b) THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE TRIED AND LITIGATED ONLY IN THE STATE AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS; <u>PROVIDED</u>, THAT ANY SUIT SEEKING ENFORCEMENT AGAINST ANY COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE BROUGHT, AT AGENT'S OPTION, IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION WHERE AGENT ELECTS TO BRING SUCH ACTION OR WHERE SUCH COLLATERAL OR OTHER PROPERTY MAY BE FOUND. EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT WAIVE, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT EACH MAY HAVE TO ASSERT THE DOCTRINE OF <u>FORUM NON CONVENIENS</u> OR TO OBJECT TO VENUE TO THE EXTENT ANY PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS <u>SECTION 25(b)</u>.

(c) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RESPECTIVE RIGHTS, IF ANY, TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN, INCLUDING CONTRACT CLAIMS, TORT CLAIMS, BREACH OF DUTY CLAIMS, AND ALL OTHER COMMON LAW OR STATUTORY CLAIMS (EACH A " <u>CLAIM</u>"). EACH GRANTOR AND AGENT REPRESENT THAT EACH HAS REVIEWED THIS WAIVER AND EACH KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, A COPY

# OF THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO A TRIAL BY THE COURT.

(d) EACH GRANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF COOK AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION 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 AGREEMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT AGENT MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT AGAINST ANY GRANTOR OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(e) NO CLAIM MAY BE MADE BY ANY GRANTOR AGAINST THE AGENT, THE SWING LENDER, ANY OTHER LENDER, ISSUING LENDER, OR THE UNDERLYING ISSUER, OR ANY AFFILIATE, DIRECTOR, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, COUNSEL, REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT, OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF ANY OF THEM FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN RESPECT OF ANY CLAIM FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACT, OMISSION, OR EVENT OCCURRING IN CONNECTION HEREWITH, AND EACH GRANTOR HEREBY WAIVES, RELEASES, AND AGREES NOT TO SUE UPON ANY CLAIM FOR SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER OR NOT ACCRUED AND WHETHER OR NOT KNOWN OR SUSPECTED TO EXIST IN ITS FAVOR.

(f) IN THE EVENT ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING IS FILED IN A COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA (THE " <u>COURT</u>") BY OR AGAINST ANY PARTY HERETO IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM AND THE WAIVER SET FORTH IN <u>SECTION 25(c)</u> ABOVE IS NOT ENFORCEABLE IN SUCH PROCEEDING, THE PARTIES HERETO AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

(i) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MATTERS SPECIFIED IN SUBCLAUSE (ii) BELOW, ANY CLAIM SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A GENERAL REFERENCE PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTIONS 638 THROUGH 645.1. THE PARTIES INTEND THIS GENERAL REFERENCE AGREEMENT TO BE SPECIFICALLY ENFORCEABLE. VENUE FOR THE REFERENCE PROCEEDING SHALL BE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

(ii) THE FOLLOWING MATTERS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO A GENERAL REFERENCE PROCEEDING: (A) NON-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF ANY SECURITY INTERESTS IN REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY, (B) EXERCISE OF SELF-HELP REMEDIES (INCLUDING SET-OFF OR RECOUPMENT), (C) APPOINTMENT OF A RECEIVER, AND (D) TEMPORARY, PROVISIONAL, OR ANCILLARY REMEDIES

(INCLUDING WRITS OF ATTACHMENT, WRITS OF POSSESSION, TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDERS, OR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTIONS). THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO EXERCISE OR OPPOSE ANY OF THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES DESCRIBED IN CLAUSES (A) - (D) AND ANY SUCH EXERCISE OR OPPOSITION DOES NOT WAIVE THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY TO PARTICIPATE IN A REFERENCE PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER MATTER.

26. <u>New Subsidiaries</u>. Pursuant to <u>Section 5.11</u> of the Credit Agreement, certain Subsidiaries (whether by acquisition or creation) of any Grantor are required to enter into this Agreement by executing and delivering in favor of Agent a Joinder to this Agreement in substantially the form of <u>Annex 1</u>. Upon the execution and delivery of <u>Annex 1</u> by any such new Subsidiary, such Subsidiary shall become a Guarantor and Grantor hereunder with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Guarantor and Grantor herein. The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Guarantor or Grantor as a party to this Agreement shall not require the consent of any Guarantor or Grantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Guarantor and Grantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Guarantor or Grantor hereunder.

27. Agent. Each reference herein to any right granted to, benefit conferred upon or power exercisable by the "Agent" shall be a reference to Agent, for the benefit of each member of the Lender Group and each of the Bank Product Providers.

#### 28. Miscellaneous.

(a) This Agreement is a Loan Document. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Agreement but the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, and binding effect of this Agreement. The foregoing shall apply to each other Loan Document *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof in that jurisdiction or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. Each provision of this Agreement shall be severable from every other provision of this Agreement for the purpose of determining the legal enforceability of any specific provision.

(c) Headings and numbers have been set forth herein for convenience only. Unless the contrary is compelled by the context, everything contained in each Section applies equally to this entire Agreement.

(d) Neither this Agreement nor any uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be construed against any member of the Lender Group or any Grantor, whether under any rule of construction or otherwise. This Agreement has been reviewed by all parties and shall be construed and interpreted according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to accomplish fairly the purposes and intentions of all parties hereto.

29. Effect of Amendment and Restatement; Renewal and Extension of Liens and Security Interests. Upon the effectiveness of this Guaranty and Security Agreement, the Existing Loan Documents shall be amended and restated in their entirety by this Agreement. Each Grantor acknowledges that the guaranty, pledge and grant of liens and security interests made by such Grantor to WF in the Existing Loan Documents are in full force and effect, are valid and subsisting, are not impaired or diminished hereby, and are reaffirmed, extended and carried forward hereby to secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, of the Secured Obligations.

[signature pages follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above

GRANTORS:

# MGPI PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

# MGPI PIPELINE, INC., a Kansas corporation

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

# MGPI OF INDIANA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

# MGP INGREDIENTS, INC., a Kansas corporation

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

# [SIGNATURE PAGE TO GUARANTY AND SECURITY AGREEMENT]

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Agent, as Sole Lead Arranger, as Sole Book Runner, and as a Lender

By: Name: Title: /s/ Chris Heckman

Chris Heckman Its Authorized Signatory

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#### AMENDED AND RESTATED PATENT SECURITY AGREEMENT

This AMENDED AND RESTATED PATENT SECURITY AGREEMENT (this "<u>Patent Security Agreement</u>") is made this 2nd day of November, 2012 by and among the Grantors listed on the signature pages hereof (collectively, jointly and severally, "<u>Grantors</u>" and each individually "<u>Grantor</u>"), and **WELLS FARGO BANK**, **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** ("<u>WF</u>"), in its capacity as agent for the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, "<u>Agent</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 2, 2012 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>") by and among MGP Ingredients, Inc., as parent (<u>"Parent</u>"), MGPI Processing, Inc., MGPI Pipeline, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, as Borrowers ("<u>Borrowers</u>"), the lenders party thereto as "Lenders" (such Lenders, together with their respective successors and assigns in such capacity, each, individually, a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Agent, the Lender Group has agreed to make certain financial accommodations available to Borrowers from time to time pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the members of Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers are willing to make the financial accommodations to Borrowers as provided for in the Credit Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and the Bank Product Agreements, but only upon the condition, among others, that the Grantors shall have executed and delivered to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, that certain Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2012 (including all annexes, exhibits or schedules thereto, as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified, the "Guaranty and Security Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement, Grantors are required to execute and deliver to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, this Patent Security Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Grantor hereby agrees as follows:

1. <u>DEFINED TERMS</u>. All initially capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Guaranty and Security Agreement or, if not defined therein, in the Credit Agreement, and this Patent Security Agreement shall be subject to the rules of construction set forth in <u>Section 1(b)</u> of the Guaranty and Security Agreement, which rules of construction are incorporated herein by this reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

2 . <u>GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN PATENT COLLATERAL</u>. Each Grantor hereby unconditionally grants, assigns, and pledges to Agent, for the benefit each member of the Lender Group and each of the Bank Product Providers, to secure the Secured Obligations, a continuing security interest (referred to in this Patent Security Agreement as the

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"Security Interest") in all of such Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising (collectively, the <u>Patent</u> <u>Collateral</u>"):

- (a) all of its Patents and Patent Intellectual Property Licenses to which it is a party including those referred to or<u>Schedule I;</u>
- (b) all divisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, reexaminations, or extensions of the foregoing; and

(c) all products and proceeds of the foregoing, including any claim by such Grantor against third parties for past, present or future infringement of any Patent or any Patent exclusively licensed under any Intellectual Property License, including the right to receive damages, or right to receive license fees, royalties, and other compensation under any Patent Intellectual Property License.

3 . <u>SECURITY FOR SECURED OBLIGATIONS</u>. This Patent Security Agreement and the Security Interest created hereby secures the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, whether now existing or arising hereafter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Patent Security Agreement secures the payment of all amounts which constitute part of the Secured Obligations and would be owed by Grantors, or any of them, to Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, the Bank Product Providers or any of them, whether or not they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of an Insolvency Proceeding involving any Grantor.

4. <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>. The Security Interest granted pursuant to this Patent Security Agreement is granted in conjunction with the security interests granted to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement. Each Grantor hereby acknowledges and affirms that the rights and remedies of Agent with respect to the Security Interest in the Patent Collateral made and granted hereby are more fully set forth in the Guaranty and Security Agreement, the terms and provisions of which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this Patent Security Agreement and the Guaranty and Security Agreement shall control.

5. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPLEMENT</u>. If any Grantor shall obtain rights to any new patent application or issued patent or become entitled to the benefit of any patent application or patent for any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue, or reexamination of any existing patent or patent application, the provisions of this Patent Security Agreement shall automatically apply thereto. Grantors shall give prompt notice in writing to Agent with respect to any such new patent rights. Without limiting Grantors' obligations under this Section, Grantors hereby authorize Agent unilaterally to modify this Patent Security Agreement by amending <u>Schedule I</u> to include any such new patent rights of each Grantor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no failure to so modify this Patent Security Agreement or amend <u>Schedule I</u> shall in any way affect, invalidate or detract from Agent's continuing security interest in all Collateral, whether or not listed on <u>Schedule I</u>.

6. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>. This Patent Security Agreement is a Loan Document. This Patent Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different

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parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Patent Security Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Patent Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Patent Security Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Patent Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Patent but the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, and binding effect of this Patent Security Agreement.

7 . <u>CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE, JURY TRIAL WAIVER, AND JUDICIAL REFERENCE PROVISION</u>. THIS PATENT SECURITY AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE, JURY TRIAL WAIVER, AND JUDICIAL REFERENCE SET FORTH IN <u>SECTION 25</u> OF THE SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND SUCH PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, *MUTATIS MUTANDIS*.

8. <u>Amendment and Restatement</u>. This Patent Security Agreement, together with the Trademark Security Agreement dated as of the date hereof, amends and restates in its entirety that certain Patent and Trademark Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 by MGP Ingredients, Inc. in favor of the Agent (the "<u>Original IP</u> <u>Security Agreement</u>"), and shall not act as a termination, release or novation of the Original IP Security Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Patent Security Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

#### **GRANTORS**:

MGPI PROCESSING, INC.

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

# ACCEPTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Agent, as Sole Lead Arranger, as Sole Book Runner, and as a Lender

By: Name: /s/ Chris Heckman

Chris Heckman Its Authorized Signatory

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AGENT:

# SCHEDULE I to PATENT SECURITY AGREEMENT

# Patents

PATENT	PATENT or APPLICATION NUMBER	FILE DATE
RESISTANT STARCH-HYDROCOLLOID BLENDS AND USES THEREOF	12/580755	10/16/2009
High-Protein, Reduced-Carbohydrate Bakery And Other Food Products	12/785169	05/21/2010
HIGH-PROTEIN, LOW-CARGOHYDRATE BAKERY PRODUCTS	11/830507	07/30/2007
RESITTANT STARCH-HYDROCOLLOID BLENDS AND USES THEREOF	11/689620	03/22/2007
Thermotolerant starch-polyester composites and methods of making same	11/585369	10/24/2006
Starch-plastic composite resins and profiles made by extrusion	11/339367	01/25/2006
Pregelatinized chemically modified resistant starch products and uses thereof	11/294314	12/05/2005
Reversibly swellable granular starch-lipid composites and methods of making the same	11/146671	06/07/2005
Mineral-bound starch compositions and methods of making the same	11/146623	06/07/2005
Expanded products with high protein content	11/115441	04/27/2005
PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING WHEAT PROTEIN ISOLATES	11/059166	02/16/2005
PROCESS FOR PREPARING HYBRID PROTEINS	7989592	07/12/2007
METHOD OF PREPARING HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN	6821525	11/14/2003
EMULSION STABILIZING STARCH PRODUCTS	6809197	06/11/2003
POLYVALENT METAL-SUBSTITUTED STARCH PRODUCTS	7166305	06/11/2003
HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN	6800736	05/07/2003
PROTEIN/STARCH PAPER COATING COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF	6605367	12/18/2002
PROCESS FOR PREPARING HYBRID PROTEINS	7534459	10/30/2002
METHOD OF PREPARING HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN	6716599	01/24/2002
HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN	6552171	04/23/2001
FORMULATIONS INCLUDING HYDROLYZED JOJOBA PROTEIN	6649177	04/23/2001

PATENT	PATENT or APPLICATION NUMBER	FILE DATE
PROTEIN/STARCH PAPER COATING COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF	6517625	01/03/2001
MODIFIED WHEAT GLUTENS AND USE THEREOF IN FABRICATION OF FILMS	5977312	10/31/1997
MODIFIED WHEAT GLUTENS AND USE THEREOF IN FABRICATION OF FILMS	5965708	03/11/1997
NODIFIED WHEAT GLUTENS AND USE THEREOF IN FABRICATION OF FILMS	5747648	03/12/1996
ALCOHOL-FREE WET EXTRACTION OF GLUTEN DOUGH INTO GLIADIN AND GLUTENIN	5610277	09/11/1995
BIODEGRADABLE GRAIN PROTEIN-BASED SOLID ARTICLES	5665152	

#### TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

This TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT (this '<u>Trademark Security Agreement</u>") is made this 2nd day of November, 2012, by and among Grantors listed on the signature pages hereof (collectively, jointly and severally, "<u>Grantors</u>" and each individually "<u>Grantor</u>"), and **WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** ("<u>WF</u>"), in its capacity as agent for the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, <u>Agent</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of November 2, 2012 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>") by and among MGP Ingredients, Inc., as parent (<u>"Parent</u>"), MGPI Processing, Inc., MGPI Pipeline, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, as Borrowers (<u>"Borrowers</u>"), the lenders party thereto as "Lenders" (such Lenders, together with their respective successors and assigns in such capacity, each, individually, a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Agent, the Lender Group has agreed to make certain financial accommodations available to Borrowers from time to time pursuant to the terms and conditions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers are willing to make the financial accommodations to Borrowers as provided for in the Credit Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and the Bank Product Agreements, but only upon the condition, among others, that Grantors shall have executed and delivered to Agent, for the benefit of Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, that certain Amended and Restated Guaranty and Security Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2012 (including all annexes, exhibits or schedules thereto, as from time to time amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified, the "Guaranty and Security Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement, Grantors are required to execute and deliver to Agent, for the benefit of Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, this Trademark Security Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Grantor hereby agrees as follows:

1. <u>DEFINED TERMS</u>. All initially capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Guaranty and Security Agreement or, if not defined therein, in the Credit Agreement, and this Trademark Security Agreement shall be subject to the rules of construction set forth in <u>Section 1(b)</u> of the Guaranty and Security Agreement, which rules of construction are incorporated herein by this reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. <u>GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN TRADEMARK COLLATERAL</u>. Each Grantor hereby unconditionally grants, assigns, and pledges to Agent, for the benefit each member of the Lender Group and each of the Bank Product Providers, to secure the Secured

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Obligations, a continuing security interest (referred to in this Trademark Security Agreement as the 'Security Interest") in all of such Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising (collectively, the "Trademark Collateral"):

- (a) all of its Trademarks and Trademark Intellectual Property Licenses to which it is a party including those referred to or<u>Schedule I</u>;
- (b) all goodwill of the business connected with the use of, and symbolized by, each Trademark and each Trademark Intellectual Property License; and

(c) all products and proceeds (as that term is defined in the Code) of the foregoing, including any claim by such Grantor against third parties for past, present or future (i) infringement or dilution of any Trademark or any Trademarks exclusively licensed under any Intellectual Property License, including right to receive any damages, (ii) injury to the goodwill associated with any Trademark, or (iii) right to receive license fees, royalties, and other compensation under any Trademark Intellectual Property License.

3 . <u>SECURITY FOR SECURED OBLIGATIONS</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement and the Security Interest created hereby secures the payment and performance of the Secured Obligations, whether now existing or arising hereafter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Trademark Security Agreement secures the payment of all amounts which constitute part of the Secured Obligations and would be owed by Grantors, or any of them, to Agent, the other members of the Lender Group, the Bank Product Providers or any of them, whether or not they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of an Insolvency Proceeding involving any Grantor.

4 . <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>. The Security Interest granted pursuant to this Trademark Security Agreement is granted in conjunction with the security interests granted to Agent, for the benefit of the Lender Group and the Bank Product Providers, pursuant to the Guaranty and Security Agreement. Each Grantor hereby acknowledges and affirms that the rights and remedies of Agent with respect to the Security Interest in the Trademark Collateral made and granted hereby are more fully set forth in the Guaranty and Security Agreement, the terms and provisions of which are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein. To the extent there is any inconsistency between this Trademark Security Agreement and the Guaranty and Security Agreement shall control.

5. <u>AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPLEMENT</u>. If any Grantor shall obtain rights to any new trademarks, the provisions of this Trademark Security Agreement shall automatically apply thereto. Grantors shall give prompt notice in writing to Agent with respect to any such new trademarks or renewal or extension of any trademark registration. Without limiting Grantors' obligations under this Section, Grantors hereby authorize Agent unilaterally to modify this Trademark Security Agreement by amending <u>Schedule I</u> to include any such new trademark rights of each Grantor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no failure to so modify this Trademark Security Agreement or amend <u>Schedule I</u> shall in any way affect, invalidate or detract from Agent's continuing security interest in all Collateral, whether or not listed or<u>Schedule I</u>.

6. <u>COUNTERPARTS</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement is a Loan Document. This Trademark Security Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by

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different parties on separate counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Trademark Security Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be equally as effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement. Any party delivering an executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by telefacsimile or other electronic method of transmission also shall deliver an original executed counterpart of this Trademark Security Agreement by the failure to deliver an original executed counterpart shall not affect the validity, enforceability, and binding effect of this Trademark Security Agreement.

7 . <u>CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE, JURY TRIAL WAIVER, AND JUDICIAL REFERENCE PROVISION</u>. THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CHOICE OF LAW AND VENUE, JURY TRIAL WAIVER, AND JUDICIAL REFERENCE SET FORTH IN <u>SECTION 25</u> OF THE SECURITY AGREEMENT, AND SUCH PROVISIONS ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY THIS REFERENCE, *MUTATIS MUTANDIS*.

8. <u>Amendment and Restatement</u>. This Trademark Security Agreement, together with the Patent Security Agreement dated as of the date hereof, amends and restates in its entirety that certain Patent and Trademark Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 by MGP Ingredients, Inc. in favor of the Agent (the "<u>Original IP</u> <u>Security Agreement</u>"), and shall not act as a termination, release or novation of the Original IP Security Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Trademark Security Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

GRANTORS:

MGPI PROCESSING, INC.

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

AGENT:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Agent, as Sole Lead Arranger, as Sole Book Runner, and as a Lender

By: Name:

/s/ Chris Heckman Chris Heckman

Its Authorized Signatory

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT]

#### SCHEDULE I to TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

# **Trademark Registrations/Applications**

MARK	SERIAL NUMBER	REGIS. NUMBER	REGIS. DATE
FIBERRITE	78777970	3259490	07/03/07
TERRATEK	78559882	3265875	07/17/07
FIBERSYM	78448572	3086500	04/25/06
FIBERSYM	78426375	3143069	09/12/06
MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.	78448141	3020190	11/29/05
MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS	78317517	2926087	02/08/05
ARISE	78086949	2681958	01/28/03
WHEATEX	77169737	3450542	06/17/12
MGP INGREDIENTS	76416336	3032619	12/20/05
FOAM PRO	75080773	2083385	07/29/97
WHEATEX	74567025	2076023	07/01/97
MGPI PET-TEX		3090027	
MGPI CHEWTEX		3090026	

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BOND PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

by and among

MGPI PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation,

COMMERCE BANK, N.A., as trustee, a national banking association

and

WELLS FARGO BANK, BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association

relating to

\$7,000,000 original principal amount of City of Atchison, Kansas Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds Series 2006 (MGP Ingredients Project)

Dated as of November 2, 2012

# AMENDED AND RESTATED BOND PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED BOND PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of November 2, 2012 (hereinafter, as the same may from time to time be amended or supplemented, called this "Bond Pledge and Security Agreement"), made by and among MGPI PROCESSING, INC., (formerly known as MGP Ingredients, Inc.), a Kansas corporation (the "Pledgor"), COMMERCE BANK, (formerly Commerce Bank, N.A.) (the "Trustee"), in its capacity as trustee under that certain Trust Indenture, dated as of December 28, 2006 (the "Indenture"), between the City of Atchison, Kansas (the 'Issuer") and the Trustee, and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association (the "Bank"), in its capacity as administrative agent for certain lenders (the Lenders") under the Credit Agreement referenced below ("Agent"):

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Issuer, pursuant to the Indenture, has previously issued its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds, Series 2006 (MGP Ingredients Project) in the original aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000 (the "Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, the Pledgor has acquired all of the outstanding Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000 (the 'Pledged Bonds''); and

WHEREAS, the Pledgor has previously executed and delivered that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 (as the same has been amended prior to the date hereof, the "Existing Credit Agreement"), with the Bank, which Existing Credit Agreement was subsequently assigned by Pledgor to MGP Ingredients, Inc., a Kansas corporation ("Parent"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption dated as of the date hereof, Parent has assigned to Pledgor, and Pledgor has accepted, all obligations, liabilities and rights of Parent under the Existing Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Parent, Pledgor, certain affiliates of Parent and Pledgor, the Agent, and Bank as sole Lender, have entered into that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement of even date herewith (as amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), pursuant to which the Existing Credit Agreement, without constituting a novation, has been amended and restated and the obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement have been continued; and

WHEREAS, Pledgor, Trustee and Bank have previously entered into that certain Bond Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of February 15, 2010 (the Existing Pledge Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the execution and delivery of the Credit Agreement, the parties hereto have agreed to amend and restate the Existing Pledge Agreement in its entirety pursuant hereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and in order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to extend certain loan facilities under the Credit Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. Defined Terms. Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement will have such defined meanings when used herein.

Section 2. Pledge. The Pledgor hereby pledges, assigns, hypothecates, transfers and delivers to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders all of its right, title and interest to the Pledged Bonds and hereby grants to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a first lien on, and security interest in, its right, title and interest in and to the Pledged Bonds, the interest thereon and all proceeds thereof, as collateral security for

the prompt and complete payment of the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement) and performance of the obligations under the Credit Agreement and any other Loan Document (all the foregoing being hereinafter called the "Obligations").

Section 3. Form of Bonds. Pledgor represents and warrants that the Bonds are currently certificated as a single Bond numbered R-1. Pledgor shall promptly deliver to Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, the original Bonds accompanied by proper instruments of assignment duly executed in blank by Pledgor in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Agent.

Section 4. Payments with Respect to the Pledged Bonds. If, while this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement is in effect and after the occurrence of a Default or Event of Default, the Pledgor becomes entitled to receive or receives any payment in respect of the Pledged Bonds, the Pledgor agrees to accept the same as the Agent's agent and to hold the same in trust on behalf of the Agent and to deliver the same forthwith to the Agent. All sums of money so paid in respect of the Pledged Bonds which are received by the Pledgor and paid to the Agent will be credited against the Obligations.

Section 5. Collateral. All property at any time pledged with the Agent hereunder (whether described herein or not) and all income therefrom and proceeds thereof, are herein collectively sometimes called the "Collateral".

Section 6. Rights of the Agent The Agent will not be liable for failure to collect or realize upon the Obligations or any collateral security or guarantee therefor, or any part thereof, or for any delay in so doing, nor will it be under any obligation to take any action whatsoever with regard thereto. If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Agent may thereafter, without notice, exercise all rights, privileges or options pertaining to any Pledged Bonds as if it were the absolute owner thereof, upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, all without liability except to account for property actually received by it, but the Agent will have no duty to exercise any of the aforesaid rights, privileges or options and will not be responsible for any failure to do so or delay in so doing. Notwithstanding any provision of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement to the contrary, the rights of the Agent hereunder are subject in each and every respect to the terms and conditions of the Indenture, including, but not limited, any restrictions on the Agent's ability to sell or otherwise dispose of the Collateral. In addition, Agent shall be entitled, without limitation, to exercise the following rights, which Pledgor hereby agrees to be commercially reasonable:

(i) to receive all amounts payable in respect of the Collateral otherwise payable to Pledgor;

(ii) to transfer all or any part of the Collateral into Agent's name or the name of its nominee or nominees, including, to present the bonds to the office of the Trustee or any Registrar for the Bond for transfer, exchange or replacement. Pledgor hereby appoints Agent (or such person(s) as Agent shall designate in writing) as Agent's attorney in fact, which agency is coupled with an interest and irrevocable, to consummate any transfer of any Collateral pursuant to any exercise of remedies by Agent under this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement. In addition to the foregoing, Agent hereby authorizes Agent, in Agent's own name, to execute, deliver and record any assignment of any Collateral that may be necessary or appropriate to implement any transfer thereof pursuant to any exercise of remedies by Agent under this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement. Any such assignment(s) shall be fully effective to divest and convey to the assignee(s) named therein full title to the Collateral, free of any right, title, claim or interest of Pledgor;

(iii) to vote all or any part of the Collateral (whether or not transferred into the name of Agent) and give all consents, waivers and ratifications in respect of the Collateral and otherwise act with respect thereto as though it were the outright owner thereof (Pledgor hereby irrevocably constituting and appointing Agent the proxy and attorney-in-fact of Pledgor, with full power of substitution to do so); and

Section 7. Remedies. In the event that any portion of the Obligations becomes due and payable and are not paid when due, the Agent, without demand of performance or other demand, advertisement or notice of any kind (except the notice specified below of time and place of public or private sale) to or upon the Pledgor or any other person (all and each of which demands, advertisements and/or notices are hereby expressly waived), may forthwith collect, receive, appropriate and realize upon the Collateral, or any part thereof, and/or may forthwith sell, assign, give option or options to purchase, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of and deliver said Collateral, or any part thereof, in one or more parcels at public or private sale or sales, at any exchange, broker's board or at any of the Agent's offices or elsewhere upon such terms and conditions as it may deem advisable and at such prices as it may deem best, for cash or on credit or for future delivery without assumption of any credit risk, with the right of the Agent upon any such sale or sales, public or private, to purchase the whole or any part of said collateral so sold, free of any right or equity of redemption in the Pledgor, which right or equity is hereby expressly waived or released. The Agent will pay over the net proceeds of any such collection, recovery, receipt, appropriation, realization or sale, after deducting all reasonable costs and expenses of every kind incurred therein or incidental to the care, safekeeping or otherwise of any and all of the Collateral or in any way relating to the rights of the Agent hereunder, including reasonable attorney's fees and legal expenses, and the payment in whole or in part of the Obligations in such order as the Agent may elect, the Pledgor remaining liable for any deficiency remaining unpaid after such application, and only after so paying over such net proceeds and after the payment by the Agent of any other amount required by any provision of law, need the Agent account for the surplus, if any, to the Pledgor. The Pledgor agrees that the Agent will give at least five (5) calendar days notice of the time and place of any public sale or of the time after which a private sale or other intended disposition is to take place and that such notice is reasonable notification of such matters. No notification need be given to the Pledgor if it has signed after default a statement renouncing or modifying any right to notification of sale or other intended disposition. In addition to the rights and remedies granted to it in this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement and in any other instrument or agreement securing evidencing or relating to any of the Obligations, the Agent will have all the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of Kansas. The Pledgor further agrees to waive and agrees not to assert any rights or privileges which it may acquire under the Uniform Commercial Code and the Pledgor will be liable for the deficiency if the proceeds of any sale or other disposition of the Collateral are insufficient to pay all amounts to which the Agent and Lenders are entitled, and the reasonable fees of any attorneys employed by the Agent to collect such deficiency.

#### Section 8. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of the Pledgor. The Pledgor represents and warrants that:

(a) on the date of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement, it is the sole owner of all right, title or interest in and to the Pledged Bonds;

(b) it has full power, authority and legal right to pledge all of its right, title and interest in and to the Pledged Bonds pursuant to this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement;

(c) this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Pledgor and constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Pledgor enforceable in accordance with its terms;

(d) no consent of any other party (including, without limitation, creditors of the Pledgor) and no consent, license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice or report to, or registration, filing or declaration with, any governmental authority, domestic or foreign,

is required to be obtained by the Pledgor in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement;

(e) the execution, delivery and performance of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement will not materially violate any provision of any applicable law or regulation or of any order, judgment, writ, award or decree of any court, arbitrator or governmental authority, domestic or foreign, or of the articles of incorporation or other governing instruments of the Pledgor or of any securities issued by the Pledgor or of any deed of trust, mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement, instrument or undertaking to which the Pledgor is a party or which purports to be binding upon the Pledgor or upon any of its assets and will not result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance on or security interest in any of the assets of the Pledgor except as contemplated by this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement; and

(f) the pledge, assignment and delivery of the Pledged Bonds pursuant to this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement will create a valid first lien on and a first perfected security interest in, all right, title or interest of the Pledgor in or to the Pledged Bonds, and the proceeds thereof, subject to no prior pledge, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, security interest, charge, option or encumbrance or to any agreement purporting to grant to any third party a security interest in the property or assets of the Pledged Bonds.

The Pledgor covenants and agrees that it will defend the Agent's right, title and security interest in and to the Pledged Bonds and the proceeds thereof against the claims and demands of all Persons whomsoever; and covenants and agrees that it will have like title to and the right to pledge any other property at any time hereafter pledged to the Agent as Collateral hereunder and will likewise defend the Agent's right thereto and security interest therein.

Section 9. No Dispositions, etc. Without the prior written consent of the Agent, the Pledgor agrees that it will not sell, assign, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option with respect to, the Collateral, nor will they incur or permit to exist any pledge, lien, mortgage, hypothecation, security interest, charge, option or any other encumbrance with respect to any of the Collateral, or any interest therein, or any proceeds thereof, except for the lien and security interest provided for by this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement, other than in accordance with the Credit Agreement. Pledgor shall not vote and shall not grant any consent, waiver or ratification or take any action with respect to the Bonds, the IRB Lease or the Indenture which would, in any material respect, violate or be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Credit Agreement, unless such action is approved by the Agent.

#### Section 10. Sale of Collateral.

(a) The Pledgor recognizes that the Agent may be unable to effect a public sale of any or all of the Pledged Bonds by reason of certain prohibitions contained in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and applicable state securities laws, but may be compelled to resort to one or more private sales thereof to a restricted group of purchasers who will be obliged to agree, among other things, to acquire such securities for their own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof. The Pledgor acknowledges and agrees that any such private sale may result in prices and other terms less favorable to the seller than if such sale were a public sale and, notwithstanding such circumstances, agrees that such private sale will be deemed to have been made in a commercially reasonable manner. The Agent will be under no obligation to delay a sale of any of the Pledged Bonds for the period of time necessary to permit the Issuer to register such securities for public sale under the Securities Act, or under applicable state securities laws, even if the Issuer would agree to do so. In the event that the Agent elects to sell Pledged Bonds pursuant to the terms hereof and if permitted by the terms of the Indenture, the Agent shall notify the purchaser thereof that such Pledged Bonds are not then rated by any rating agency. (b) The Pledgor further agrees to do or cause to be done all such other acts and things as may be necessary to make such sale or sales of any portion or all of the Pledged Bonds valid and binding and in compliance with any and all applicable laws, regulations, orders, writs, injunctions, decrees or awards of any and all courts, arbitrators or governmental instrumentalities, domestic or foreign, having jurisdiction over any such sale or sales, except registration under the federal securities laws, all at the Pledgor's expense. The Pledgor further agrees that a breach of any of the covenants contained in this **Section 9** will cause irreparable injury to the Agent, that the Agent has no adequate remedy at law in respect of such breach and, as a consequence, agrees that each and every covenant contained in this **Section 9** will be specifically enforceable against the Pledgor and the Pledgor hereby waives and agrees not to assert any defenses against an action for specific performance of such covenants except for a defense that no Event of Default has occurred under the Credit Agreement. The Pledgor further acknowledges the impossibility of ascertaining the amount of damages which would be suffered by the Agent by reason of a breach of any of such covenants and, consequently, agrees that, if the Agent shall sue for damages for breach, it will pay, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, an amount equal to the par value of the Pledged Bonds plus accrued interest, under the Credit Agreement on the date the Agent will demand compliance with this **Section 9**.

Section 11. Further Assurances. The Pledgor agrees that at any time and from time to time upon the written request of the Agent, the Pledgor will execute and deliver such further documents and do such further acts and things as the Agent may reasonably request in order to effect the purposes of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement.

Section 12. Severability. Any provision of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction will, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction will not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 13. No Waiver, Cumulative Remedies. The Agent will not, by any act, delay, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any of its rights or remedies hereunder and no waiver will be valid unless in writing, signed by the Agent, and then only to the extent therein set forth. A waiver by the Agent of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion will not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy which the Agent would otherwise have on any future occasion. No failure to exercise nor any delay in exercising on the part of the Agent, any right, power or privilege hereunder, will operate as a waiver thereof; nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and may be exercised singly or concurrently, and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

Section 14. Binding Effect. This Bond Pledge and Security Agreement and all obligations of the Pledgor hereunder will be binding upon the successors and assigns of the Pledgor, and will, together with the rights and remedies of the Agent hereunder, inure to the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 15. Waiver of Jury Trial. THE PARTIES HERETO WAIVE THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING BASED UPON, OR RELATED TO, THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS BOND PLEDGE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT. THIS WAIVER IS KNOWINGLY, INTENTIONALLY, AND VOLUNTARILY MADE BY THE PARTIES HERETO AND EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NEITHER AGENT NOR ANY PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF AGENT HAS MADE ANY REPRESENTATIONS OF FACT TO INDUCE THIS WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY OR IN ANY WAY TO MODIFY OR NULLIFY ITS EFFECT. THE PARTIES HERETO FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REPRESENTED IN THE SIGNING OF THIS BOND PLEDGE AND

# SECURITY AGREEMENT AND IN THE MAKING OF THIS WAIVER BY INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL, SELECTED OF THEIR OWN FREE WILL, AND THAT THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS WAIVER WITH COUNSEL. EACH PARTY FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE MEANING AND RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS WAIVER PROVISION.

Section 16. Amendments; Etc. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Bond Pledge and Security Agreement nor consent to any departure by the Pledgor herefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same will be in writing and signed by the Agent, and then such waiver or consent will be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

Section 17. Addresses for Notices. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder must be in writing and delivered as provided in the Credit Agreement.

Section 18. Continuing Security Interest. This Bond Pledge and Security Agreement will create a continuing security interest in the Pledged Bonds and will (a) remain in full force and effect until payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of the Lenders' obligations to fund any loans or other credit facilities under the terms of the Credit Agreement, (b) be binding upon the Pledgor, the Pledgor's successors, transferees and assigns, and (c) inure, together with the rights and remedies of the Agent merunder, to the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders and their respective successors, transferees and assigns. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing clause (c), the Agent may assign or otherwise transfer its obligations under the Credit Agreement to any other person or entity, and such other person or entity will thereupon become vested with all the benefits in respect thereof granted to the Agent herein or otherwise. Upon the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of the Lenders' obligations to fund any loans or other credit facilities under the terms of the Credit Agreement, the Pledgor's expense, of such of the Pledged Bonds as shall not have been sold or otherwise applied pursuant to the terms hereof or of the Indenture.

Section 19. Governing Law; Terms. This Bond Pledge and Security Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas, except as required by mandatory provisions of law and except to the extent that the validity or perfection of the security interest hereunder or remedies hereunder in respect of any particular Pledged Bonds are governed by the laws of another jurisdiction. Unless otherwise defined herein or in the Credit Agreement, terms used in Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code in the State of Kansas are used herein as therein defined. The descriptive headings of the various provisions are for convenience only and will not be deemed to limit or expand the intent of the Sections. The masculine gender will, where appropriate, be deemed to include the feminine and neuter and the singular the plural and vice versa. If there is any conflict between the terms and conditions contained herein and the terms and conditions in the Credit Agreement shall govern and control.

Section 20. Understanding of Transaction. The Pledgor has received answers to all of Pledgor's questions and understand the structure of and reason for this transaction. The Pledgor has agreed to and wishes to pledge to the Agent and grant to the Agent a security interest in all of the Pledgor's right, title and interest in and to the Pledgor desires to consummate the transactions contemplated under the Credit Agreement which are conditioned upon such pledge.

Section 21. Effect of Amendment and Restatement. Upon the effectiveness of this Amended and Restated Bond Pledge and Security Agreement, the Existing Pledge Agreement shall be amended and restated in their entirety by this Agreement. Pledgor acknowledges that the pledge and grant of liens and security interests made by Pledgor to Bank in the Existing Pledge Agreement are in full force and effect, are valid and subsisting, are not impaired or diminished hereby, and are reaffirmed, extended and

carried forward hereby to secure the prompt payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, of the Obligations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amended and Restated Bond Pledge and Security Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by its duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first above written.

# PLEDGOR:

MGPI PROCESSING, INC. (formerly known as MGP Ingredients, Inc.), a Kansas corporation

By:	/s/ Don Tracy	
Name:	Don Tracy	
Title:	Chief Financial Officer	

# TRUSTEE:

**COMMERCE BANK, N.A.**, a national banking capacity, in its capacity as Trustee

By:	/s/ Merry Evans
Name:	Merry Evans
Title:	Vice President

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# AGENT:

By:

# WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association

By:	/s/ Chris Heckman
Name:	Chris Heckman
Title:	Vice President

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT (the "Intercreditor Agreement" or "Agreement") dated effective as of October 31, 2012, is by and among WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ("WF"), in its capacity as administrative agent for the lenders party to the Credit Agreement described below ("Agent") and UNION STATE BANK OF EVEREST, d/b/a Bank of Atchison ("Bank of Atchison") with respect to certain financing arrangements with MGPI PROCESSING, INC., (formerly known as MGP Ingredients, Inc.), a Kansas corporation (the "Borrower").

#### BACKGROUND

A. Agent, Borrower, certain affiliates of Borrower party thereto and the lenders party thereto (the "Lenders") are entering into that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated on or about the date hereof (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), and certain instruments, documents and other agreements related thereto, defined therein or contemplated thereby (the foregoing, together with all amendments, modifications and restatements thereof now and from time to time hereafter entered into in connection therewith are individually or collectively referred to as the "WF Agreements"), pursuant to which the Lenders propose to extend credit to the Borrower and certain affiliates of the Borrower in an original principal amount of up to \$55,000,000. The Credit Agreement amends and restates in its entirety that certain Credit and Security Agreement dated as of July 21, 2009 between WF and MGP Ingredients, Inc. (as amended, restated or otherwise modified prior to the Closing Date, the "Existing Credit Agreement").

B. Pursuant to a certain (i) Promissory Note dated as of March 31, 2009 and (ii) promissory note dated as of July 17, 2009, each by Borrower in favor of Bank of Atchison and certain agreements, instruments, documents and other agreements related thereto, defined therein or contemplated thereby (the foregoing, together with all amendments and modifications thereof now and from time to time hereafter entered into between Bank of Atchison and Borrower are individually or collectively referred to as the "Bank of Atchison Agreements"), Bank of Atchison agreed to extend credit to the Borrower in the aggregate original principal amount of \$3,500,000.

C. In connection with the Existing Credit Agreement and the Bank of Atchison Documents, WF and Bank of Atchison previously entered into that certain Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of July 21, 2009 (the "Existing Intercreditor").

D. WF and Bank of Atchison desire to amend and restate the Existing Intercreditor in its entirety as follows.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, it is hereby agreed as follows:

#### 1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Account, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claims, Deposit Accounts, Documents, Electronic Chattel Paper, Equipment, Fixtures, General Intangibles, Goods, Instruments, Inventory, Investment Property, Letter-of-Credit Right, Proceeds, Supporting Obligations and Tangible Chattel Paper have the respective meanings assigned to such terms, as of the date of this Agreement, in the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code.

1.2 <u>WF Claim</u> shall mean all obligations or indebtedness of the Borrower, now or in the future owing to Agent or any Lender, as set forth in the WF Agreements, including but not limited to, all sums loaned and advanced to or for the benefit of Borrower at any time under the terms of the WF Agreements, any interest thereon, any future advances, any costs of collection or enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' and paralegal costs, costs, fees, and any prepayment penalties.

1.3 Bank of Atchison Claim shall mean all obligations or indebtedness of the Borrower now or in the future owing, to Bank of Atchison as set forth in the Bank of Atchison Agreements, including but not limited to, all sums loaned and advanced to or for the benefit of Borrower at any time under the terms of the Bank of Atchison Agreements, any interest thereon, any future advances, any costs of collection or enforcement, including reasonable attorneys' fees and paralegals' costs, fees and any prepayment penalties.

1.4 <u>Collateral</u> shall mean all of the Borrower's now owned or hereafter acquired interest in all assets of every kind or nature, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including without limitation, all of Borrower's real and personal property and specifically including without limitation, the property or interests in all and any of the property defined in <u>paragraph 1.1</u> above, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, and the proceeds and products thereof, and where applicable, the proceeds of insurance or escrow accounts covering any such property.

1.5 WF Senior Collateral shall mean the Collateral in which Agent has a senior lien or security interest as described in and provided by paragraph 2.1(a).

1.6 <u>Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral</u> shall mean the Collateral in which Bank of Atchison has a senior lien or security interest as described in and provided by <u>paragraph 2.1(b)</u>. Bank of Atchison acknowledges and agrees that except for the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral, Bank of Atchison does not claim or hold a security interest or lien of any kind on any of the assets of Borrower.

1.7 Enforcement shall mean, collectively or individually for one or both of Agent and Bank of Atchison to make demand for payment or accelerate the indebtedness of the Borrower, repossess any material amount of Collateral or commence the judicial or non-judicial enforcement of any of the rights and remedies against the Collateral under the WF Agreements, the Bank of Atchison Agreements, any related agreements or applicable law.

1.8 Enforcement Notice shall mean a written notice delivered, at a time when a "Default" or an "Event of Default" (as defined in the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements, respectively and if not so defined, the occurrence of any event or default under any of such agreements, giving rise to the exercise of any Enforcement right or action by Agent or Bank of Atchison, respectively) has occurred and is continuing, by Agent or Bank of Atchison, to another Party hereto, specifying the relevant Default or Event of Default, stating the current balance of the WF Claim or Bank of Atchison Claim, as appropriate, and requesting the current balance of the other parties' claims.

1.9 <u>Insolvency Proceeding</u> means any receivership, conservatorship, general meeting of creditors, insolvency or bankruptcy proceeding, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or any proceeding or action by or against the Borrower for any relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other laws relating to the relief of debtors, readjustment of indebtedness, reorganizations, dissolution, liquidation, compositions or extensions, or the appointment of any receiver, intervenor or conservator of, or trustee, or similar officer for, the Borrower or any substantial part of its properties or assets, including, without limitation, proceedings under the Bankruptcy Code, or under other federal, state or local statute, laws, rules and regulations, all whether now or hereafter in effect.

1.10 Parties shall mean Agent and Bank of Atchison, and Party shall mean either Agent or Bank of Atchison as the context indicates.

1.11 The word "senior", when used in conjunction with the words "Collateral", "collateral", "priority", and/or "lien" shall mean and refer to the relative perfection and priority of liens and security interests among the Parties established by the agreement of the Parties in Section 2.1 of this Agreement.

#### 2. INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT

2.1 Lien Priorities. Notwithstanding the date, manner or order of attachment or perfection of the security interests and liens granted to Agent or Bank of Atchison by Borrower and notwithstanding any provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") or any applicable law or decision or the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements, or whether Agent or Bank of Atchison holds possession of all or any part of the Collateral, the following, as between Agent and Bank of Atchison, shall be the relative priority of the security interests and liens of Agent and Bank of Atchison in the Collateral:

(a) Agent shall have a first and prior security interest and lien in all property and collateral described on <u>Schedule 2.1(a)</u> hereto (the "WF Senior Collateral"); and

(b) Bank of Atchison shall have a first and prior security interest in all property and collateral described on<u>Schedule 2.1(b)</u> hereto (the "Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral").

(d) The priorities established hereunder are only as between Agent and Bank of Atchison and to the extent that the operation of the foregoing provisions would otherwise entitle any other person (including a trustee in bankruptcy) to either a priority over the parties herein or a right to avoid the lien of the other Party, then (and only to such extent) this paragraph shall be null and void and Agent and Bank of Atchison shall, from the proceeds received from the other Party's senior Collateral, sell and/or purchase participation interests in the WF Claim or the Bank of Atchison Claim to effectuate, to the maximum extent possible, the allocative purposes of this <u>Section 2.1</u> and to maximize the recovery for Agent with respect to WF Senior Collateral and Bank of Atchison with respect to the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral in accordance with and pursuant to the other terms and provisions of this Agreement.

(e) Each Party agrees it will execute any and all agreements and documents which the other Party may reasonably request to evidence the subordination and priority of liens and security interests as established by this <u>Section 2.1</u> in this Agreement.

(f) Subject only to the relative priorities set forth in this Section 2.1 (including without limitation, the provisions of subsection 2.1(d)), each of the Parties agrees that it will not contest or challenge the validity, legality, enforceability, perfection or avoidability of the respective security interest in, rights or lien of the other Party as set forth in Sections 2.1(a), (b), and (c) above on the Collateral (or any other collateral) of the other Party in any proceeding for any reason. Each Party acknowledges that a breach of this covenant is likely to cause irreparable harm to the other and shall be specifically enforceable.

(g) The lien and security interest priorities (collectively, the 'lien priorities') provided in this Agreement shall not be altered or otherwise affected by any amendment, modification, supplement, extension, renewal, restatement or refinancing of either the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements, nor by any action or inaction which the Agent, any Lender, Bank of Atchison or the Borrower may take or fail to take in respect of the Collateral, nor by the institution or pendency of any Insolvency Proceeding.

(h) The undertakings and agreements set forth in this Agreement are solely for the benefit of the Parties and there are no other parties (including, without limitation, the Borrower and affiliates of Borrower) who are intended to be benefited in any way by this Agreement. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Agreement, nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to limit in any way the rights and remedies of the Agent or any Lender or Bank of Atchison under the WF Agreements or Bank of Atchison Agreements, respectively.

(i) Until the payment or satisfaction in full of the WF Claim and Bank of Atchison Claim, respectively, each Party further agrees that it shall not make any election, give any consent, commence any action or file any motion or take any other action in any case by or against the Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code which would result in the payment or distribution of the Collateral or other assets of the Borrower contrary to the express provisions of this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent may be withheld in each others Party's sole and absolute discretion, provided, however, that the notifying Party shall have the right, at any time and in its sole discretion, to file a proof of claim and defend or refute any objection to such claim in any Insolvency Proceeding.

(j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, Bank of Atchison represents and warrants that if does not have any UCC filings against Borrower which cover, in whole or in part, the WF Senior Collateral, other than those filings listed on <u>Schedule 2.1(j)</u> hereof (the "**Bank of Atchison Filings**").

2.2 <u>Distribution of Proceeds of Collateral</u>. At any time (whether or not following an Enforcement Notice), all proceeds of Collateral shall be distributed in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) The WF Senior Collateral and all proceeds of the WF Senior Collateral shall be applied to the WF Claim.

(b) The Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral and all proceeds of the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral shall be applied to the Bank of Atchison Claim. After the Bank of Atchison Claim is indefeasibly paid in full and the Bank of Atchison Agreements are terminated and indefeasibly fully paid or otherwise satisfied in Bank of Atchison's sole discretion, any remaining proceeds of the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral shall be applied to the WF Claim in accordance with their lien priorities set out in 2.1(a) and 2.1(b), as appropriate.

After the WF Claim and the Bank of Atchison Claim have been paid or satisfied in full, the balance of proceeds of Collateral, if any, shall be paid to Borrower or as otherwise required by applicable law.

2.3 <u>Enforcement Actions</u>. Bank of Atchison agrees not to commence Enforcement until one hundred eighty (180) days after an Enforcement Notice has been given to Agent ("**Bank of Atchison Standstill Period**"). Agent agrees not to commence Enforcement against the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral until an Enforcement Notice has been given to Bank of Atchison. Subject to the foregoing, Agent and Bank of Atchison agree that from and after the receipt of an Enforcement Notice, and until such time as Borrower has cured any applicable Default or Event of Default (if permitted to do so by the relevant document), or Bank of Atchison or Agent, as applicable, has waived such Default or Event of Default, and any and all conditions to such waiver have been satisfied:

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(a) Agent or Lenders may, at their option, take any action to accelerate payment of the WF Claim and to foreclose or realize upon or enforce any of its rights with respect to the WF Senior Collateral, without the prior written notice to or consent of Bank of Atchison, and with Bank of Atchison hereby waiving any rights (to the extent it has such rights) to a "commercially reasonable sale" under the Uniform Commercial Code; and further provided, that Bank of Atchison shall not take any action to foreclose or realize upon or to enforce any of their rights with respect to any of the Collateral in which they have a lien or security interest junior to Agent or without Agent's prior written consent.

(b) Bank of Atchison may, following the Bank of Atchison Standstill Period, at its option, take any action to accelerate payment of the Bank of Atchison Claim and to foreclose or realize upon or enforce any of its rights with respect to the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral, without the prior written consent of Agent, and with Agent hereby waiving any rights (to the extent it has such rights) to a "commercially reasonable sale" under the Uniform Commercial Code; and further provided, that Agent shall not take any action to foreclose or realize upon or to enforce any of its rights with respect to any of the Collateral in which it has a lien or security interest junior to Bank of Atchison without Bank of Atchison's prior written consent.

(c) If Agent and Bank of Atchison elect to proceed with Enforcement under the WF Agreements and the Bank of Atchison Agreements, respectively, in each case, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, then each shall proceed with the Enforcement of any security interests in or liens on any Collateral in which it has a senior lien or security interest, but, except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 2.4</u> below, not against that portion in which it has only a junior and inferior lien and security interest.

(d) Bank of Atchison agrees to execute (as applicable) and deliver to Agent, promptly upon Agent's request, appropriate UCC termination statements or partial releases, or satisfactions or discharges of liens, with respect to any of the WF Senior Collateral being sold or otherwise disposed of (i) in the ordinary course of Borrower's continuing business or (ii) in connection with the liquidation of Borrower's assets upon or after the declaration of a Default or an Event of Default by Agent or the Lenders pursuant to the WF Agreements and, in each case, otherwise in accordance with this Agreement. The proceeds of any WF Senior Collateral so sold or disposed of shall be applied, after the deduction of any and all costs relating to such sale or disposition (including attorneys' fees, advertising costs and auctioneer's fees) to the outstanding WF Claim as Agent may, in its discretion, determine and, only if the WF Claim is indefeasibly paid in full, then to all or any part of the Bank of Atchison Claim.

(e) Agent agrees to execute and deliver to Bank of Atchison, promptly upon Bank of Atchison's request, appropriate UCC termination statements or partial releases, or satisfactions or discharges of liens, with respect to any of the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral being sold or otherwise disposed of (i) in the ordinary course of Borrower's continuing business or (ii) in connection with the liquidation of Borrower's assets upon or after the declaration of a Default or an Event of Default by Bank of

Atchison pursuant to the Bank of Atchison Agreements and, in each case, otherwise in accordance with this Agreement. The proceeds of any Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral so sold or disposed of shall be applied, after the deduction of any and all costs relating to such sale or disposition (including attorneys' fees, advertising costs and auctioneer's fees) to the outstanding Bank of Atchison Claim as Bank of Atchison may, in its discretion, determine and, only the Bank of Atchison Claim is indefeasibly paid in full, then to all or any part of the WF Claim.

(f) The parties hereto shall execute and deliver such additional documents and take such additional action as may be reasonably necessary to effectuate the provisions and purposes of this Agreement. If requested, the parties shall authorize filings to be recorded in accordance with Uniform Commercial Code provisions in the appropriate locations reflecting the provisions of this Agreement.

(g) If Agent or Bank of Atchison has any security interest in or lien on any of the Collateral as security for payment of any indebtedness of Borrower or of any other party, other than indebtedness incurred pursuant to the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements, then Agent or Bank of Atchison, as the case may be, may not apply the proceeds of any of the Collateral to satisfy such other indebtedness until the WF Claim and the Bank of Atchison Claim are paid in full or otherwise satisfied.

2.4 Junior Lien Enforcement Agent shall not initiate an Enforcement against the WF Junior Collateral unless Agent has previously commenced an Enforcement against the WF Senior Collateral otherwise in accordance with the terms hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Agent may participate in an enforcement against the WF Junior Collateral in accordance with the terms hereof to the extent such Enforcement is initiated by the Bank of Atchison or such Enforcement is reasonably necessary in order to preserve Agent's rights in the WF Junior Collateral.

#### 2.5 Additional Credit Extensions and Agreements by Bank of Atchison; Modification of WF Agreements

(a) Bank of Atchison shall not, unless it has first obtained the written consent of Agent, except as required (in the reasonable discretion of Bank of Atchison) for the express limited purpose of preserving and protecting its security interest in the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral extend additional credit to Borrower beyond the amount outstanding to Borrower under the Bank of Atchison Agreements as of the date hereof, which is equal to \$1,121,717.36.

(b) Agent and Lenders may at any time and from time to time without the consent of or notice to Bank of Atchison, without incurring liability to Bank of Atchison and without impairing or releasing the obligations of Bank of Atchison under this Agreement, change the manner or place of payment, extend the time of payment, advance additional funds, or renew or alter any of the terms of the WF Agreements, or amend in any manner any agreement, note, guaranty or other instrument evidencing or securing or otherwise relating to the WF Claim.

2.6 Accountings. Agent and Bank of Atchison each agree upon request to provide information to the other reasonably sufficient to track and demonstrate the application to the indebtedness of Borrower of payments received by or on behalf of Borrower to the other Party hereto upon request, giving effect to the application of proceeds of Collateral as hereinbefore provided.

2.7 <u>Notices of Defaults</u>. Bank of Atchison agrees to give Agent copies of any notice of the occurrence or existence of an Event of Default sent to Borrower simultaneously with the sending of such notice to Borrower. The sending of such notice shall give Agent the right but not the obligation to cure such Event of Default.

2.8 <u>Agency for Perfection</u>. Agent and Bank of Atchison each hereby appoint each other as agent solely for purposes of perfecting the respective security interests and liens on the Collateral. To the extent that any Party obtains possession of the other Party's senior Collateral, the Party having possession shall notify the other Party of such fact and shall deliver such Collateral to the senior Party upon request of the senior Party.

2.9 Actions Upon Repayment of Claims. If the WF Claim or the Bank of Atchison Claim is paid in full, but the Claim of the other Party has not been paid in full, then each Party whose Claim is thus fully paid shall transfer any Collateral (but not any guaranties given to Agent or the Lenders or Bank of Atchison) or proceeds therefrom held by it to the other Party, unless otherwise required to remit the proceeds according to law, and shall assign its security interest and all of its rights under financing statements to the other Party hereto, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the other Party. Any such transfer or assignment shall be without recourse or warranty.

2.10 Insurance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Borrower shall obtain satisfactory lender's Loss Payable Endorsement(s) naming Agent and Bank of Atchison, as their interests may appear, with respect to policies which insure Collateral hereunder, or with such other designation as the parties hereto may agree. The Party having a senior security interest or lien in the Collateral shall, subject to such parties rights under its agreements with Borrower, have the sole and exclusive right, as against the other parties, to adjust settlement of such insurance policy in the event of any loss. All proceeds of such policy for any portion of Collateral shall be paid to the Party having the senior priority with respect to such Collateral under this Agreement. After payment of such senior Party's Claim and all expenses of collection, including reasonable attorneys' and costs, fees and expenses, any remaining proceeds shall be promptly remitted to the other Party or parties hereto for application on their Claim.

2.11 UCC Notices. In the event that Agent or Bank of Atchison shall be required by the Uniform Commercial Code or any other applicable law to give notice to the other of intended disposition of Collateral, such notice shall be given in accordance with paragraph 3.1 hereof and ten (10) days' notice shall be deemed to be commercially reasonable.

2.12 Insolvency Proceeding. In the event of an Insolvency Proceeding, no Party shall (i) object to or oppose any efforts by the other Party to obtain relief from the automatic stay

under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) seek to cause the Borrower's bankruptcy estate to abandon that portion of the Collateral (or any portion thereof) in which the other Party has a first and senior priority position under Section 2.1 above; (iii) vote in any Insolvency Proceeding in favor of any plan of reorganization or liquidation that contains any provision inconsistent with the priority as provided in Section 2.1 of this Agreement; or (iv) seek the substantive consolidation of the assets of the Borrower with the assets of any affiliate of the Borrower; provided that nothing in this clause (iv) shall prohibit the other Party from exercising its remedies under the Bank of Atchison Agreements and WF Agreements against any guarantor in the event of any Insolvency Proceeding.

In the event a Party is required, under the Bankruptcy Code or any similar bankruptcy or insolvency law, to return to the Borrower, the estate in bankruptcy thereof, any trustee, receiver or other similar representative of the Borrower, any payment or distribution of assets, whether in cash, property or securities previously received by such Party on account of any portion of the Collateral in which it holds a first and senior priority under Section 2.1 (a "**Reinstatement Distribution**"), then to the maximum extent permitted by law, this Agreement and the priority and subordination provisions of Section 2.1 and any lien or security interest securing it shall be reinstated with respect to any such Reinstatement Distribution.

2.13 Liquidations. In the event of any distribution of the assets or readjustments of the obligations and indebtedness of the Borrower whether by reason of sale, liquidation, bankruptcy, arrangement, receivership, assignment for the benefit of creditors or any other similar action or proceeding, or the application of the assets of the Borrower to the payment or liquidation thereof, Agent shall not be entitled to any proceeds of the WF Junior Collateral unless and until the Bank of Atchison Claim has been paid and performed in full; provided, however, that each Party shall be entitled to retain all assets (including cash, securities, notes or other properties) that it receives pursuant to a confirmed plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or liquidation of the Borrower. In the event that a Party shall have received in any such proceedings any payment or distribution of assets in violation of the preceding sentence, such payment or distribution shall be held in trust for the other Party and shall promptly be paid or given over to such Party by the other Party the form received.

#### 3. MISCELLANEOUS

3.1 Notices. All notices hereunder shall be effective upon receipt, and shall be in writing and sent by either certified mail, return receipt requested, or overnight courier of national reputation, to the addresses as set forth above, but to the attention of the following at the addresses set forth herein: (a) Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Attention: Business Finance Division Manager, 150 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2200, Chicago, Illinois 60606; with a copy to Goldberg Kohn Ltd., Attention: David Dranoff, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60603, and (b) Bank of Atchison, 701 Kansas Avenue, Atchison, Kansas 66002, Attn: Jeff Caudle, or to such other address or person as any of the parties hereto may designate in writing to the other parties. Notice shall be deemed received upon actual receipt.

3.2 <u>Contesting Liens or Security Interests</u> Agent and Bank of Atchison shall not contest the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of any lien or security interest granted to any other Party hereto and each Party agrees to cooperate in the defense of any action contesting the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of such liens or security interest.

3.3 No Additional Rights for Borrower Hereunder. If any Party hereto shall enforce its rights or remedies in violation of the terms of this Agreement, Borrower (and each party designated a Borrower) agrees that it shall not use such violation as a defense to the Enforcement by any Party hereto under the WF Agreements and/or the Bank of Atchison Agreements nor assert such violation as a counterclaim or basis for setoff or recoupment against any Party hereto provided only that such lender who fails to give such notice may, if required by the other two lenders entitled to receive such notice, be liable to such other lender(s) to the extent of any actual monetary damages suffered by reason of such failure to give such notice and opportunity to cure.

3.4 <u>Independent Credit Investigations</u>. None of the parties hereto nor any of their respective directors, officers, agents, attorneys or employees shall be responsible to any other or to any other person, firm or corporation, for Borrower's solvency, financial condition or ability to repay the WF Claim or the Bank of Atchison Claim, or for statements of Borrower, oral or written, or for the validity, sufficiency or enforceability of the WF or the Bank of Atchison Claim, the WF Agreements and the Bank of Atchison Agreements, or any liens or security interests granted by Borrower to the parties hereto in connection therewith. Each Party hereto has entered into its respective financing agreements with Borrower based upon its own independent investigation, and makes no warranty or representation to any other Party hereto nor does it rely upon any representation of any other Party hereto with respect to matters identified or referred to in this paragraph.

3.5 Limitation on Liability of Parties to Each Other. Except as provided in this Agreement, none of the Parties shall have any liability to the other Party except for gross negligence or willful misconduct.

3.6 <u>Amendments to Financing Arrangements or to this Agreement</u>. Agent and Bank of Atchison shall use their best efforts to notify the other Party hereto of any amendment or modification in the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements, but the failure to do so shall not create a cause of action against the Party failing to give such notice or create any claim or right on behalf of any third party. Agent and Bank of Atchison shall, upon request of the other Party, provide copies of all such modifications or amendments and copies of all other documentation relevant to the Collateral hereunder. All modifications or amendments of this Agreement must be in writing and duly executed by an authorized officer of each Party to be binding and enforceable.

3.7 <u>Marshalling of Assets</u>. Agent hereby waives any and all rights to have the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral, or any part hereof, marshaled upon any foreclosure of any of the Bank of Atchison liens. Bank of Atchison hereby waives any and all rights to have the WF Senior Collateral, or any part thereof, marshaled upon any foreclosure of any of the Agent's liens.

3.8 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of all of the Parties hereto, but does not otherwise create, and shall not be construed as creating, any rights enforceable by any person not a party to this Agreement.

3.9 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, Jury Trial Waiver, Etc. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws (other than conflict laws) of the State of Illinois. The parties hereto hereby (i) consent to the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the State of Illinois in connection with any controversy related to this Agreement; (ii) waive any argument that venue in any such forum is not convenient, (iii) agree that any litigation initiated by Agent or Bank of Atchison in connection with this Agreement may be venued in either the State or Federal courts located in Cook County, Illinois; and (iv) agree that a final judgment in any such suit, action 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.

3.10 Schedules. The terms and conditions of all Schedules attached hereto and described herein are, by this reference incorporated herein as if fully set

3.11 <u>Schedules Attached</u>. The following Schedules are attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein:

Schedule 2.1(a)
Schedule 2.1(b)
Schedule 2.1(c)
Schedule 2.1 (j)

3.12 <u>Bankruptcy Survival</u>. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the filing of any petition by or against the Borrower under the federal Bankruptcy Code, and the priority of payments as between the Parties shall continue to be made on the same basis that payments were to be applied prior to the date of filing the petition.

3.13 No Fiduciary Duties. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, neither Party shall have any duty or obligation to the other Party, and neither Party shall have a fiduciary relationship in respect of the other Party.

3.14 Miscellaneous.

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a. The section titles contained in this Agreement are and shall be without substance or meaning and are not a part of the agreement between the Parties. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the matters set forth herein and may not be altered, modified or amended in any respect, nor may any right, power or privilege of any Party be waived, released or discharged except in a writing executed by all Parties.

b. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

c. This Agreement is the entire agreement of the Parties and may not be amended or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by Agent and Bank of Atchison.

d. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby.

e. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced because of any law or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated hereby is not affected in any manner adverse to any Party hereto. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible.

f. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by facsimile shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

g. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by PDF through email or facsimile transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Electronic signatures of the parties transmitted as set forth herein shall deemed to be original signatures for all purposes.

# h . THE PARTIES EACH KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND INTENTIONALLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT THEY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

3.15 Effect of Amendment and Restatement. Upon the effectiveness of this Intercreditor Agreement, the Existing Intercreditor Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety by this Agreement.

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#### WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Agent

By:	/s/ Chris Heckman
Name:	Chris Heckman
Its:	Vice President

## UNION STATE BANK OF EVEREST, D/B/A BANK OF ATCHISON USB

By:	/s/ Jeff Caudle
Name:	Jeff Caudle
Its:	Senior Vice President

Signature Page to Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement

#### Acknowledgment of Borrower

The undersigned acknowledges and agrees to the foregoing terms and provisions of the Amended and Restated Intercreditor Agreement (the "Intercreditor Agreement") as they relate solely to the rights, duties and obligations of Agent and Bank of Atchison as between such parties. By executing this Agreement, the undersigned agrees to be bound by the provisions of such Intercreditor Agreement as they relate to the relative rights of Agent and Bank of Atchison as between such parties. By executing this Agreement, the undersigned agrees to be bound by the provisions of such Intercreditor Agreement as they relate to the relative rights of Agent and Bank of Atchison as between such parties; provided, however, that nothing in the Intercreditor Agreement shall amend, modify, change or supersede the respective terms of the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements (or any other document to which the undersigned may be a party) as between the parties and the undersigned, and in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Intercreditor Agreement and the WF Agreements or the Bank of Atchison Agreements (or any such other documents as the case may be), the terms of the WF Agreements and the Bank of Atchison Agreements (and such other documents) shall govern. The undersigned further agrees that the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall not give the undersigned any substantive rights vis-à-vis Agent or Bank of Atchison and shall not give Agent or Bank of Atchison any substantive rights vis-à-vis the undersigned.

#### BORROWER:

MGP PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation

By:	/s/ Don Tracy
Print Name:	Don Tracy
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

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# Schedule 2.1(a)

#### WF Senior Collateral

All of Borrower's assets, real and personal of every kind or nature whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including without limitation, all of the Borrower's Accounts, Chattel Paper, Tangible Chattel Paper, Investment Property, Deposit Accounts, Documents, Equipment, General Intangibles, Goods, Instruments, Inventory, Investment Property, Letter-of-Credit rights, letters of credit, Proceeds, Supporting Obligations, all sums on deposit in any collateral account, and any items in any lockbox; together with (i) all substitutions and replacements for and products of any of the foregoing; (ii) in the case of all Goods, all accessions; (iii) all accessories, attachments, parts, equipment and repairs now or hereafter attached or affixed to or used in connection with any goods; (iv) all warehouse receipts, bills of lading and other documents of title now or hereafter covering such goods; (v) all collateral subject to the lien of any Loan Document (as defined in the WF Agreements); (vi) any money, or other assets of the Borrower that now or hereafter come into the possession, custody, or control of WF; (vii) all sums on deposit in any deposit account; (viii) any life insurance policies to which Borrower is a beneficiary; (ix) proceeds of any and all of the foregoing; (x) books and records of the Borrower, including all mail or electronic mail addressed to the Borrower (subject to Borrower's normal and customary retention procedures); and (xi) all of the foregoing, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or arising or in which the Borrower now has or hereafter acquires any rights, EXCEPT that the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral described on <u>Schedule 2.1(b)</u> of this Agreement is expressly excluded from the WF Senior Collateral.

#### Schedule 2.1(b)

#### **Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral**

1. Liens on the real property and fixtures described in that certain Real Estate Mortgage dated March 31, 2009, recorded April 1, 2009 in Book 571, Page 782 of the office of the Register of Deeds of Atchison County, Kansas (the "Flour Mill Real Estate").

2. Liens on the real property and fixtures described in that certain Real Estate Mortgage dated March 31, 2009, recorded April 9, 2009 in Book 553, Page 100 of the office of the Register of Deeds of Pottawatomic County, Kansas, (the "**Onaga Real Estate**").

3. Liens on the real property and fixtures described in that certain Real Estate Mortgage dated July 17, 2009, recorded July 21, 2009 in Book 575, Page 835-851 of the office of the Register of Deeds of Atchison County, Kansas (the "Atchison Plant Real Estate").

4. All Equipment, parts, accessories, repairs, replacements, substitutions and improvements of and to such Equipment and all proceeds of the foregoing located upon the Flour Mill Real Estate, Onaga Real Estate and Atchison Plant Real Estate.

For purposes of clarity, Bank of Atchison expressly acknowledges and agrees that the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral expressly excludes any and all of (i) Borrower's Accounts, Goods and Inventory and (ii) Borrower's Equipment other than Equipment located upon the Flour Mill Real Estate, Onaga Real Estate or the Atchison Plant Real Estate.

Schedule 2.1(c)

## WF Junior Collateral

The WF Junior Collateral is the Bank of Atchison Senior Collateral.

#### **Jurisdiction**

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