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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): April 24, 2025

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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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value	MGPI	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 24, 2025, MGP Ingredients, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the “A&R Credit Agreement”) with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, swingline lender and issuing lender, and the other lenders and parties thereto. The A&R Credit Agreement amends and restates the Company’s existing credit agreement, dated as of February 14, 2020. Among other things, the A&R Credit Agreement:

- increases the size of the revolving credit facility from \$400 million to \$500 million;
- extends the maturity date of the revolving credit facility from May 14, 2026 to April 24, 2030;
- permits the Company to add one or more incremental term loan facilities and/or increase the revolving credit commitments from \$100 million to \$200 million, subject to certain conditions; and
- includes revisions to the terms of certain of the representations, covenants, events of default and related definitions.

In connection with entering into the A&R Credit Agreement, the Company also entered into a Sixth Amendment to Note Purchase Agreement and Private Shelf Agreement (the “Sixth Amendment”), among the Company, PGIM, Inc. (“PGIM”), and certain noteholders affiliated with PGIM. Among other things, the Sixth Amendment amends the Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement, dated August 23, 2017 (as amended, the “Note Purchase and Shelf Agreement”), to:

- extend the period for issuing up to \$250 million of senior secured promissory notes under the Note Purchase and Shelf Agreement from August 31, 2026 to April 24, 2028; and
- conform the Note Purchase and Shelf Agreement to certain changes made in the A&R Credit Agreement.

The foregoing descriptions of the A&R Credit Agreement and the Sixth Amendment are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full texts of the A&R Credit Agreement and the Sixth Amendment, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2 hereto, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information set forth under Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	<u>Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 24, 2025, among MGP Ingredients, Inc., Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, Swingline Lender and Issuing Lender, and the other lenders and parties thereto</u>
10.2	<u>Sixth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement, dated as of April 24, 2025, among MGP Ingredients, Inc., PGIM, Inc. and certain noteholders affiliated with PGIM, Inc.</u>
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in iXBRL (Inline Extensible Business Reporting Language)

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.

Date: April 29, 2025

By: /s/ Brandon M. Gall

Brandon M. Gall, Interim President and Chief Executive Officer; Vice
President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of April 24, 2025

by and among

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.,
as Borrower,

the Lenders referred to herein,
as Lenders,

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Administrative Agent,
Swingline Lender and Issuing Lender,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. and
TRUIST BANK,
as Co-Syndication Agents

and

WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC,
BofA SECURITIES, INC. and
TRUIST SECURITIES, INC.,
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

This AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT is entered into as of April 24, 2025, by and among MGP INGREDIENTS, INC., a Kansas corporation (the “Borrower”), the lenders who are party to this Agreement and the lenders who may become a party to this Agreement pursuant to the terms hereof, as Lenders, and WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as Administrative Agent, Issuing Lender and Swingline Lender.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Borrower, the Lenders party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as the Administrative Agent, are parties to that certain Credit Agreement dated as of February 14, 2020 (as amended, modified, restated or supplemented prior to the date hereof, the “Existing Credit Agreement”).

The Borrower has requested that the Lenders amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement and provide a revolving credit facility, and the Lenders are willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1.1 Definitions. The following terms when used in this Agreement shall have the meanings assigned to them below:

“2021 Convertible Notes” means the unsecured 1.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2041 issued by the Borrower under that certain Indenture, dated as of November 16, 2021, between the Borrower, as issuer, Luxco, Inc., MGPI Processing, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, as subsidiary guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.

“Acquired Luxco Debt” means the following:

- (a) (i) up to 8,000,000 British Pounds Sterling in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness of Niche Drinks Co., Ltd. due the Bank of Ireland (UK) Plc and/or The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland under financing agreements in effect on the Closing Date or amended from time to time, and (ii) any guaranty, comfort letter or similar assurance of payment or performance provided by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of the Borrower in connection with such Indebtedness of Niche Drinks Co. Ltd., provided that any such guaranty, comfort letter or assurance of payment or performance is unsecured;
- (b) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations existing on the Closing Date arising under any operating leases, finance leases or similar arrangements relating to any equipment or other assets acquired in connection with the Luxco Merger, provided that such leases or similar arrangements were not entered into in contemplation of the Luxco Merger;
- (c) amounts payable by Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC) in connection with the issuance of industrial revenue bonds by the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, which industrial revenue bonds have been purchased in their entirety by Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings LLC), as bond purchaser, and which payment obligations of Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC) are evidenced or secured by a lease agreement between the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer and lessor, and Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC)

LLC), as lessee, and a mortgage from the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer and mortgagor, to Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings LLC), as bond purchaser and mortgagee; provided that such industrial revenue bonds continue to be owned in their entirety by a Loan Party; and

(d) Permitted Refinancings of Indebtedness outstanding pursuant to clauses (a), (b) or (c) of this definition.

“Acquired Luxco Liens” means the following:

(a) Liens on assets of Niche Drinks Co., Ltd. to the extent such Liens secure Indebtedness or other obligations described in clause (a) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt or any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(b) to the extent constituting Liens, the rights of the lessors or equipment financiers or their respective assigns with respect to the equipment or other assets leased or financed pursuant to the Indebtedness or other obligations described in clause (b) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt; provided that such Liens do not extend to any other assets; and

(c) to the extent constituting Liens, the rights of the County of Nelson, Kentucky and/or Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings LLC) with respect to the real property or other assets leased and/or mortgaged in connection with the industrial revenue bonds described in clause (c) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt.

“Acquisition” means (a) the acquisition of a Controlling Equity Interest in another Person, whether by purchase of such Equity Interest, the exercise of an option or warrant for, or conversion of securities into, such Equity Interest, or otherwise, in each case causing any Person to become a Subsidiary, (b) the acquisition of assets of another Person (other than a Person that is a Subsidiary) which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or of a line or lines of business conducted by such Person, or (c) a merger or consolidation or any other combination with another Person (other than pursuant to Section 8.4(a) or (b)) provided that the Borrower or a Person that is a Subsidiary (after giving effect to such merger, consolidation or other combination) is the surviving entity.

“Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR” means, for any day (a “Simple SOFR Rate Day”), a rate per annum equal to the greater of (a) the sum of (i) SOFR for the day (such day, a “SOFR Determination Day”) that is five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to (A) if such Simple SOFR Rate Day is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such Simple SOFR Rate Day or (B) if such Simple SOFR Rate Day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such Simple SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as such SOFR is published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator’s Website; provided that if by 5:00 p.m. on the second (2nd) U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following any SOFR Determination Day, SOFR in respect of such SOFR Determination Day has not been published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR has not occurred, then SOFR for such SOFR Determination Day will be SOFR as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such SOFR was published on the SOFR Administrator’s Website; provided further that SOFR as determined pursuant to this proviso shall be utilized for purposes of calculation of Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR for no more than three (3) consecutive Simple SOFR Rate Days and (ii) the Simple SOFR Adjustment and (b) the Floor. Any change in Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Borrower.

“Adjusted Term SOFR” means, for purposes of any calculation, the rate per annum equal to (a) Term SOFR for such calculation plus (b) the Term SOFR Adjustment; provided that if Adjusted Term SOFR as so determined shall ever be less than the Floor, then Adjusted Term SOFR shall be deemed to be the Floor.

“Administrative Agent” means Wells Fargo, in its capacity as Administrative Agent hereunder, and any successor thereto appointed pursuant to Section 10.6.

“Administrative Agent’s Office” means the office of the Administrative Agent specified in or determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.1(c).

“Administrative Questionnaire” means an administrative questionnaire in a form supplied by the Administrative Agent.

“Affected Financial Institution” means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

“Affiliate” means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.

“Aggregate Commitments” means the Commitments of all the Lenders. The initial amount of the Aggregate Commitments as of the Closing Date is \$500,000,000.

“Agreement” means this Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means all applicable laws, rules, and regulations of any jurisdiction to which the Borrower or its Subsidiaries are subject concerning or relating to bribery or corruption, including the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 and the rules and regulations thereunder and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010 and the rules and regulations thereunder.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any and all applicable laws, statutes, regulations or obligatory government orders, decrees, ordinances or rules of any jurisdiction to which the Borrower or its Subsidiaries are subject related to terrorism financing, money laundering or any predicate crime to money laundering, including any applicable provision of the PATRIOT Act and The Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act (also known as the “Bank Secrecy Act,” 31 U.S.C. §§ 5311-5330 and 12 U.S.C. §§ 1818(s), 1820(b) and 1951-1959).

“Applicable Law” means all applicable provisions of constitutions, laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, treaties, regulations, permits, licenses, approvals, interpretations and orders of courts or Governmental Authorities and all orders and decrees of all courts and arbitrators.

“Applicable Margin” means the applicable percentage per annum set forth below determined by reference to the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio set forth in the Compliance Certificate most recently delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(c).

Tier	Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio	Applicable Margin		
		Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR/Adjusted Term SOFR Loans	Base Rate Loans	Commitment Fee
I	Less than 2.00 to 1.00	1.000%	0.000%	0.150%
II	Greater than or equal to 2.00 to 1.00, but less than 2.50 to 1.00	1.250%	0.250%	0.175%
III	Greater than or equal to 2.50 to 1.00, but less than 3.00 to 1.00	1.500%	0.500%	0.200%
IV	Greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00, but less than 3.50 to 1.00	1.750%	0.750%	0.225%
V	Greater than or equal to 3.50 to 1.00	2.000%	1.000%	0.250%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Margin resulting from a change in the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio after the Closing Date shall become effective as of the first Business Day following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(c); provided that (i) if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such Section, then Tier V shall apply as of the first Business Day after the date on which such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered until the first Business Day following the date such Compliance Certificate is delivered, and (ii) if the Borrower does not appropriately complete the schedules attached to the Compliance Certificate (including, without limitation, indicating the appropriate Tier upon which the Applicable Margin shall be determined) indicating that the Borrower is entitled to the benefit of a lower pricing Tier, then the Administrative Agent shall not be required to institute any decrease in the Applicable Margin until the first Business Day after the date on which the Administrative Agent receives notice from the Borrower indicating such lower pricing Tier should apply, together with any appropriate supporting information required by the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Applicable Margin in effect from the Closing Date until the first Business Day following the required date of delivery (or, if earlier, the actual date of delivery) of a Compliance Certificate for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2025 shall be based on Tier I.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any financial statement or Compliance Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(a), (b) or (c) is shown to be inaccurate (regardless of whether (i) this Agreement is in effect, (ii) the Aggregate Commitments are in effect, or (iii) any Extension of Credit is outstanding when such inaccuracy is discovered or such financial statement or Compliance Certificate was delivered), and such inaccuracy, if corrected, would have led to the application of a higher Applicable Margin for any period (an “Applicable Period”) than the Applicable Margin applied for such Applicable Period, then (A) the Borrower shall promptly (and in any event within 5 Business Days after such inaccuracy is shown) deliver to the Administrative Agent a corrected Compliance Certificate for such Applicable Period, (B) the Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period shall be determined as if the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio in the corrected Compliance Certificate were applicable for such Applicable Period, and (C) the Borrower shall retroactively be obligated to promptly (and in any event within 2 Business Days after such inaccuracy is shown) pay to the Administrative Agent the accrued additional interest and fees owing as a result of such increased Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period, which payment shall be promptly applied by the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 4.4; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, no Default or Event of Default under Section 9.1(a)(ii) shall be deemed to have occurred with respect to such additional interest and fees owing as a result of such increased Applicable Margin for such Applicable Period prior to 2 Business Days after such

inaccuracy is shown. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit the rights of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender or any Lender with respect to Sections 4.1(c) and 9.2 nor any of their other rights under this Agreement or any other Loan Document. The Borrower's obligations under this paragraph shall survive the termination of the Aggregate Commitments and the repayment of all Obligations hereunder.

“Approved Fund” means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

“Arrangers” means, collectively, (a) Wells Fargo Securities, (b) BofA Securities, Inc. and (c) Truist Securities, Inc., each in its capacity as a joint lead arranger and joint bookrunner.

“Assignment and Assumption” means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 11.9), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form attached as Exhibit G or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

“Available Tenor” means, as of any date of determination and with respect to any then-current Benchmark, as applicable, (a) if such Benchmark is a term rate, any tenor for such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period pursuant to this Agreement or (b) otherwise, any payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark (or component thereof) that is or may be used for determining any frequency of making payments of interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, in each case, as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is then-removed from the definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 4.8(c)(iv).

“Bail-In Action” means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

“Bail-In Legislation” means (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, regulation, rule or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

“Bankruptcy Code” means 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*

“Base Rate” means, at any time, the highest of (a) the Prime Rate, (b) the Federal Funds Rate plus 0.50% and (c) the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR in effect on such day plus 1.00%; each change in the Base Rate shall take effect simultaneously with the corresponding change or changes in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Rate or Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, as applicable (provided that clause (c) shall not be applicable during any period in which Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR is unavailable or unascertainable). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Base Rate be less than 1.00%.

“Base Rate Loan” means any Loan bearing interest at a rate based upon the Base Rate as provided in Section 4.1(a).

“Benchmark” means, initially, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Adjusted Term SOFR, as applicable; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred with respect to Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Adjusted Term SOFR, as applicable, or the applicable then-current Benchmark, then “Benchmark” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to Section 4.8(c)(i).

“Benchmark Replacement” means, with respect to any Benchmark Transition Event for any then-current Benchmark, the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the replacement for such Benchmark giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement to such then-current Benchmark for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; provided that, if such Benchmark Replacement as so determined would be less than the Floor, such Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

“Benchmark Replacement Adjustment” means, with respect to any replacement of any then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Available Tenor (if applicable), the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (a) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body or (b) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities.

“Benchmark Replacement Date” means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to any then-current Benchmark:

- (a) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the later of (i) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (ii) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or
- (b) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of “Benchmark Transition Event,” the first date on which such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) has been determined and announced by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) to be non-representative; provided that such non-representativeness will be determined by reference to the most recent statement or publication referenced in such clause (c) and even if any Available Tenor (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) continues to be provided on such date.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the applicable then-current Benchmark has any Available Tenors, the “Benchmark Replacement Date” will be deemed to have occurred in the case of clause (a) or (b) with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Event” means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to any then-current Benchmark:

(a) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the FRB, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely; provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(c) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that all Available Tenors (if applicable) of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are not, or as of a specified future date will not be, representative.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the then-current Benchmark has any Available Tenors, a “Benchmark Transition Event” will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

“Benchmark Transition Start Date” means, in the case of a Benchmark Transition Event, the earlier of (a) the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (b) if such Benchmark Transition Event is a public statement or publication of information of a prospective event, the 90th day prior to the expected date of such event as of such public statement or publication of information (or if the expected date of such prospective event is fewer than 90 days after such statement or publication, the date of such statement or publication).

“Benchmark Unavailability Period” means, with respect to any then-current Benchmark, the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to such Benchmark has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 4.8(c) and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Loan Document in accordance with Section 4.8(c).

“Beneficial Ownership Certification” means a certification regarding beneficial ownership as required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

“Beneficial Ownership Regulation” means 31 CFR § 1010.230.

“Benefit Plan” means any of (a) an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a “plan” as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such “employee benefit plan” or “plan”.

“Borrower” has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

“Borrower Materials” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.3.

“Borrowing” means a Revolving Credit Borrowing or a Swingline Borrowing, as the context may require.

“Business Day” means any day that (a) is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is closed and (b) is not a day on which commercial banks in Charlotte, North Carolina are closed.

“Capital Lease Obligations” of any Person means, subject to Section 1.3(b), all obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) of real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital or finance leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP, and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Cash Collateralize” means, to pledge and deposit with, or deliver to, the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of one or more of the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or the Lenders, as collateral for L/C Obligations or obligations of the Lenders to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations or Swingline Loans, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the Issuing Lender shall agree, in their sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the Issuing Lender. “Cash Collateral” shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

“Cash Management Agreement” means any agreement to provide cash management services, including treasury, depository, overdraft, credit or debit card (including non-card electronic payables and purchasing cards), electronic funds transfer and other cash management arrangements (including any Treasury Management Agreement).

“Cash Management Bank” means any Person that, (a) at the time it (or its Affiliate) becomes a Lender on the Closing Date, is party to a Cash Management Agreement with a Loan Party, or (b) at the time it enters into a Cash Management Agreement with a Loan Party, is a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender, the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent, in each case in its capacity as a party to such Cash Management Agreement.

“Change of Control” means an event or series of events by which:

(a) (i) any “person” or “group” (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its Subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) other than the Permitted Investors becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that a “person” or “group” shall be deemed to have “beneficial ownership” of all Equity Interests that such “person” or

“group” has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (such right, an “option right”)), directly or indirectly, of more than forty percent (40%) of the Equity Interests of the Borrower entitled to vote in the election of members of the board of directors (or equivalent governing body) of the Borrower or (ii) during any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the Borrower cease to be composed of individuals (x) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (y) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clause (x) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (z) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clauses (x) and (y) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body; or

(b) there shall have occurred under any indenture or other instrument evidencing any Indebtedness of any Loan Party in excess of \$25,000,000 any “change in control” or similar provision (as set forth in the indenture, agreement or other evidence of such Indebtedness) obligating the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or repay all or any part of the Indebtedness provided for therein.

“Change in Law” means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a “Change in Law”, regardless of the date enacted, adopted, implemented or issued.

“Closing Date” means the date of this Agreement.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

“Collateral” means the collateral security for the Secured Obligations pledged or granted pursuant to the Security Documents.

“Collateral Agent” means the Administrative Agent, in its capacity as collateral agent pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement, together with its permitted successors and assigns in such capacity.

“Commitment” means, as to any Lender, the obligation of such Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans to, and to purchase participations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans for the account of, the Borrower hereunder in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender’s name on the Register, as such amount may be modified at any time or from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof (including, without limitation, Section 2.7). The initial amount of each Lender’s Commitment as of the Closing Date is set forth on Schedule 2.1, or in the

Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Commitment, as applicable.

“Commitment Fee” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 4.3(a).

“Commitment Percentage” means, as to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Aggregate Commitments represented by (a) at any time prior to the expiration or termination of the Aggregate Commitments, such Lender’s Commitment at such time, and (b) thereafter, the principal amount of such Lender’s Revolving Credit Exposure at such time. The initial Commitment Percentage of each Lender as of the Closing Date is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.1 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

“Commodity Exchange Act” means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.).

“Communication” means any Loan Document and any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice, certificate, report, statement, disclosure, certification or authorization related to any Loan Document.

“Compliance Certificate” means a certificate substantially in the form attached as Exhibit F.

“Conforming Changes” means, with respect to either the use or administration of an initial Benchmark or the use, administration, adoption or implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of “Base Rate,” the definition of “Business Day,” the definition of “U.S. Government Securities Business Day,” the definition of “Interest Period” or any similar or analogous definition (or the addition of a concept of “interest period”), timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices, the applicability and length of lookback periods, the applicability of Section 4.9 and other technical, administrative or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent reasonably decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of any such rate or to permit the use and administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent reasonably decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent reasonably determines that no market practice for the administration of any such rate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents).

“Connection Income Taxes” means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

“Consolidated EBITDA” means, for the Consolidated Group for any period, the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period, plus (b) to the extent deducted in arriving at Consolidated Net Income for such period, (i) income taxes (whether federal, state, local or otherwise), (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense, (iii) depreciation and amortization determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP for such period (iv) non-cash charges for earn-outs and other similar contingent consideration payments in connection with Acquisitions and (v) other non-cash charges (except to the extent that such non-cash charges are reserved for cash charges to be taken in the future), minus (c) to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period, non-cash gains or non-cash items increasing Consolidated Net Income.

“Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio” means, for any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower, the ratio of (a) the remainder of (i) Consolidated EBITDA for such period minus (ii) dividends and distributions by the Borrower to its shareholders during such period, minus (iii) income taxes (whether federal, state, local or otherwise) paid in cash during such period, minus (iv) Maintenance Capital Expenditures during such period, minus (v) share repurchases or other acquisition or retirement of any of the Borrower’s Equity Interests or any security convertible into or exchangeable for any of the Borrower’s Equity Interests (other than Permitted Convertible Indebtedness and any early redemption of the 2021 Convertible Notes) (provided that share repurchases and other acquisitions of stock of the Borrower or securities convertible therefor in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 in any four consecutive fiscal quarter period shall be excluded from the amounts deducted in clause (a)(v) of this definition) to (b) Consolidated Fixed Charges for such period.

“Consolidated Fixed Charges” means for the Consolidated Group for any period, the sum (without duplication) of (a) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, and (b) scheduled principal payments of Consolidated Funded Indebtedness (other than the Loans and any early redemption of the 2021 Convertible Notes) during such period.

“Consolidated Funded Indebtedness” means, as of any date of determination, all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money and other interest-bearing liabilities of the Consolidated Group outstanding on such date, including, without limitation, (a) all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, loan agreements, notes or other similar agreements or instruments (including the 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness), (b) all Capital Lease Obligations and purchase money indebtedness, (c) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, in respect of drawn letters of credit, acceptances or similar extensions of credit, (d) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, to purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Equity Interests of such Person (other than stock of the Borrower required to be purchased pursuant to employee stock compensation plans consistent with the plans in effect on the Closing Date) and (e) Guarantees of Indebtedness of any of the foregoing types described in clauses (a) through (d) of this definition, after eliminating all off-setting debits and credits between members of the Consolidated Group and all other items required to be eliminated in the course of the preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Consolidated Group in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Group” means, collectively, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

“Consolidated Interest Expense” means, for the Consolidated Group for any period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, total interest expense (including the interest component of any payments in respect of Capital Lease Obligations and the net payment obligations pursuant to Hedge Agreements pertaining to interest rate transactions) during such period.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income (or loss) of the Consolidated Group for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, but excluding therefrom (to the extent otherwise included therein) (a) any extraordinary gains or losses, (b) any gains attributable to a sale of assets (other than inventory sold in the ordinary course of business) or the write-up of assets and non-cash losses attributable to the impairment of any intangible asset, (c) any Equity Interest of any member of the Consolidated Group in the unremitted earnings of any Person that is not a Subsidiary and (d) except to the extent included pursuant to Section 1.9, any income (or loss) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of or is merged into or consolidated with a member of the Consolidated Group or the date that such Person’s assets are acquired by a member of the Consolidated Group.

“Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio” means, as of the date of computation thereof, the ratio of (i) (A) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness (determined as at such date) minus (B) Unrestricted Cash on such date in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower most recently ended on or prior to such date; provided that, during any period that includes any Material Acquisition or a Material Disposition, the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA shall be made on a historical Pro Forma Basis with respect to that portion of the applicable measurement period that occurred prior to the consummation of such transaction in accordance with Section 1.9.

“Control” means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. “Controlling” and “Controlled” have meanings correlative thereto.

“Customer Owned Inventory” means inventory owned by a customer of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and with respect to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is acting as a bailee or the like or is otherwise storing or disposing of such inventory at the request of or for the benefit of such customer or its assignee, including any lender to such customer, in each case so long as such inventory is owned by such customer.

“Daily Simple SOFR Loan” means any Loan bearing interest at a rate based on Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR (other than pursuant to the Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR component of the definition of “Base Rate”), as provided in Section 4.1(a).

“Debtor Relief Laws” means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

“Default” means any event or condition which constitutes an Event of Default or which, with the giving or receipt of notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default hereunder.

“Defaulting Lender” means, subject to Section 4.14(b), any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of the Revolving Credit Loans, participations in L/C Obligations or participations in Swingline Loans required to be funded by it hereunder within two Business Days of the date such Loans or participations were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender’s determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or any other Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with any of its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender’s obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender’s determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations

hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-In Action; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of clauses (a) through (d) above shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 4.14(b)) upon delivery of written notice of such determination to the Borrower, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and each Lender.

“Disposition” or “Dispose” means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition of any property (including any sale and leaseback transaction, division, merger or disposition of Equity Interests), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, by any Person, including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) none of (w) the issuance or sale of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness by the Borrower, (x) the sale of any Permitted Warrant Transaction by the Borrower, (y) the purchase of any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction nor (z) the performance by the Borrower of its obligations under the 2021 Convertible Notes, any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (including any Person’s issuance of any Equity Interests of such Person in connection with its obligations under any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness), any Permitted Warrant Transaction or any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction shall constitute a “Disposition”, and (ii) no issuance by the Borrower of Equity Interests of the Borrower shall constitute a Disposition.

“Disqualified Equity Interests” means, with respect to any Person, any Equity Interests of such Person that, by their terms (or by the terms of any security or other Equity Interest into which they are convertible or for which they are exchangeable) or upon the happening of any event or condition, (a) mature or are 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 in cash of the Loans and all other Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due and for which no claim has been submitted) and the termination of the Commitments), (b) are redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Equity Interests) (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 in cash of the Loans and all other Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due and for which no claim has been submitted) and the termination of the Commitments), in whole or in part, (c) provide for the scheduled payment of dividends in cash or (d) are or become convertible into, or exchangeable for, Indebtedness or any other Equity Interests that would constitute Disqualified Equity Interests, in each case of clauses (a) through (d), prior to the date that is 91 days after the latest scheduled maturity date of the Loans and Commitments; provided that if such Equity Interests are issued pursuant to a plan for the benefit of the Borrower or its

Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such officers or employees, such Equity Interests shall not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests solely because they may be required to be repurchased by the Borrower or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations.

“Dollars” or “\$” means, unless otherwise qualified, dollars in lawful currency of the United States.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary organized under the laws of any political subdivision of the United States.

“EEA Financial Institution” means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

“EEA Member Country” means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

“EEA Resolution Authority” means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country.

“Electronic Record” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 15 U.S.C. 7006.

“Electronic Signature” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 15 U.S.C. 7006.

“Eligible Assignee” means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under Section 11.9(b)(iii), (v) and (vi) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 11.9(b)(iii)).

“Eligible Investments” means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of principal or interest of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States or any agency thereof;

(b) obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state of the United States or under the laws of any other nation, payable in the United States, expressed to mature not later than 270 days following the date of issuance thereof and having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Standard & Poor’s Rating Service, a division of S&P Global Inc. (“S&P”) or Moody’s Investor’s Services, Inc. (“Moody’s”);

(c) interest bearing demand or time deposits issued by any Lender or certificates of deposit maturing within one year from the date of issuance thereof and issued by a bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof having capital surplus and undivided

profits aggregating at least \$1,000,000,000 and being rated “A” or better by S&P or “A” or better by Moody’s;

(d) deposit accounts maintained with any bank that satisfies the criteria in clause (c) above or 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 bank is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

(e) any other investments expressly approved in writing by the Administrative Agent.

“Environmental Claims” means any and all written administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, accusations, allegations, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigations (other than internal reports prepared by any Person in the ordinary course of business and not in response to any third party action or request of any kind) or proceedings relating in any way to any actual or alleged violation of or liability under any Environmental Law or relating to any permit issued, or any approval given, under any such Environmental Law, including, without limitation, any and all written claims by Governmental Authorities for enforcement, cleanup, removal, response, remedial or other actions or damages, contribution, indemnification cost recovery, compensation or injunctive relief resulting from Hazardous Materials or arising from alleged injury or threat of injury to human health or the environment.

“Environmental Laws” means all laws, rules, regulations, codes, ordinances, orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions, notices or binding agreements issued, promulgated or entered into by or with any Governmental Authority, relating in any way to the environment, preservation or reclamation of natural resources, the management, Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Material or to health and safety matters.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental investigation and remediation, costs of administrative oversight, fines, natural resource damages, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) any actual or alleged violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) any actual or alleged exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interest” means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests in a Person. For the avoidance of doubt, none of (x) the 2021 Convertible Notes or any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness nor (y) any Permitted Warrant Transactions, in either case, shall constitute Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries prior to settlement, conversion, exchange or exercise thereof.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the rules and regulations thereunder, each as amended or modified from time to time.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any Person who together with the Borrower is treated as a single employer within the meaning of Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code or Section 4001(b) of ERISA.

“ERISA Event” means (a) any Reportable Event; (b) the withdrawal of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which such entity was a “substantial employer” as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA or a cessation of operations that

is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan, or notification to the Borrower that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate a Plan, or the treatment of a Plan or Multiemployer Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA; (e) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate a Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (f) any event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (g) the determination that any Plan or Multiemployer Plan is considered an at-risk plan or a plan in endangered or critical status within the meaning of Sections 430, 431 and 432 of the Code or Sections 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA; or (h) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate.

“ERISA Litigation” means any written claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan that, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

“Erroneous Payment” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 10.11(a).

“EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule” means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor thereto), as in effect from time to time.

“Event of Default” means any of the events specified in Section 9.1; provided that any requirement for passage of time, giving of notice, or any other condition, has been satisfied.

“Excluded Assets” means, collectively, (a) any lease, license or contract to which any member of the Consolidated Group or any Guarantor is a party, or any license, consent, permit, variance, certification, authorization or approval of any Governmental Authority (or any person acting on behalf of a Governmental Authority) of which such member of the Consolidated Group or Guarantor, as the case may be, is the owner or beneficiary, or any of its rights or interests thereunder, if and for so long as the grant of a security interest therein shall constitute or result in (i) the abandonment, invalidation or unenforceability of the right, title or interest of such member of the Consolidated Group or Guarantor (as applicable) therein or (ii) a breach or termination pursuant to the terms of, or a default under, such lease, license or contract or such license, consent, permit, variance, certification, authorization or approval (other than to the extent that any such term would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Section 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC or any other Applicable Law or principles of equity), (b) any equipment, aircraft, inventory or real property owned by a member of the Consolidated Group or Guarantor, as the case may be, on the date hereof or hereafter acquired that is subject to a purchase money Lien or a Lien securing a Capital Lease Obligation permitted to be incurred hereunder and, in the case of a Guarantor, under the Guaranty Agreement to which it is a party if the contract or other agreement (or the documentation providing for such purchase money obligation or Capital Lease Obligation) in which such Lien is granted validly prohibits the creation of any other Lien on such equipment, aircraft, inventory or real property, (c) any real property (excluding from this definition, however, any equipment in the nature of trade fixtures, but including any fixtures in the nature of heating, ventilation, air conditioning or similar fixtures relating to physical structure or basic operation of any improvements on such real property), (d) any motor vehicles, trailers, mobile homes, manufactured homes, boats or rolling stock, (e) any assets of any Excluded Subsidiaries, (f) Equity Interests issued by any Foreign Subsidiary, other than (x) 65% of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests entitled to vote (within the meaning of Treas. Reg. Section 1.956-2(c)(2)) of any First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary and (y) 100% of the non-voting Equity Interests in any First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary, (g) any Equity Interests of Dos Primos Tequila Company,

LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Agricola, LG, S. De R.L. DE C.V., a Mexican entity, and DGL Destiladores, S. De R.L. DE C.V., a Mexican entity, but only so long as, in the case of each issuer of such Equity Interests, the Borrower, whether directly or indirectly through one or more Subsidiaries, does not own 100% of the Equity Interests of such issuer (other than an issuer that is or becomes a Foreign Subsidiary, in which case clause (f) above shall govern the extent to which such issuer's Equity Interests are Excluded Assets), (h) any property encumbered by an Acquired Luxco Lien, but, for purposes of this clause (h) only, only until such time as such Acquired Luxco Lien is terminated, (i) Equity Interests in any Person that is not a wholly-owned Subsidiary of a Loan Party, to the extent a Lien thereon is prohibited by or requires consent under the organizational documents or any shareholders or similar agreement of or relating to such Person (other than of a Loan Party) as in effect on the Closing Date or existing at the time of acquisition of such Equity Interests in such Person after the Closing Date, and to the extent not created in contemplation of the creation or acquisition of such Person, and such consent has not been obtained, (j) Equity Interests issued by MGP Ingredients U.K. Limited, and (k) any assets of a Loan Party where the Administrative Agent and the Borrower determine that the cost or burden of obtaining or perfecting a Lien in such assets is excessive in relation to the value afforded thereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) Excluded Assets shall not include the proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements of any Excluded Assets (except to the extent that such proceeds, products, substitutions or replacements shall themselves constitute Excluded Assets) and (y) in the event that any limitation, restriction or exclusion under clauses (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (k) above cease to exist (or any required consent shall have been obtained), then such Excluded Assets shall immediately and automatically be deemed at all times thereafter to constitute Collateral without any further action.

"Excluded Subsidiary" means (a) any Immaterial Subsidiary, (b) any Foreign Subsidiary, (c) Dos Primos Tequila Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (but only so long as such Subsidiary is not a wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Borrower), (d) any non-wholly owned Subsidiary that is prohibited by Applicable Law or by any contractual obligation (including any requirement that consent be obtained from a third party minority owner of such Subsidiary's Equity Interests or other similar third party) existing on the Closing Date or existing at the time of acquisition of such Subsidiary after the Closing Date (and not created in contemplation of such acquisition), in each case from Guaranteeing the Obligations, but only so long as such prohibition exists, and (e) any other Subsidiary with respect to which the Administrative Agent and the Borrower mutually agree that the cost or burden of providing a Guarantee would be excessive in relation to the benefit to be afforded thereby; provided, that in no event shall such definition include any Subsidiary that incurs, Guarantees or otherwise provides collateral to support any Senior Note Indebtedness, Incremental Equivalent Debt, the 2021 Convertible Notes or any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Guarantor, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the liability of such Guarantor for or the Guarantee of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any liability or Guarantee thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor's failure for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act and the regulations thereunder at the time the liability for or the Guarantee of such Guarantor or the grant of such security interest becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation (such determination being made after giving effect to any applicable keepwell, support or other agreement for the benefit of such Guarantor, including Section 11.21). If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one swap, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to swaps for which such Guarantee or

security interest is or becomes illegal for the reasons identified in the immediately preceding sentence of this definition.

“Excluded Taxes” means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, United States federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 4.12(b)) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 4.11, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender’s assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient’s failure to comply with Section 4.11(g) and (d) any United States federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

“Existing Credit Agreement” has the meaning assigned thereto in the Statement of Purpose.

“Extensions of Credit” means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) the issuance of a Letter of Credit or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.

“Family Trust” means, in respect of any individual, any trust for the primary benefit of such individual, his/her spouse or his/her lineal descendants, so long as such individual, during his or her lifetime, has the exclusive right to control such trust.

“FASB ASC” means the Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

“FATCA” means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with) and any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such Sections of the Code.

“Federal Funds Rate” means, for any day, the rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day, provided that if such rate is not so published for any day which is a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average of the quotation for such day on such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Federal Funds Rate shall be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

“Fee Letter” means the Engagement Letter between the Borrower, Wells Fargo and Wells Fargo Securities dated as of March 31, 2025.

“First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary” means any Foreign Subsidiary that is a “controlled foreign corporation” within the meaning of Section 957 of the Code and the Equity Interests of which are owned directly by any Loan Party.

“Floor” means a rate of interest equal to 0%.

“Foreign Lender” means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes.

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

“FRB” means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

“Fronting Exposure” means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to the Issuing Lender, such Defaulting Lender’s Commitment Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender’s participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof and (b) with respect to the Swingline Lender, such Defaulting Lender’s Commitment Percentage of Swingline Loans other than Swingline Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender’s participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

“Fund” means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

“Governmental Authority” means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

“Guarantee” means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the “primary obligor”) in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to

protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantors" means, collectively or individually as the context may indicate, (a) each Subsidiary on the Closing Date (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) and (b) each other Subsidiary that becomes a party to the Guaranty Agreement.

"Guaranty Agreement" means, collectively, that certain Amended and Restated Guaranty Agreement of even dated herewith, and all other agreements pursuant to which any other Person Guarantees any of the Obligations.

"Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Hedge Agreement" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction shall be considered a Hedge Agreement.

"Hedge Bank" means any Person that, (a) at the time it (or any of its Affiliates) becomes a Lender on the Closing Date, is a party to a Hedge Agreement or (b) at the time enters into a Hedge Agreement with a Loan Party permitted under Article VIII, is a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, in each case in its capacity as a party to such Hedge Agreement.

"Hedge Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Hedge Agreements, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Hedge Agreements, (a) for any date on or after the date such Hedge Agreements have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Hedge Agreements, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Hedge Agreements (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

“Immaterial Subsidiary” means, as of any date of determination, any Subsidiary which (a) does not have material assets or material operations as reasonably determined by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and (b) does not own, directly or indirectly, any Equity Interests of any Subsidiary that has material assets or material operations as reasonably determined by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent; provided that if either (i) the total assets of the Immaterial Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as of the last day of the fiscal quarter set forth in the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or (b), is greater than five percent (5%) of the consolidated total assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on such date or (ii) the total revenue of the Immaterial Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, for the four fiscal quarter period ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal quarter covered by financial statements is greater than five percent (5%) of the consolidated total revenue of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, then the Borrower shall within ten (10) Business Days after the date such financial statements are delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or (b) for the applicable four fiscal quarter period identify in writing and cause one or more Immaterial Subsidiaries (other than a Foreign Subsidiary) to become a Guarantor and comply with the requirements of Section 7.9 (in each case, within the time periods set forth in Section 7.9) until the total assets and total revenue of the Immaterial Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, constitute less than five percent (5%) of consolidated total assets and five percent (5%) of consolidated total revenue of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such time.

“Increase Effective Date” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.7(a).

“Incremental Amendment” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.7(c).

“Incremental Equivalent Debt” is defined in Section 8.2(k).

“Incremental Facilities Limit” means, with respect to any proposed incurrence of additional Indebtedness under Section 2.7, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the amount of additional Indebtedness that would cause the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as of the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period for which financial statements have been delivered hereunder prior to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness (or in the case of any Incremental Term Loan, the proceeds of which will finance a substantially concurrent Limited Condition Acquisition, the LCA Test Date), calculated on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such additional Indebtedness (and any Limited Condition Acquisition to be consummated using the proceeds of such additional Indebtedness, if applicable) and assuming that any proposed commitment for an Incremental Increase is fully drawn at such time, not to exceed 3.25 to 1.00 plus (b) the greater of (i) \$200,000,000 and (ii) 100% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period for which financial statements have been provided to the Administrative Agent hereunder less the total aggregate initial principal amount (as of the date of incurrence thereof) of all Incremental Increases, in each case previously incurred under this clause (b). Unless the Borrower otherwise notifies the Administrative Agent, if all or any portion of any Incremental Increases would be permitted under clause (a) above on the applicable date of incurrence, such Incremental Increases (or the relevant portion thereof) shall be deemed to have been incurred in reliance on clause (a) above prior to the utilization of any amount available under clause (b) above. If an Incremental Increase is incurred under both clauses (a) and (b) above on the same date, then the amount so incurred in reliance on clause (b) shall be excluded from the calculation of the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio for purposes of determining amounts available to be incurred in reliance on the clause (a).

“Incremental Term Loan” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.7(a).

“Indebtedness” of any Person means, without duplication (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments, (c) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than (i) current trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business and (ii) any purchase price adjustment or earnout incurred in connection with an Acquisition, except to the extent that the amount thereof becomes fixed and determinable and is not paid within fifteen days of becoming due and payable), (d) all obligations of such Person under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement(s) relating to property acquired by such Person, (e) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (f) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of letters of credit, acceptances or similar extensions of credit, (g) all Guarantees of such Person of the type of Indebtedness described in clauses (a) through (f) above, (h) all Indebtedness of a third party secured by any Lien on property owned by such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness has been assumed by such Person, (i) all obligations of such Person, contingent or otherwise, to purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Equity Interests of such Person, (j) all Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities and (k) the Hedge Termination Value under any Hedge Agreement of such Person. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, except to the extent that the terms of such Indebtedness or Applicable Law provide that such Person is not liable therefor. Further, notwithstanding anything in this definition to the contrary, no obligation of the Borrower under any Permitted Warrant Transaction or Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction shall constitute Indebtedness, except to the extent accounted for as a liability in accordance with GAAP. For purposes hereof, the amount of the 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall be the aggregate stated principal amount thereof without giving effect to any obligation to pay cash or deliver shares with value in excess of such principal amount, and without giving effect to any integration thereof with any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.1275-6.

“Indemnified Taxes” means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in clause (a), Other Taxes.

“Intercreditor Agreement” means the Amended and Restated Collateral Agency and Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2020 (as amended by the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Collateral Agency and Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date (the “First Amendment to Intercreditor Agreement”), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, among the Administrative Agent, as collateral agent for itself and the purchasers under the Senior Note Purchase Agreement, and acknowledged by the Loan Parties.

“Interest Payment Date” means (a) as to any Base Rate Loan or Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the last Business Day of each calendar quarter and the Maturity Date and (b) as to any Term SOFR Loan, the last day of each Interest Period therefor and, in the case of any Interest Period of more than three (3) months’ duration, each day prior to the last day of such Interest Period that occurs at three-month intervals after the first day of such Interest Period; provided that each such three-month interval payment day shall be the immediately succeeding Business Day if such day is not a Business Day, unless such day is not a Business Day but is a day of the relevant month after which no further Business Day occurs in such month, in which case such day shall be the immediately preceding Business Day and the Maturity Date.

“Interest Period” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 4.1(b).

“Investment” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 8.6.

“IRB Property” has the meaning given to such term in the definition of Permitted IRB Financings.

“ISP98” means the International Standby Practices (1998 Revision, effective January 1, 1999), International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590.

“Issuing Lender” means Wells Fargo, in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor thereto.

“Junior Financing” has the meaning specified in Section 8.14.

“L/C Commitment” means the lesser of (a) \$15,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Commitments.

“L/C Obligations” means at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate undrawn and unexpired amount of the then outstanding Letters of Credit and (b) the aggregate amount of drawings under Letters of Credit which have not then been reimbursed pursuant to Section 3.5.

“L/C Participants” means the collective reference to all the Lenders.

“LCT Test Date” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 1.12(a).

“Lender” means each Person executing this Agreement as a Lender on the Closing Date and any other Person that shall have become a party to this Agreement as a Lender pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption or pursuant to Section 2.7, other than any Person that ceases to be a party hereto as a Lender pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption. Unless the context otherwise requires, the term “Lenders” includes the Swingline Lender.

“Lending Office” means, with respect to any Lender, the office of such Lender maintaining such Lender’s Extensions of Credit, which office may, to the extent the applicable Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing, include an office of any Affiliate of such Lender or any domestic or foreign branch of such Lender or Affiliate.

“Letter of Credit Application” means an application, in the form specified by the Issuing Lender from time to time, requesting the Issuing Lender to issue a Letter of Credit.

“Letters of Credit” means the collective reference to letters of credit issued pursuant to Section 3.1.

“Lien” means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, encumbrance, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, or other arrangement having the practical effect of the foregoing or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any capital or finance lease having the same economic effect as any of the foregoing). For the avoidance of doubt, a Lien shall not include any owner’s, bailor’s or similar interest with respect to any Customer Owned Inventory.

“Limited Condition Transaction” means any Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted under this Agreement that, in each case, is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third-party financing.

“Loan Documents” means, collectively, this Agreement, the Notes, the Letter of Credit Applications, the Guaranty Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement, the Security Documents, the Fee Letter and each other document, instrument, certificate and agreement executed and delivered by any Loan Party in favor of or provided to the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party in connection with this Agreement or otherwise referred to herein or contemplated hereby (excluding any Secured Hedge Agreement and any Secured Cash Management Agreement).

“Loan Parties” means, collectively, the Borrower and the Guarantors.

“Loans” means the collective reference to the Revolving Credit Loans and the Swingline Loans, and “Loan” means any of such Loans.

“Luxco Companies” means (a) Luxco Group Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation; (b) LRD Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; (c) LDL Holdings DE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; and (d) KY Limestone Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Luxco Merger” means the Borrower’s acquisition of the equity interests of the Luxco Companies in accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 22, 2021, among (a) the Borrower; (b) the Luxco Companies; (c) Donn Lux, as Sellers’ Representative; and (d) the other parties party thereto.

“Maintenance Capital Expenditures” means capital expenditures (as defined by GAAP, subject to the provisions of Section 1.3) made in connection with the replacement, substitution, restoration or repair of existing assets. For the avoidance of doubt, Maintenance Capital Expenditures shall not include (a) capital expenditures made in connection with an acquisition of new assets that seeks to expand existing operational capacities as opposed to any such acquisition that seeks to replace or substitute existing assets to maintain existing operational capacities, (b) the purchase price of equipment that is purchased simultaneously with the trade-in of existing equipment but only to the extent that the gross amount of such purchase price is reduced by the credit granted by the seller of such equipment for the equipment being traded in at such time or (c) expenditures made in connection with the replacement, substitution, restoration or repair of assets to the extent financed with (x) insurance proceeds paid on account of the loss or damage to the assets being replaced, restored or repaired or (y) awards of compensation arising from the taking by eminent domain or condemnation of the assets being replaced.

“Material Acquisition” means any Acquisition (or series of related Acquisitions) consummated after the Closing Date involving aggregate consideration with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 (or such lesser amount as may be approved by the Administrative Agent in writing).

“Material Adverse Effect” means, with respect to any event, act, condition or occurrence of whatever nature (including any adverse determination in any litigation, arbitration, or governmental investigation or proceeding), whether singly or in conjunction with any other event or events, act or acts, condition or conditions, occurrence or occurrences whether or not related, a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect on, (a) the business, results of operations, financial condition, assets, or liabilities of the Loan Parties taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower or any Guarantor to perform any of its obligations under the Loan Documents, (c) the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent

(including its capacity as Collateral Agent) or any Lender under any of the Loan Documents or (d) the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents.

“Material Disposition” means any Disposition (or series of related Dispositions) consummated after the Closing Date involving aggregate consideration with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 (or such lesser amount as may be approved by the Administrative Agent in writing).

“Maturity Date” means the earliest to occur of (a) April 24, 2030, (b) the date of termination of all Commitments by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.5, or (c) the date of termination of all Commitments pursuant to Section 9.2(a).

“Minimum Collateral Amount” means, at any time, (a) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances, an amount equal to 105% of the Fronting Exposure of the (i) Issuing Lender with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time or (ii) the Swingline Lender with respect to Swingline Loans outstanding at such time and (b) otherwise, an amount determined by the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender, as applicable, in their sole discretion.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

“Non-Consenting Lender” means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver, amendment, modification or termination that (a) requires the approval of all Lenders or all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of Section 11.2 and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

“Non-Defaulting Lender” means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

“Note” means a promissory note made by the Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing Loans made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

“Notice of Account Designation” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.3(b).

“Notice of Borrowing” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.3(a).

“Notice of Conversion/Continuation” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 4.2.

“Notice of Prepayment” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 2.4(c).

“Obligations” means, in each case, whether now in existence or hereafter arising: (a) the principal of and interest on (including interest accruing after the filing of any bankruptcy or similar petition) the Loans, (b) the L/C Obligations and (c) all other fees and commissions (including attorneys’ fees), charges, indebtedness, loans, liabilities, financial accommodations, obligations, covenants and duties owing by the Loan Parties and each of their respective Subsidiaries to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, in each case under and in accordance with any Loan Document, with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit of every kind, nature and description, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, contractual or tortious, liquidated or unliquidated, and whether or not evidenced by any note and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor

Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. For the avoidance of doubt, any obligation under any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or any Permitted Warrant Transaction shall not constitute Obligations.

“OFAC” means the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.

“Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities” of any Person means (a) any repurchase obligation or liability of such Person with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person, (b) any liability of such Person under any sale and leaseback transactions which do not create a liability on the balance sheet of such Person, (c) any liability of such Person under any so-called “synthetic” lease transaction or (d) any obligation arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional equivalent of or takes the place of borrowing but which does not constitute a liability on the balance sheet of such Person.

“Organization Documents” means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation and operating agreement or limited liability company agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

“Other Connection Taxes” means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

“Other Taxes” means all present or future stamp, court, documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 4.12).

“Outbound Investment Rules” means the regulations administered and enforced, together with any related public guidance issued, by the United States Treasury Department under U.S. Executive Order 14105 of August 9, 2023, and as codified at 31 C.F.R. § 850.101 et seq.

“Participant” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 11.9(d).

“Participant Register” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 11.9(d).

“PATRIOT Act” means the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)).

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

“Pension Funding Rules” means the rules of the Code and ERISA regarding minimum required contributions (including any installment payment thereof) to Plans. Any reference to “compliance” with Pension Funding Rules herein shall be deemed to include that (a) no waiver of any applicable minimum funding standards has been applied for or obtained and (b) as of the most recent valuation date for any Plan, the funding target attainment percentage (as defined in Section 430(d)(2) of the Code) is 60% or higher and neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate knows of any facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause the funding target attainment percentage for any Plan to drop below 60% as of the most recent valuation date.

“Permitted Acquisition” means any Acquisition by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary; provided that:

(a) subject to Section 1.12, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either immediately before or immediately after giving effect to such Acquisition and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith;

(b) such Acquisition is not a “hostile” acquisition and, if required by applicable law, has been approved by the board of directors and/or shareholders (or comparable persons or groups) of the applicable Loan Party and the Person to be (or whose assets are to be) acquired;

(c) the lines of business of the Person to be so acquired are permitted pursuant to Section 8.4 or, in the case of an Acquisition of assets, the assets acquired are useful in the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as conducted immediately prior to such Acquisition;

(d) all of the requirements set forth in Section 7.9 are (or will be) satisfied within the time periods set forth therein;

(e) subject to Section 1.12, the Borrower shall be in compliance with Section 8.1 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Acquisition and the incurrence of any Indebtedness in connection therewith (as of the closing date of the Acquisition);

(f) in the case of a Material Acquisition, at least five Business Days before the date on which any such Acquisition is to be consummated (or such later date as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably agree), the Borrower has delivered to the Administrative Agent (i) a certificate from an authorized officer of the Borrower, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, certifying that all of the requirements set forth in clauses (a) through (e) have been satisfied or will be satisfied on or prior to the consummation of such Acquisition (and, with respect to clause (d), will be satisfied within the time periods required under Section 7.9), (ii) copies of Permitted Acquisition Documents, and (iii) if requested by the Administrative Agent and to the extent available, a 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 the Administrative Agent; and

(g) the sum of all consideration paid or payable in connection with Permitted Acquisitions of any assets or property that do not become assets or property of a Loan Party or of any Person or entity that

does not become a Loan Party shall not exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate during the term of this Agreement.

“Permitted Acquisition Documents” means with respect to any Acquisition proposed by any Loan Party, final copies or substantially final drafts if not executed at the required time of delivery of the purchase agreement, sale agreement, merger agreement or other agreement evidencing such Acquisition and each other material document executed, delivered, contemplated by or prepared in connection therewith and any amendment, modification or supplement to any of the foregoing.

“Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction” means any bond hedge, call or capped call option (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Borrower’s common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Borrower) purchased by the Borrower in connection with the issuance of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness and settled in common stock of the Borrower (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Borrower’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Borrower; provided that the purchase of any such Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction is made with, and the purchase price thereof less the proceeds received from the Borrower from the sale of any substantially concurrently executed Permitted Warrant Transaction, does not exceed, the net proceeds received by the Borrower in connection with the issuance of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness; provided, further that the other terms, conditions and covenants of each such transaction shall be such as are customary for transactions of such type (as determined by the Borrower in good faith).

“Permitted Convertible Indebtedness” means (a) unsecured Indebtedness of any of the Loan Parties that (i) as of the date of issuance thereof contains customary conversion or exchange rights and customary offer to repurchase rights for transactions of such type (in each case, as determined by the Borrower in good faith) and (ii) is convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of common stock of the Borrower (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Borrower), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Borrower’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Borrower and (b) any guarantee by any Loan Party of Indebtedness described in clause (a); provided that such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred under Section 8.2(o).

“Permitted Encumbrances” means, collectively, (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on property not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP; (b) statutory Liens of landlords and Liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen and other Liens imposed by law created in the ordinary course of business for amounts not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP; (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations; (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business; (e) judgment and attachment liens not giving rise to an Event of Default; (f) customary Liens and rights of setoff upon deposits in favor of depository institutions and Liens of a collecting bank on payment items in the course of collection, in each case except to the extent required to be waived or subordinated pursuant to a control agreement or subordination agreement in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties,

required to be executed and delivered pursuant to this Agreement; (g) any interest of title of a lessor under and Liens arising from precautionary Uniform Commercial Code financing statements (or equivalent filings, registrations or agreements) relating to leases permitted by this Agreement; and (h) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of any member of the Consolidated Group; provided that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include (x) any Lien securing Indebtedness for borrowed money or (y) any leasing or subleasing of real property that is not approved in advance in writing by the Administrative Agent or otherwise permitted under this Agreement.

“Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Investments” means Investments in any Foreign Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, provided that (a) no Event of Default exists at the time of such Investment or would immediately result therefrom, and (b) the aggregate amount of such Investments in Foreign Subsidiaries does not exceed \$75,000,000 at any time outstanding.

“Permitted Investors” means any of (a) Karen Seaberg, (b) Lori L.S. Mingus and (c) Donn S. Lux, or any Family Trust of such Persons.

“Permitted IRB Financings” means financings incurred by a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries in the nature of industrial revenue bonds or the like issued by a state, county, municipality or similar political subdivision or an industrial revenue authority or similar issuer in connection with the acquisition, construction, installation and/or equipping of land or real property improvements and/or personal property located thereon to be used in the manufacture or storage of whiskey, including but not limited to whiskey maturation warehouses or similar facilities and barrels to fill such warehouses or similar facilities, but excluding whiskey distillate stored in such barrels (collectively, “IRB Property”), and whereby the Borrower or one of its Subsidiaries may transfer all or a portion of such IRB Property to the issuer of such bonds (whether pursuant to a sale or a lease) and whereby, in such event, the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as applicable, shall lease back or otherwise acquire from such issuer a leasehold or similar interest in such IRB Property; provided that all Permitted IRB Financings (excluding any Permitted IRB Financing if the related bonds or similar debt instruments are held solely by a Loan Party) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$22,500,000 outstanding at any time.

“Permitted Real Estate” means real estate owned by the Borrower or one or more of its Subsidiaries and located at or near the addresses listed on Schedule 1.1.

“Permitted Refinancing” means, with respect to any Person, any modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension of any Indebtedness of such Person (whether with the same or different lenders); provided that (a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) thereof does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness so modified, refinanced, restructured, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended except by an amount equal to unpaid accrued interest, premium thereon, fees and reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension, (b) such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension has a final maturity date equal to or later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended, (c) other than with respect to any modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension of Permitted Convertible Indebtedness or Indebtedness permitted pursuant to Section 8.2(i), at the time

thereof, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (d) if such Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended is secured, the terms and conditions relating to collateral of any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are not materially less favorable (as reasonably determined by the Borrower in good faith) to the Loan Parties or the Lenders than the terms and conditions with respect to the collateral for the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended, taken as a whole (and the Liens on any Collateral securing any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness shall have the same (or lesser) priority relative to the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations), (e) the terms and conditions (excluding any amortization, collateral, subordination, pricing, fees, rate floors, discounts, premiums and optional prepayment or redemption terms) of any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness, taken as a whole, shall not be materially less favorable (as reasonably determined by the Borrower in good faith) to the Loan Parties than the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended, except for covenants or other provisions applicable only to periods after the Maturity Date, (f) such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension is incurred by the Person who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended and shall not be guaranteed by or otherwise recourse to any Person other than the Person(s) to whom the refinanced Indebtedness is recourse or by whom it is guaranteed, and (g) if such Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations (or is secured by Liens subordinated to the Liens securing the Collateral), such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension is subordinated in right of payment (or the Liens securing such Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Liens securing the Collateral) to the Obligations on terms (i) at least as favorable (taken as a whole) (as reasonably determined by the Borrower in good faith) to the Lenders as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended, and such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension is incurred by one or more Persons who is an obligor of the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended or (ii) otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining whether Permitted Convertible Indebtedness meets the foregoing requirements, (i) neither any settlement upon conversion of such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (whether in cash, stock or other property) nor any required redemption or repurchase upon a “fundamental change” (customarily defined for such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness) or upon the passage of time or other regularly-scheduled event (with such passage of time or other regularly-scheduled event being customary in the market for similar convertible indebtedness) shall disqualify such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness from constituting Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness.

“Permitted Liens” means the Liens permitted pursuant to Section 8.3.

“Permitted Warrant Transaction” means any call option, warrant or right to purchase (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Borrower’s common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Borrower) sold by the Borrower substantially concurrently with any purchase by the Borrower of a Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction and settled in common stock of the Borrower (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Borrower’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Borrower; provided that the terms, conditions and covenants of each such transaction shall be such as are customary for transactions of such type (as determined by the Borrower in good faith).

“Person” means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

“Plan” means a “defined benefit plan” as defined in Section 3(35) of ERISA that is sponsored, maintained, or contributed to (or required to be contributed to) by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate for employees of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate.

“Platform” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.3.

“Pledge Agreement” means the Second Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, executed by the Borrower and certain of its Subsidiaries in favor of the Collateral Agent.

“Prime Rate” means, at any time, the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its prime rate. Each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the day such change in such prime rate occurs. The parties hereto acknowledge that the rate announced publicly by the Administrative Agent as its prime rate is an index or base rate and shall not necessarily be its lowest or best rate charged to its customers or other banks.

“Pro Forma Basis” means, with respect to compliance with any test hereunder for an applicable period of measurement, that any Investment, Disposition, incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness, Restricted Payment, discontinuance of operations, incurrence of any Indebtedness, or any other event or action requiring or permitting such test to be calculated on a “Pro Forma Basis” and the following shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement (as of the last date in the case of a balance sheet item) in such test, in each case on a basis consistent with Article 11 of Regulation S-X of the Securities Act, as interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise as approved by the Administrative Agent: (i) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property or person subject to such transaction, event or action (A) in the case of a Disposition of all or substantially all Equity Interests in any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any division, product line, or facility used for operations of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, shall be excluded, and (B) in the case of a Permitted Acquisition or Investment, shall be included, (ii) any retirement of Indebtedness which is retired shall be excluded and shall be deemed to have been retired as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement, and (iii) any Indebtedness incurred or assumed by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and if such indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate which is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination.

“Prohibited Transaction” means a prohibited transaction as defined in Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, for which a statutory or administrative exemption is not otherwise available.

“PTE” means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

“Public Lenders” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.3.

“Qualified Equity Interests” means any Equity Interests that are not Disqualified Equity Interests.

“Recipient” means (a) the Administrative Agent, (b) any Lender and (c) the Issuing Lender, as applicable.

“Register” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 11.9(c).

“Reimbursement Obligation” means the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.5 for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.

“Related Parties” means, with respect to any Person, such Person’s Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors and representatives of such Person and of such Person’s Affiliates.

“Release” means any release, spill, emission, leaking, dumping, injection, pouring, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, leaching or migration into the environment (including ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or within any building, structure, facility or fixture.

“Relevant Governmental Body” means the FRB or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the FRB or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto.

“Reportable Event” means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30-day notice period has been waived.

“Required Lenders” means, as of any date of determination, Lenders having Revolving Credit Exposure and unused Commitments representing more than 50% of the sum of the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure and unused Commitments at such time; provided that (a) the Revolving Credit Exposure of, and the portion of the unused Commitments held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders, (b) at any time there are two or more Lenders (excluding Defaulting Lenders) that are not Affiliates of each other, Required Lenders shall require the consent or approval of at least two Lenders that are not Affiliates of each other, and (c) if there is only one Lender that is a Non-Defaulting Lender, Required Lenders shall mean such Non-Defaulting Lender.

“Resolution Authority” means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

“Responsible Officer” means, as to any Person, the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, controller or treasurer (including any director of treasury or individual holding a similar title) of such Person or any other officer or representative of such Person reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent. Any document delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Person shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Person and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Person.

“Restricted Payment” means (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any Equity Interests of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, conversion, exchange, retirement or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any Equity Interest of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries now or hereafter outstanding, and (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire Equity Interests of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries now or hereafter outstanding; provided that the payment of principal, interest or other amounts on (and including the settlement of any conversions or redemptions of) the 2021 Convertible Notes or any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall not constitute a “Restricted Payment”.

“Revolving Credit Borrowing” means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type and, in the case of SOFR Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.1.

“Revolving Credit Exposure” means, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Loans and such Lender’s participation in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans at such time.

“Revolving Credit Facility” means the revolving credit facility established pursuant to Article II (including any increase in such revolving credit facility established pursuant to Section 2.7).

“Revolving Credit Increase” has the meaning specified in Section 2.7(a).

“Revolving Credit Loan” has the meaning specified in Section 2.1.

“Revolving Credit Outstandings” means the sum of (a) with respect to Revolving Credit Loans and Swingline Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Revolving Credit Loans and Swingline Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date; plus (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the aggregate outstanding amount thereof on such date after giving effect to any Extensions of Credit occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements of outstanding unpaid drawings under any Letters of Credit or any reductions in the maximum amount available for drawing under Letters of Credit taking effect on such date.

“Sanctioned Country” means at any time, a country, region or territory which is itself the subject or target of comprehensive Sanctions (as of the date of this Agreement, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic, the so-called Luhansk People’s Republic and the Crimea, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions of Ukraine).

“Sanctioned Person” means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by OFAC (including OFAC’s Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and OFAC’s Consolidated Non-SDN List), the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European member state or His Majesty’s Treasury, (b) any Person located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country, (c) any Person owned, 50% or more individually or in the aggregate, or controlled by, or acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any such Person or Persons described in clauses (a) and (b), including a Person that is deemed by OFAC to be the subject of Sanctions based on the ownership of such legal entity by Sanctioned Person(s) or (d) any Person otherwise the subject of Sanctions, including vessels and aircraft, that are designated under any Sanctions program.

“Sanctions” means any and all applicable economic or financial sanctions, sectoral sanctions, secondary sanctions, trade embargoes and anti-terrorism laws imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by the U.S. government (including those administered by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, any European member state or His Majesty’s Treasury.

“Secured Cash Management Agreement” means any Cash Management Agreement between or among any Loan Party and any Cash Management Bank.

“Secured Hedge Agreement” means any Hedge Agreement between or among any Loan Party and any Hedge Bank. For the avoidance of doubt, no Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction shall constitute a Secured Hedge Agreement.

“Secured Obligations” means, collectively, (a) the Obligations and (b) all existing or future payment and other obligations owing by any Loan Party under (i) any Secured Hedge Agreement and (ii) any Secured Cash Management Agreement; provided that the “Secured Obligations” of a Guarantor shall exclude any Excluded Swap Obligations with respect to such Guarantor.

“Secured Parties” means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Issuing Lender, the Hedge Banks, the Cash Management Banks, each co-agent or sub-agent appointed by the Administrative Agent from time to time pursuant to Section 10.5, any other holder from time to time of any Secured Obligations and, in each case, their respective successors and permitted assigns.

“Security Agreement” means the Second Amended and Restated Security Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, executed by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in favor of the Collateral Agent.

“Security Documents” means, collectively, the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement and all other agreements (including control agreements), instruments and other documents, whether now existing or hereafter in effect, pursuant to which the Borrower, any Guarantor or any other Person shall grant or convey to the Collateral Agent a Lien in, or any other Person shall acknowledge any such Lien in, property as security for all or any portion of the Secured Obligations or any other obligation under any Loan Document or with respect to any Senior Note Indebtedness.

“Senior Note Indebtedness” means any Indebtedness outstanding or issued under the Senior Note Purchase Agreement; provided, in the case of any Indebtedness issued after the Closing Date, that (i) each holder of such Indebtedness (or an authorized representative) shall be party to the Intercreditor Agreement, (ii) the maturity date of such Indebtedness shall be no shorter than the Maturity Date then in effect, (iii) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of such Indebtedness shall be no shorter than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Senior Note Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date; (iv) such Indebtedness shall not require mandatory prepayments (other than scheduled amortization payments) that are more restrictive than any mandatory prepayments applicable to the Loans and the Senior Note Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date and may participate on a pro rata basis or on a less than pro rata basis (but not on a greater than pro rata basis) in any mandatory prepayments (other than scheduled amortization payments) applicable to the Loans and any Senior Note Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date; (v) such Indebtedness shall not be incurred by or subject to any Guarantee by any Person other than the Borrower and the Guarantors, respectively, and shall not be secured by any property or assets of any Loan Party other than Collateral, and (vi) all other terms of such Indebtedness not covered in this definition shall be determined by the Borrower and the investors purchasing such Indebtedness and to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are not substantially the same as the terms of the Senior Note Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date (other than, in each case, pricing, amortization and maturity) (as determined by the Borrower in good faith), the terms of such Indebtedness shall be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent if they are adverse to the Borrower or more restrictive than the terms and conditions applicable to the Loans or any Senior Note Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date (except for covenants and events of default applicable only to periods after the Maturity Date in effect at the time such Indebtedness is issued).

“Senior Note Purchase Agreement” means that certain Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement, dated as of August 23, 2017, made by the Borrower, as issuer, and PGIM, Inc. and certain of

its Affiliates, as purchasers, as amended from time to time prior to the Closing Date and as amended by that certain Sixth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement, dated on or about the Closing Date, among the Borrower and the Noteholders referred to therein.

“Simple SOFR Adjustment” a percentage equal to 0.10% per annum.

“Simple SOFR Determination Day” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR”.

“Simple SOFR Rate Day” has the meaning specified in the definition of “Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR”.

“SOFR” means a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate as administered by the SOFR Administrator.

“SOFR Administrator” means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

“SOFR Administrator’s Website” means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, currently at <http://www.newyorkfed.org>, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

“SOFR Loan” means any Daily Simple SOFR Loan or Term SOFR Loan.

“Subsidiary” means as to any Person, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which more than fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding Equity Interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors (or equivalent governing body) or other managers of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity is at the time owned by (directly or indirectly) or the management is otherwise controlled by (directly or indirectly) such Person (irrespective of whether, at the time, Equity Interests of any other class or classes of such corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency). Unless otherwise qualified, references to “Subsidiary” or “Subsidiaries” herein shall refer to those of the Borrower.

“Swap Obligation” means, with respect to any Guarantor, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a “swap” within the meaning of section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction shall be considered a Swap Obligation.

“Swingline Borrowing” means a borrowing of a Swingline Loan pursuant to Section 2.2.

“Swingline Commitment” means the lesser of (a) \$20,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Commitments.

“Swingline Lender” means Wells Fargo, in its capacity as swingline lender hereunder, or any successor thereto.

“Swingline Loan” means any swingline loan made by the Swingline Lender to the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.2, and all such swingline loans collectively as the context requires.

“Taxes” means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, fines, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

“Term SOFR” means, for any calculation, the Term SOFR Reference Rate for a tenor comparable to the applicable Interest Period on the day (such day, the “Term SOFR Determination Day”) that is two (2) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator; provided, however, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on any Term SOFR Determination Day the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the applicable tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Term SOFR Reference Rate has not occurred, then Term SOFR will be the Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for such tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such Term SOFR Determination Day.

“Term SOFR Adjustment” means a percentage equal to 0.10% per annum.

“Term SOFR Administrator” means CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited (CBA) (or a successor administrator of the Term SOFR Reference Rate selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion).

“Term SOFR Loan” means any Loan bearing interest at a rate based on Adjusted Term SOFR, as provided in Section 4.1(a).

“Term SOFR Reference Rate” means the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR.

“Treasury Management Agreement” means any treasury management services, cash management agreement, autoborrow, sweep or similar agreement entered into between the Borrower and the Swingline Lender.

“Type” means, with respect to a Revolving Credit Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or SOFR Loan.

“UCC” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York.

“UK Financial Institution” means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person falling within IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

“UK Resolution Authority” means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

“Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement” means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

“United States” means the United States of America.

“United States Person” means any United States citizen, lawful permanent resident, entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States, including any foreign branch of any such entity, or any Person in the United States.

“Unrestricted Cash” means, as of any date of determination, all cash and Eligible Investments of the Loan Parties that are (a) held in an account of a Loan Party either (i) with the Collateral Agent or (ii) subject to a deposit account control agreement or securities account control agreement (in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent) in favor of the Collateral Agent, (b) unrestricted and do not appear or would not appear as “restricted” on the financial statements of the Borrower (unless related to the Loan Documents or Liens created thereunder), and (c) not subject to any Liens in favor of any Person other than Liens in favor of the Collateral Agent under the Loan Documents and Liens constituting Permitted Liens in favor of any depository bank in connection with statutory, common law and contractual rights of set-off and recoupment with respect to any deposit account; provided that the proceeds of any Indebtedness incurred substantially concurrently with the determination of such amount shall be excluded.

“U.S. Government Securities Business Day” means any day except for (a) a Saturday, (b) a Sunday or (c) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities; provided that for purposes of notice requirements in Sections 2.3(a), 2.4(c) and 4.2, in each case, such day is also a Business Day.

“U.S. Person” means any Person that is a “United States person” as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 4.11(g).

“Weighted Average Life to Maturity” means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing: (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

“Wells Fargo” means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association.

“Wells Fargo Securities” means Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.

“Withholding Agent” means the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

“Write-Down and Conversion Powers” means (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right

had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

SECTION 1.2 Other Definitions and Provisions. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document: (a) the definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined, (b) whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms, (c) the words “include”, “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation”, (d) the word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall”, (e) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns, (f) the words “herein”, “hereof” and “hereunder”, and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (g) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (h) the words “asset” and “property” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights, (i) the term “documents” includes any and all instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, notices, reports, financial statements and other writings, however evidenced, whether in physical or electronic form and (j) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word “from” means “from and including;” the words “to” and “until” each mean “to but excluding;” and the word “through” means “to and including”.

SECTION 1.3 Accounting Terms; Accounting for Derivatives; Changes in GAAP.

(a) All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time and in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the audited financial statements required by Section 5.1(g).

(b) If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP; further that (A) for purposes of the definitions of “Indebtedness” and “Consolidated Funded Indebtedness”, all obligations of any Person that are or would have been treated as operating leases for purposes of GAAP prior to the effectiveness of FASB ASC 842 shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases for purposes of all financial definitions and calculations for purposes of this Agreement (whether or not such operating lease obligations were in effect on such date) notwithstanding the fact that such obligations are required in accordance with FASB ASC 842 (on a prospective or retroactive basis or otherwise) to be treated as Capital Lease Obligations in the financial statements and (B) all financial statements delivered to the Administrative Agent hereunder shall contain a schedule showing the modifications necessary to reconcile the adjustments made pursuant to clause (A) above with such financial statements.

(c) In making any computation or determining any amount pursuant to Section 8.1 by reference to any item appearing on the balance sheet or other financial statement of the Consolidated Group, all adjustments to such computation or amount resulting from the application of FASB ASC Topic 815 shall be disregarded; provided that any realized gain or loss shall be included in such computations. The 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall at all times prior to the repurchase, conversion or payment thereof be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof and shall not include any reduction or appreciation in value of the shares and/or cash deliverable upon conversion thereof.

SECTION 1.4 UCC Terms. Terms defined in the UCC in effect on the Closing Date and not otherwise defined herein shall, unless the context otherwise indicates, have the meanings provided by those definitions. Subject to the foregoing, the term “UCC” refers, as of any date of determination, to the UCC then in effect.

SECTION 1.5 Rounding. Any financial ratios required to be maintained pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio or percentage is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

SECTION 1.6 References to Agreement and Laws. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) any definition or reference to formation documents, governing documents, agreements (including the Loan Documents) and other contractual documents or instruments shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments, restatements, extensions, joinders, supplements and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such amendments, restatements, extensions, supplements and other modifications are not prohibited by any Loan Document; and (b) any definition or reference to any Applicable Law, including, without limitation, Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws, the Bankruptcy Code, the Code, the Commodity Exchange Act, ERISA, the Exchange Act, the PATRIOT Act, the Securities Act of 1933, the UCC, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Interstate Commerce Act, the Trading with the Enemy Act of the United States or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department, shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing or interpreting such Applicable Law.

SECTION 1.7 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

SECTION 1.8 Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to mean the maximum face amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all increases thereof contemplated by such Letter of Credit or the Letter of Credit Application therefor (at the time specified therefor in such applicable Letter of Credit or Letter of Credit Application and as such amount may be reduced by (a) any permanent reduction of such Letter of Credit or (b) any amount which is drawn, reimbursed and no longer available under such Letter of Credit).

SECTION 1.9 Adjustments for Material Acquisitions and Material Dispositions. For each period of four fiscal quarters ending next following the date of any Material Acquisition or Material Disposition consummated after the Closing Date, for purposes of determining the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, the consolidated results of operations of the Consolidated Group shall include the results of operations of the Person or assets subject to such Material Acquisition or exclude the results of operations of the Person or assets subject to such Material Disposition, as the case may be, on a historical Pro Forma Basis to the extent information in sufficient detail concerning such historical results of such Person or assets is reasonably available, and which amounts shall include only adjustments reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 1.10 Divisions. For all purposes under the Loan Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction’s laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

SECTION 1.11 Rates. The Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, (a) the continuation of, administration of, submission of, calculation of or any other matter related to Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR, or any component definition thereof or rates referred to in the definition thereof, or with respect to any alternative, successor or replacement rate thereto (including any Benchmark Replacement), including whether the composition or characteristics of

any such alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement), as it may or may not be adjusted pursuant to Section 4.8(c), will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, or have the same volume or liquidity as, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR, Term SOFR or any other Benchmark prior to its discontinuance or unavailability, or (b) the effect, implementation or composition of any Conforming Changes. The Administrative Agent and its Affiliates or other related entities may engage in transactions that affect the calculation of Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR, or Term SOFR, any alternative, successor or replacement rate (including any Benchmark Replacement) or any relevant adjustments thereto and such transactions may be adverse to the Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR, or any other Benchmark, any component definition thereof or rates referred to in the definition thereof, in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or calculation of any such rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

SECTION 1.12 Limited Condition Transactions. In the event that the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that any proposed Acquisition or Investment is a Limited Condition Transaction and that the Borrower wishes to test the conditions to such Acquisition and the Indebtedness (other than any Revolving Credit Increase) that is to be used to finance such Acquisition or Investment in accordance with this Section 1.12, then, so long as agreed to by the Administrative Agent and the lenders providing such Indebtedness, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) any condition to such Limited Condition Transaction or such Indebtedness that requires that no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such Limited Condition Transaction or the incurrence of such Indebtedness, shall be satisfied if (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the execution of the definitive purchase agreement, merger agreement or other acquisition agreement governing such Limited Condition Transaction (the “LCT Test Date”) and (ii) no Event of Default under any of Section 9.1(a), 9.1(g), 9.1(h) or 9.1(i) shall have occurred and be continuing both immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such Limited Condition Transaction and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith (including any such additional Indebtedness);

(b) any condition to such Limited Condition Transaction or such Indebtedness that the representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct at the time of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction or the incurrence of such Indebtedness shall be deemed satisfied if (i) all representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects (except for any representation and warranty that is qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, which such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as of the LCT Test Date, or if such representation speaks as of an earlier date, as of such earlier date and (ii) as of the date of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, (A) the representations and warranties under the relevant definitive agreement governing such Limited Condition Transaction as are material to the lenders providing such Indebtedness shall be true and correct, but only to the extent that the Borrower or its applicable Subsidiary has the right to terminate its obligations under such agreement or otherwise decline to close such Limited Condition Transaction as a result of a breach of such representations and warranties or the failure of those representations and warranties to be true and correct and (B) certain of the representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents which are customary for similar “funds certain” financings and required by the lenders providing such Indebtedness shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for any representation and warranty that is qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, which such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects);

(c) any financial ratio test or condition to be tested in connection with such Limited Condition Transaction and the availability of such Indebtedness will be tested as of the LCT Test Date, in each case, after giving effect to the relevant Limited Condition Transaction and related incurrence of

Indebtedness, on a pro forma basis where applicable, and, for the avoidance of doubt, (i) such ratios and baskets shall not be tested at the time of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction and (ii) if any of such ratios are exceeded or conditions are not met following the LCT Test Date, but prior to the closing of such Limited Condition Transaction, as a result of fluctuations in such ratio or amount (including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA of the Consolidated Group or the Person subject to such Limited Condition Transaction), at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such ratios will not be deemed to have been exceeded and such conditions will not be deemed unmet as a result of such fluctuations solely for purposes of determining whether the relevant transaction or action is permitted to be consummated or taken;

(d) except as provided in the next sentence, in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio or basket on or following the relevant LCT Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Transaction is consummated and the date that the definitive agreement for such Limited Condition Transaction is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such ratio or basket shall be calculated (i) on a pro forma basis assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have been consummated and (ii) assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have not been consummated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any calculation of a ratio in connection with determining the Applicable Margin and determining whether or not the Borrower is in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 8.1 shall, in each case be calculated assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have not been consummated; and

(e) The foregoing provisions shall apply with similar effect during the pendency of multiple Limited Condition Transactions such that each of the possible scenarios is separately tested.

ARTICLE II REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

SECTION 2.1 Revolving Credit Loans. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and in reliance upon the representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, each Lender severally agrees to make loans (each such loan, a “Revolving Credit Loan”) to the Borrower from time to time from the Closing Date through, but not including, the Maturity Date as requested by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of Section 2.3; provided that, after giving effect to any Revolving Credit Borrowing, (a) the Revolving Credit Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Commitments and (b) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender’s Commitment. Each Revolving Credit Loan by a Lender shall be in a principal amount equal to such Lender’s Commitment Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans requested on such occasion. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow, repay and re-borrow Revolving Credit Loans hereunder until the Maturity Date.

SECTION 2.2 Swingline Loans.

(a) Availability. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and in reliance upon the representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, the Swingline Lender agrees to make Swingline Loans to the Borrower from time to time from the Closing Date through, but not including, the Maturity Date; provided that, after giving effect to any Swingline Borrowing, (i) the Revolving Credit Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Commitments and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans shall not exceed the Swingline Commitment.

(b) Refunding.

(i) Swingline Loans shall be refunded by the Lenders on demand by the Swingline Lender. Such refundings shall be made by the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitment Percentages and shall thereafter be reflected as Revolving Credit Loans of the Lenders on the books and records of the Administrative Agent. Each Lender shall fund its

respective Commitment Percentage of a Revolving Credit Borrowing as required to repay Swingline Loans outstanding to the Swingline Lender upon demand by the Swingline Lender but in no event later than 1:00 p.m. on the next succeeding Business Day after such demand is made. No Lender's obligation to fund its respective Commitment Percentage of a Swingline Borrowing shall be affected by any other Lender's failure to fund its Commitment Percentage of a Swingline Borrowing, nor shall any Lender's Commitment Percentage be increased as a result of any such failure of any other Lender to fund its Commitment Percentage of a Swingline Borrowing.

(ii) The Borrower shall pay to the Swingline Lender on demand, and in any event on the Maturity Date, the amount of any outstanding Swingline Loans to the extent amounts received from the Lenders are not sufficient to repay in full the outstanding Swingline Loans requested or required to be refunded. In addition, the Borrower hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to charge any account maintained by the Borrower with the Swingline Lender (up to the amount available therein) in order to immediately pay the Swingline Lender the amount of such Swingline Loans to the extent amounts received from the Lenders are not sufficient to repay in full the outstanding Swingline Loans requested or required to be refunded. If any portion of any such amount paid to the Swingline Lender shall be recovered by or on behalf of the Borrower from the Swingline Lender in bankruptcy or otherwise, the loss of the amount so recovered shall be ratably shared among all the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitment Percentages (unless the amounts so recovered by or on behalf of the Borrower pertain to a Swingline Loan extended after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default of which the Administrative Agent has received notice in the manner required pursuant to Section 10.3 and which such Event of Default has not been waived by the Required Lenders or the Lenders, as applicable).

(iii) Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to refund Swingline Borrowings in accordance with the terms of this Section is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including, without limitation, non-satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article V. Further, each Lender agrees and acknowledges that if prior to the refunding of any outstanding Swingline Borrowings pursuant to this Section, one of the events described in Section 9.1(g), (h) or (i) shall have occurred, each Lender will, on the date the applicable Revolving Credit Borrowing would have been made, purchase an undivided participating interest in the Swingline Borrowing to be refunded in an amount equal to its Commitment Percentage of the aggregate amount of such Swingline Borrowing. Each Lender will immediately transfer to the Swingline Lender, in immediately available funds, the amount of its participation and upon receipt thereof the Swingline Lender will deliver to such Lender a certificate evidencing such participation dated the date of receipt of such funds and for such amount. Whenever, at any time after the Swingline Lender has received from any Lender such Lender's participating interest in a Swingline Borrowing, the Swingline Lender receives any payment on account thereof, the Swingline Lender will distribute to such Lender its participating interest in such amount (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's participating interest was outstanding and funded).

(c) Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, this Section 2.2 shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 4.13 and Section 4.14.

SECTION 2.3 Procedure for Borrowings of Revolving Credit Loans and Swingline Loans.

(a) Requests for Borrowing. Unless otherwise consented to by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent irrevocable prior written notice substantially in the form of Exhibit B (a "Notice of Borrowing") not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans or Swingline Loans, (ii) at least five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before each Borrowing of Daily Simple SOFR Loans and (iii) at least three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before the requested date of any Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans (or at least one (1) U.S. Government Securities Business Day before a Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans on the Closing Date), of its intention to borrow, specifying (A) the date of such Borrowing, which shall be a Business Day, (B) the amount of such Borrowing, which shall be, (x) with respect to a

Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof, (y) with respect to a Borrowing of SOFR Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof and (z) with respect to a Borrowing of Swingline Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$25,000 or a whole multiple of \$10,000 in excess thereof, (C) whether such Loan is to be a Revolving Credit Loan or Swingline Loan, (D) the Type of Loans to be borrowed (provided that all Swingline Loans shall be Base Rate Loans), and (E) in the case of a Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans, the duration of the Interest Period applicable thereto; provided, that any such notice may be, if expressly so stated to be, contingent upon the consummation of an identifiable event or condition and may be revoked by the Borrower in the event such contingency is not met (provided that the failure of such contingency shall not relieve the Borrower from its obligations in respect thereof under Section 4.9). If the Borrower requests a Borrowing of a Term SOFR Loan in any such Notice of Borrowing, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month. A Notice of Borrowing received after 11:00 a.m. shall be deemed received on the next Business Day or U.S. Government Securities Business Day, as applicable. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders of each Notice of Borrowing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Swingline Borrowings may be made and repaid pursuant to terms otherwise set forth in any applicable Treasury Management Agreement or in such other manner reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent without giving effect to any minimum amounts, notice, time or funding requirements set forth herein.

(b) Disbursement of Revolving Credit and Swingline Loans. Not later than 1:00 p.m. on the proposed date of any Borrowing, (i) each Lender will make available to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Borrower, at the office of the Administrative Agent in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent, such Lender's Commitment Percentage of the Revolving Credit Borrowing to be made on such date and (ii) the Swingline Lender will make available to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Borrower, at the office of the Administrative Agent in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Loans to be made on such date. The Borrower hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent to disburse the proceeds of each Borrowing requested pursuant to this Section in immediately available funds by crediting or wiring such proceeds to the deposit account of the Borrower identified in the most recent notice substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C (a "Notice of Account Designation") delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or as may be otherwise agreed upon by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent from time to time. Subject to Section 4.7, the Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to disburse the portion of the proceeds of any Revolving Credit Borrowing requested pursuant to this Section to the extent that any Lender has not made available to the Administrative Agent its Commitment Percentage of such Revolving Credit Borrowing. Revolving Credit Loans to be made for the purpose of refunding Swingline Loans shall be made by the Lenders as provided in Section 2.2(b).

SECTION 2.4 Repayment and Prepayment of Revolving Credit and Swingline Loans.

(a) Repayment on Maturity Date. The Borrower hereby agrees to repay the outstanding principal amount of (i) all Revolving Credit Loans in full on the Maturity Date, and (ii) all Swingline Loans in accordance with Section 2.2(b) (but, in any event, no later than the Maturity Date), together, in each case, with all accrued but unpaid interest thereon.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments.

(i) Excess Revolving Credit Outstandings. If at any time the Revolving Credit Outstandings exceed the Aggregate Commitments, the Borrower shall, immediately upon notice from the Administrative Agent prepay Loans and Cash Collateralize Letters of Credit in an aggregate amount equal to such excess.

(ii) Application of Prepayments. Amounts prepaid and/or used for Cash Collateral pursuant to subsection (i) above shall be applied first, to the principal amount of outstanding Swingline Loans, second to the principal amount of outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and third, with respect to any Letters of Credit then outstanding, to a payment of Cash Collateral into a Cash Collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties (such Cash Collateral to be applied in accordance with Section 9.2(b)).

(c) Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may at any time and from time to time prepay Borrowings, in whole or in part, with prior written notice to the Administrative Agent substantially in the form attached as Exhibit D (a “Notice of Prepayment”) given, unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent, not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) on the same Business Day, in the case of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans or Swingline Loans (other than Swingline Loans repaid pursuant to the terms of any Treasury Management Agreement as to which no notice needs to be given hereunder or as otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent), (ii) at least five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before, in the case of any Borrowing of Daily Simple SOFR Loans, and (iii) at least three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before, in the case of any Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans, specifying the date and amount of prepayment and whether the prepayment is of (x) a Revolving Credit Borrowing or a Swingline Borrowing, (y) in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing, a Borrowing of Daily Simple SOFR Loans, Term SOFR Loans or Base Rate Loans or (z) a combination of any of the foregoing, and, if of a combination of any of the foregoing, the amount allocable to each. Upon receipt of such notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender. If any such notice is given, the amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date set forth in such notice. Partial prepayments shall be in an aggregate amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof with respect to a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof with respect to a Revolving Credit Borrowing of SOFR Loans and \$25,000 or a whole multiple of \$10,000 in excess thereof with respect to a Swingline Borrowing (except, in the case of a Swingline Borrowing, as otherwise set forth in any applicable Treasury Management Agreement or as otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent). A Notice of Prepayment received after 11:00 a.m. shall be deemed received on the next Business Day or U.S. Government Securities Business Day, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Notice of Prepayment delivered in connection with any refinancing of all of the Revolving Credit Facility with the proceeds of such refinancing or of any incurrence of Indebtedness or the occurrence of some other identifiable event or condition, may be, if expressly so stated to be, contingent upon the consummation of such refinancing or incurrence or occurrence of such other identifiable event or condition and may be revoked by the Borrower in the event such contingency is not met (provided that the failure of such contingency shall not relieve the Borrower from its obligations in respect thereof under Section 4.9).

(d) Limitation on Prepayment of SOFR Loans. The Borrower may not prepay any Term SOFR Loan on any day other than on the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, or any Daily Simple SOFR Loan on any day other than an Interest Payment Date therefor, unless such prepayment is accompanied by any amount required to be paid pursuant to Section 4.9 hereof.

(e) Hedge Agreements. No repayment or prepayment pursuant to this Section shall affect any of the Borrower’s obligations under any Hedge Agreement.

SECTION 2.5 Permanent Reduction of the Commitments.

(a) Voluntary Reduction. The Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time, upon at least five (5) Business Days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent), to permanently reduce in whole or part, without premium or penalty, the Aggregate Commitments; provided that any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate principal amount not less than \$5,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Any reduction of the Aggregate Commitments shall be applied to the Commitment of each Lender according to its Commitment Percentage.

(b) Corresponding Payment. Each permanent reduction pursuant to Section 2.5(a) shall be accompanied by a payment of principal sufficient to reduce the aggregate outstanding Revolving Credit Loans, Swingline Loans and L/C Obligations, as applicable, after such reduction to the Aggregate Commitment as so reduced, and if the aggregate amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit exceeds the Aggregate Commitment as so reduced, the Borrower shall be required to deposit Cash Collateral in a Cash Collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent in an amount equal to such excess. Such Cash Collateral shall be applied in accordance with Section 9.2(b). Any reduction of the Aggregate Commitment to zero shall be accompanied by payment of all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and Swingline Loans (and furnishing of Cash Collateral satisfactory to the Administrative Agent for all L/C Obligations) and shall result in the termination of the Aggregate Commitments.

SECTION 2.6 Termination of Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility and the Aggregate Commitments shall terminate on the Maturity Date.

SECTION 2.7 Incremental Loans.

(a) At any time, the Borrower may by written notice to the Administrative Agent request (i) one or more incremental term loans (each, an “Incremental Term Loan”) and/or (ii) one or more increases in the Commitments (each, a “Revolving Credit Increase” and, together with the Incremental Term Loans, the “Incremental Increases”); provided that (i) the aggregate principal amount of all Incremental Increases shall not exceed the Incremental Facilities Limit, (ii) the aggregate principal amount for each Incremental Increase shall not be less than \$20,000,000 or, if less, the remaining amount of the Incremental Facilities Limit, and (iii) the Borrower shall be permitted to request no more than five (5) Incremental Increases during the term of this Agreement. Each such notice shall specify the date on which the Borrower proposes that any Incremental Increase shall be effective, which shall be a date not less than ten (10) Business Days (or such shorter period agreed to by the Administrative Agent) after the date on which such notice is delivered to Administrative Agent. The Borrower may invite any Lender, any Affiliate of any Lender and/or any other Person reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (to be added as a Lender pursuant to a joinder agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent), to provide an Incremental Increase. Any proposed Lender offered or approached to provide all or a portion of any Incremental Increase may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide such Incremental Increase.

(b) The Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall determine the effective date (the “Increase Effective Date”) and the final allocation of each Incremental Increase. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the applicable Lenders of the final allocation of such Incremental Increase and the Increase Effective Date. Each Incremental Increase shall become effective on the applicable Increase Effective Date, which in the case of an Incremental Term Loan incurred solely to finance a substantially concurrent Limited Condition Transaction, shall be subject to Section 1.12; provided that:

(i) no Default or Event of Default shall exist on such Increase Effective Date before or after giving effect to such Incremental Increase or the making of initial Loans pursuant thereto;

(ii) the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received from the Borrower a Compliance Certificate demonstrating, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, that the Borrower is in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 8.1, based on the financial statements most recently delivered pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or 7.3(b), as applicable, both before and after giving effect (on a pro forma basis) to (A) such Incremental Increase (with any commitment pursuant to such Incremental Increase being deemed to be fully funded) and (B) any transaction permitted hereunder consummated in connection therewith;

(iii) each of the representations and warranties contained in Article VI shall be true and correct in all material respects, except to the extent any such representation and warranty is qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, in which case, such representation and warranty shall be true, correct and complete in all respects, on such Increase Effective Date with the same effect as if made on and as of such date (except for any such representation and warranty that by its terms is made only as of an earlier date, which representation and warranty shall remain true and correct as of such earlier date);

(iv) each Incremental Increase shall constitute Obligations of the Borrower and will be secured by the Collateral on a *pari passu* basis;

(v) in the case of each Incremental Term Loan (the terms of which shall be set forth in the relevant Incremental Amendment):

(A) the maturity of any such Incremental Term Loan shall not be earlier than the Maturity Date;

(B) the upfront fees, Applicable Margin pricing grid and any other pricing terms, if applicable, amortization and mandatory prepayments for any Incremental Term Loan shall be determined by the applicable incremental Lenders and the Borrower on the applicable Increase Effective Date; and

(C) except as provided above, all other terms and conditions applicable to any Incremental Term Loan shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower; and

(vi) in the case of each Revolving Credit Increase (the terms of which shall be set forth in the relevant Incremental Amendment):

(A) on the applicable Increase Effective Date, the outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and Commitment Percentages of Swingline Loans and L/C Obligations will be reallocated by the Administrative Agent among the Lenders (including any new Lenders) in accordance with their revised Commitment Percentages and the Lenders (including any new Lenders) agree to make all payments and adjustments necessary to effect such reallocation and the Borrower shall pay any and all costs required pursuant to Section 4.9 in connection with such reallocation as if such reallocation were a repayment; and

(B) each Revolving Credit Increase shall be on the same terms and conditions, including maturity, Applicable Margin and commitment fees, applicable to the Revolving Credit Facility; provided that any upfront fees payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under any Revolving Credit Increase may differ from those payable under the then existing Commitments.

(c) Each Incremental Increase shall be effected pursuant to an amendment to this Agreement executed and delivered by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the applicable increasing Lenders (which may, without the consent of any other Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.7) (each, an “Incremental Amendment”).

(d) The Borrower shall deliver or cause to be delivered any customary legal opinions or other documents (including, without limitation, a resolution duly adopted by the board of directors (or equivalent governing body) of the Borrower authorizing such Incremental Increase) reasonably requested by Administrative Agent in connection with any such transaction.

(e) The proceeds of any Incremental Increase may be used by the Borrower for working capital and other general corporate purposes, including the financing of Permitted Acquisitions and other investments and any other use not prohibited by this Agreement.

ARTICLE III LETTER OF CREDIT FACILITY

SECTION 3.1 L/C Commitment.

(a) Availability. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and in reliance upon the representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and on the agreements of the Lenders set forth in Section 3.4(a), the Issuing Lender agrees to issue standby letters of credit (or, if the Issuing Lender so agrees in its sole discretion, documentary or other letters of credit subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the Issuing Lender) (the “Letters of Credit”) for the account of the Borrower or any other Loan Party on any Business Day from the Closing Date through but not including the fifth (5th) Business Day prior to the Maturity Date in such form as may be approved from time to time by the Issuing Lender; provided that the Issuing Lender shall have no obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if, after giving effect to such issuance, (a) the L/C Obligations would exceed the L/C Commitment or (b) the Revolving Credit Outstandings would exceed the Aggregate Commitments. Each Letter of Credit shall (i) be denominated in Dollars in

a minimum amount of \$100,000 (or such lesser amount as agreed to by the Issuing Lender), (ii) be a standby letter of credit issued to support obligations of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, contingent or otherwise, (iii) expire on a date no more than twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or last renewal of such Letter of Credit, which date shall be no later than the fifth (5th) Business Day prior to the Maturity Date (unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender in writing) and (iv) be subject to ISP98 as set forth in the Letter of Credit Application or as determined by the Issuing Lender and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the laws of the State of New York. The Issuing Lender shall not at any time be obligated to issue any Letter of Credit hereunder if (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the Issuing Lender from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Applicable Law applicable to the Issuing Lender or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the Issuing Lender shall prohibit, or request that the Issuing Lender refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the Issuing Lender with respect to letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular any restriction or reserve or capital requirement (for which the Issuing Lender is not otherwise compensated) not in effect on the Closing Date, or any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense that was not applicable, in effect or known to the Issuing Lender as of the Closing Date and that the Issuing Lender in good faith deems material to it, (B) the conditions set forth in Section 5.2 are not satisfied, (C) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the Issuing Lender applicable to letters of credit generally or (D) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit is a Sanctioned Person. References herein to "issue" and derivations thereof with respect to Letters of Credit shall also include extensions or modifications of any outstanding Letters of Credit, unless the context otherwise requires.

(b) Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Article III shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 4.13 and Section 4.14.

SECTION 3.2 Procedure for Issuance of Letters of Credit. The Borrower may from time to time request that the Issuing Lender issue a Letter of Credit by delivering to the Issuing Lender at the Administrative Agent's Office a Letter of Credit Application therefor, completed to the satisfaction of the Issuing Lender, and such other certificates, documents and other papers and information as the Issuing Lender may reasonably request. Upon receipt of any Letter of Credit Application, the Issuing Lender shall process such Letter of Credit Application and the certificates, documents and other papers and information delivered to it in connection therewith in accordance with its customary procedures and shall, subject to Section 3.1 and Article V, promptly issue the Letter of Credit requested thereby (but in no event shall the Issuing Lender be required to issue any Letter of Credit earlier than three (3) Business Days after its receipt of the Letter of Credit Application therefor and all such other certificates, documents and other papers and information relating thereto) by issuing the original of such Letter of Credit to the beneficiary thereof or as otherwise may be agreed by the Issuing Lender and the Borrower. The Issuing Lender shall promptly furnish to the Borrower a copy of such Letter of Credit and promptly notify each Lender of the issuance and upon request by any Lender, furnish to such Lender a copy of such Letter of Credit and the amount of such Lender's participation therein.

SECTION 3.3 Commissions and Other Charges.

(a) Letter of Credit Commissions. Subject to Section 4.14(a)(iii)(B), the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Issuing Lender and the L/C Participants, a letter of credit commission with respect to each Letter of Credit in the amount equal to the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit times the Applicable Margin with respect to SOFR Loans (determined on a per annum basis). Such commission shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter, on the Maturity Date and thereafter on demand of the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall, promptly following its receipt thereof, distribute to the Issuing Lender and the L/C Participants all commissions received pursuant to this Section 3.3 in accordance with their respective Commitment Percentages.

(b) Issuance Fee. In addition to the foregoing commission, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Issuing Lender, an issuance fee with respect to each Letter of Credit as set forth in the Fee Letter. Such issuance fee shall be payable quarterly in arrears on the last

Business Day of each calendar quarter commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Maturity Date and thereafter on demand of the Administrative Agent.

(c) Other Costs. In addition to the foregoing fees and commissions, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse the Issuing Lender for such normal and customary costs and expenses as are incurred or charged by the Issuing Lender in issuing, effecting payment under, amending or otherwise administering any Letter of Credit.

SECTION 3.4 L/C Participations.

(a) The Issuing Lender irrevocably agrees to grant and hereby grants to each L/C Participant, and, to induce the Issuing Lender to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, each L/C Participant irrevocably agrees to accept and purchase and hereby accepts and purchases from the Issuing Lender, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, for such L/C Participant's own account and risk an undivided interest equal to such L/C Participant's Commitment Percentage in the Issuing Lender's obligations and rights under and in respect of each Letter of Credit issued hereunder and the amount of each draft paid by the Issuing Lender thereunder. Each L/C Participant unconditionally and irrevocably agrees with the Issuing Lender that, if a draft is paid under any Letter of Credit for which the Issuing Lender is not reimbursed in full by the Borrower through a Revolving Credit Loan or otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, such L/C Participant shall pay to the Issuing Lender upon demand at the Issuing Lender's address for notices specified herein an amount equal to such L/C Participant's Commitment Percentage of the amount of such draft, or any part thereof, which is not so reimbursed.

(b) Upon becoming aware of any amount required to be paid by any L/C Participant to the Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.4(a) in respect of any unreimbursed portion of any payment made by the Issuing Lender under any Letter of Credit, the Issuing Lender shall notify each L/C Participant of the amount and due date of such required payment and such L/C Participant shall pay to the Issuing Lender the amount specified on the applicable due date. If any such amount is paid to the Issuing Lender after the date such payment is due, such L/C Participant shall pay to the Issuing Lender on demand, in addition to such amount, the product of (i) such amount, times (ii) the daily average Federal Funds Rate as determined by the Administrative Agent during the period from and including the date such payment is due to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the Issuing Lender, times (iii) a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days that elapse during such period and the denominator of which is 360. A certificate of the Issuing Lender with respect to any amounts owing under this Section shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. With respect to payment to the Issuing Lender of the unreimbursed amounts described in this Section, if the L/C Participants receive notice that any such payment is due (A) prior to 1:00 p.m. on any Business Day, such payment shall be due that Business Day, and (B) after 1:00 p.m. on any Business Day, such payment shall be due on the following Business Day.

(c) Whenever, at any time after the Issuing Lender has made payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any L/C Participant its Commitment Percentage of such payment in accordance with this Section, the Issuing Lender receives any payment related to such Letter of Credit (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise), or any payment of interest on account thereof, the Issuing Lender will distribute to such L/C Participant its pro rata share thereof; provided that in the event that any such payment received by the Issuing Lender shall be required to be returned by the Issuing Lender, such L/C Participant shall return to the Issuing Lender the portion thereof previously distributed by the Issuing Lender to it.

(d) Each L/C Participant's obligation to make the Revolving Credit Loans referred to in Section 3.4(b) and to purchase participating interests pursuant to Section 3.4(a) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (i) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right that such Lender or the Borrower may have against the Issuing Lender, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, (ii) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or an Event of Default or the failure to satisfy any of the other conditions specified in Article V, (iii) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, (iv) any breach of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by the Borrower or any other Lender or (v) any other circumstance, happening or event whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing.

SECTION 3.5 Reimbursement Obligation of the Borrower. In the event of any drawing under any Letter of Credit, the Borrower agrees to reimburse (either with the proceeds of a Revolving Credit Loan as provided for in this Section or with funds from other sources), in same day funds, the Issuing Lender on each date on which the Issuing Lender notifies the Borrower of the date and amount of a draft paid under any Letter of Credit for the amount of (a) such draft so paid and (b) any amounts referred to in Section 3.3(c) incurred by the Issuing Lender in connection with such payment. Unless the Borrower shall immediately notify the Issuing Lender that the Borrower intends to reimburse the Issuing Lender for such drawing from other sources or funds, the Borrower shall be deemed to have timely given a Notice of Borrowing to the Administrative Agent requesting that the Lenders make a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans on such date in the amount of (a) such draft so paid and (b) any amounts referred to in Section 3.3(c) incurred by the Issuing Lender in connection with such payment, and the Lenders shall make a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in such amount, the proceeds of which shall be applied to reimburse the Issuing Lender for the amount of the related drawing and costs and expenses. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to fund a Revolving Credit Loan in accordance with this Section to reimburse the Issuing Lender for any draft paid under a Letter of Credit is absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including, without limitation, non-satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.3(a) or Article V. If the Borrower has elected to pay the amount of such drawing with funds from other sources and shall fail to reimburse the Issuing Lender as provided above or if the amount of such drawing is not fully funded through a Revolving Credit Loan as provided above, the unreimbursed amount of such drawing shall bear interest at the rate which would be payable on any outstanding Base Rate Loans which were then overdue from the date such amounts become payable (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) until payment in full.

SECTION 3.6 Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligations under this Article III (including, without limitation, the Reimbursement Obligation) shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances and irrespective of any set off, counterclaim or defense to payment which the Borrower may have or have had against the Issuing Lender or any beneficiary of a Letter of Credit or any other Person; provided, however, that notwithstanding any such reimbursement, the Borrower may have a claim against the Issuing Lender, and the Issuing Lender may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by the Issuing Lender's breach in bad faith of its obligations under this Agreement, willful misconduct or gross negligence as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final non-appealable judgment. The Borrower also agrees that the Issuing Lender and the L/C Participants shall not be responsible for, and the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligation under Section 3.5 shall not be affected by, among other things, the validity or genuineness of documents or of any endorsements thereon, even though such documents shall in fact prove to be invalid, fraudulent or forged, or any dispute between or among the Borrower and any beneficiary of any Letter of Credit or any other party to which such Letter of Credit may be transferred or any claims whatsoever of the Borrower against any beneficiary of such Letter of Credit or any such transferee. The Issuing Lender shall not be liable for any error, omission, interruption or delay in transmission, dispatch or delivery of any message or advice, however transmitted, in connection with any Letter of Credit, except for errors or omissions caused by the Issuing Lender's breach in bad faith of its obligations under this Agreement, gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final non-appealable judgment. The Borrower agrees that any action taken or omitted by the Issuing Lender under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related drafts or documents, if done in the absence of a breach in bad faith of its obligations under this Agreement, gross negligence or willful misconduct shall be binding on the Borrower and shall not result in any liability of the Issuing Lender or any L/C Participant to the Borrower. The responsibility of the Issuing Lender to the Borrower in connection with any draft presented for payment under any Letter of Credit shall, in addition to any payment obligation expressly provided for in such Letter of Credit, be limited to determining that the documents (including each draft) delivered under such Letter of Credit in connection with such presentment are in conformity with such Letter of Credit.

SECTION 3.7 Effect of Letter of Credit Application. To the extent that any provision of any Letter of Credit Application related to any Letter of Credit is inconsistent with the provisions of this Article III, the provisions of this Article III shall apply.

ARTICLE IV
GENERAL LOAN PROVISIONS

SECTION 4.1 Interest.

(a) Interest Rate Options. Subject to the provisions of this Section, at the election of the Borrower, (i) Revolving Credit Loans shall bear interest at (A) the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin, (B) Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR plus the Applicable Margin, or (C) Adjusted Term SOFR plus the Applicable Margin and (ii) any Swingline Loan shall bear interest at the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin. The Borrower shall select the rate of interest and Interest Period, if any, applicable to any Borrowing at the time a Notice of Borrowing is given or at the time a Notice of Conversion/Continuation is given pursuant to Section 4.2. If the Borrower has not duly specified an interest rate as provided herein, such Borrowing shall be deemed a Base Rate Loan.

(b) Interest Periods. In connection with any Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans, the Borrower, by giving notice at the times described in Section 2.3, shall elect an interest period (each, an “Interest Period”) to be applicable to such Term SOFR Loan, which Interest Period shall be the period commencing on the date such Term SOFR Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Term SOFR Loan and ending on the date one (1), three (3) or six (6) months thereafter, in each case as selected by the Borrower in its Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion/Continuation and subject to availability; provided that:

(i) the Interest Period shall commence on the date of advance of or conversion to any Term SOFR Loan and, in the case of immediately successive Interest Periods, each successive Interest Period shall commence on the date on which the immediately preceding Interest Period expires;

(ii) if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall expire on the next succeeding Business Day; provided that if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day but is a day of the month after which no further Business Day occurs in such month, such Interest Period shall expire on the immediately preceding Business Day;

(iii) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the relevant calendar month at the end of such Interest Period;

(iv) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date;

(v) there shall be no more than five (5) Interest Periods in effect at any time; and

(vi) no tenor that has been removed from this definition of “Interest Period” pursuant to Section 4.8(c)(iv) shall be available for specification in any Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion/Continuation.

(c) Default Rate. Subject to Section 9.3, (i) immediately upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default under Section 9.1(a), (g), (h) or (i), or (ii) at the election of the Required Lenders (or the Administrative Agent at the direction of the Required Lenders), upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any other Event of Default, (A) the Borrower shall no longer have the option to request SOFR Loans, Swingline Loans or Letters of Credit, (B) all outstanding Daily Simple SOFR Loans shall bear interest at a rate per annum of two percent (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable Margin) then applicable to Daily Simple SOFR Loans until the applicable Interest Payment Date, and thereafter at a rate per annum two percent (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable Margin) then applicable to Base Rate Loans, (C) all outstanding Term SOFR Loans shall bear interest at a rate per annum of two percent (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable Margin) then applicable to Term SOFR Loans until the end of the applicable Interest Period, and thereafter at a rate per annum of two percent (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable

Margin) then applicable to Base Rate Loans, (D) all outstanding Swingline Loans shall thereafter bear interest at a rate per annum equal to two (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable Margin) then applicable to such Loans, (E) all outstanding Base Rate Loans and other Obligations arising hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to two percent (2%) in excess of the rate (including the Applicable Margin) then applicable to Base Rate Loans or such other Obligations arising hereunder or under any other Loan Document and (F) all accrued and unpaid interest shall be due and payable on demand of the Administrative Agent. Interest shall continue to accrue on the Obligations after the filing by or against the Borrower of any petition seeking any relief in bankruptcy or under any Debtor Relief Law.

(d) Interest Payment and Computation. Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto; provided that (i) in the event of any repayment or prepayment of any Term SOFR Loan, accrued interest on the principal amount repaid or prepaid shall be payable on the date of such repayment or prepayment and (ii) in the event of any conversion of any Term SOFR Loan prior to the end of the Interest Period therefor, accrued interest on such Loan shall be payable on the effective date of such conversion. All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans when the Base Rate is determined by the Prime Rate shall be made on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest provided hereunder shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365/366-day year).

(e) Maximum Rate. In no contingency or event whatsoever shall the aggregate of all amounts deemed interest under this Agreement charged or collected pursuant to the terms of this Agreement exceed the highest rate permissible under any Applicable Law which a court of competent jurisdiction shall, in a final determination, deem applicable hereto. In the event that such a court determines that the Lenders have charged or received interest hereunder in excess of the highest applicable rate, the rate in effect hereunder shall automatically be reduced to the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law and the Lenders shall at the Administrative Agent's option (i) promptly refund to the Borrower any interest received by the Lenders in excess of the maximum lawful rate or (ii) apply such excess to the principal balance of the Obligations on a pro rata basis. It is the intent hereof that the Borrower not pay or contract to pay, and that neither the Administrative Agent nor any Lender receive or contract to receive, directly or indirectly in any manner whatsoever, interest in excess of that which may be paid by the Borrower under Applicable Law.

(f) Initial Benchmark Conforming Changes. In connection with the use or administration of any Benchmark, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in connection with the use or administration of any Benchmark.

SECTION 4.2 Notice and Manner of Conversion or Continuation of Loans. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent, provided that no Default has occurred and is then continuing, the Borrower shall have the option to (a) convert at any time all or any portion of any outstanding Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in a principal amount equal to \$1,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof (or such lesser amount as shall represent all of the Base Rate Loans then outstanding) into one or more Borrowings of SOFR Loans and (b) with respect to any (x) Daily Simple SOFR Loan, on an Interest Payment Date or (y) Term SOFR Loan, upon the expiration of any Interest Period therefor, in each case, (i) convert all or any part of any outstanding Borrowing of SOFR Loans in a principal amount equal to \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or such lesser amount as shall represent all of the Daily Simple SOFR Loans or Term SOFR Loans, as applicable, then outstanding) into one or more Borrowings of Base Rate Loans, Term SOFR Loans or Daily Simple SOFR Loans, (ii) continue any outstanding Borrowing of Daily Simple SOFR Loans as a Borrowing of Daily Simple SOFR Loans, or (iii) continue any outstanding Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans as a Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans. Whenever the Borrower desires to convert or continue Borrowings as provided above, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent prior written notice in the form attached as Exhibit E (a "Notice of Conversion/Continuation") not later than 11:00 a.m. (x) in the case of a Borrowing continuing

as or converting to a Daily Simple SOFR Loan, five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before the day on which a proposed conversion or continuation of such Loan is to be effective, (y) in the case of a Borrowing continuing as or converting to a Term SOFR Loan, three (3) U.S. Government Securities Business Days before the day on which a proposed conversion or continuation of such Borrowing is to be effective or (z) in the case of a Borrowing converting to a Base Rate Loan, on the Business Day of such conversion (or, in each case, such shorter period as agreed to by Administrative Agent), in each case specifying, (A) the Borrowing to be converted or continued, and, in the case of any Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans to be converted or continued, the last day of the Interest Period therefor, (B) the effective date of such conversion or continuation (which shall be a Business Day), (C) the principal amount of such Loans to be converted or continued, and (D) in the case of any Term SOFR Loan, the Interest Period to be applicable to such converted or continued Borrowing of Term SOFR Loans. If the Borrower fails to deliver a timely Notice of Conversion/Continuation prior to (x) with respect to a Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the applicable Interest Payment Date therefor, such Daily Simple SOFR Loan shall be automatically converted to a Base Rate Loan as of such Interest Payment Date or (y) with respect to a Term SOFR Loan, prior to the end of the applicable Interest Period therefor, then the applicable Interest Payment Date therefor, such Term SOFR Loan shall be automatically converted to a Base Rate Loan as of the last day of such Interest Period. If the Borrower requests a conversion to, or continuation of, a Term SOFR Loan, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Swingline Loan may not be converted to a SOFR Loan. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the affected Lenders of such Notice of Conversion/Continuation.

SECTION 4.3 Fees.

(a) Commitment Fee. Commencing on the Closing Date, subject to Section 4.14(a)(iii)(A), the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, a non-refundable commitment fee (the "Commitment Fee") at a rate per annum equal to the applicable amount for Commitment Fees set forth in the definition of Applicable Margin on the daily unused portion of the Aggregate Commitments; provided that the amount of outstanding Swingline Loans shall not be considered usage of the Aggregate Commitments for the purpose of calculating the Commitment Fee. The Commitment Fee shall be payable in arrears on the last Business Day of each calendar quarter during the term of this Agreement commencing June 30, 2025 and ending on the date upon which all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due) shall have been indefeasibly and irrevocably paid and satisfied in full, all Letters of Credit have expired, been terminated or been Cash Collateralized and the Aggregate Commitments have been terminated. Such commitment fee shall be distributed by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders (other than any Defaulting Lender) pro rata in accordance with each Lender's Commitment Percentage.

(b) Other Fees. The Borrower shall pay to Wells Fargo Securities and the Administrative Agent for its own account fees in the amounts and at the times specified in the Fee Letter. The Borrower shall pay to the Lenders such fees as shall have been separately agreed upon in writing in the amounts and at the times so specified.

SECTION 4.4 Manner of Payment.

(a) Sharing of Payments. Each payment by the Borrower on account of the principal of or interest on the Loans or of any fee, commission or other amounts (including the Reimbursement Obligation) payable to the Lenders under this Agreement shall be made not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date specified for payment under this Agreement to the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office for the account of the Lenders entitled to such payment in Dollars, in immediately available funds and shall be made without any set off, counterclaim or deduction whatsoever. Any payment received after such time but before 2:00 p.m. on such day shall be deemed a payment on such date for the purposes of Section 9.1, but for all other purposes shall be deemed to have been made on the next succeeding Business Day. Any payment received after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed to have been made on the next succeeding Business Day for all purposes. Upon receipt by the Administrative Agent of each such payment, the Administrative Agent shall distribute to each such Lender at its address for notices set forth herein its Commitment Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment and shall wire advice of the amount of such credit to each Lender. Each payment to the

Administrative Agent on account of the principal of or interest on the Swingline Loans or of any fee, commission or other amounts payable to the Swingline Lender shall be made in like manner, but for the account of the Swingline Lender. Each payment to the Administrative Agent of the Issuing Lender's fees or L/C Participants' commissions shall be made in like manner, but for the account of the Issuing Lender or the L/C Participants, as the case may be. Each payment to the Administrative Agent of Administrative Agent's fees or expenses shall be made for the account of the Administrative Agent and any amount payable to any Lender under Sections 4.9, 4.10, 4.11 or 11.3 shall be paid to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Lender. Subject to Section 4.1(b)(ii), if any payment under this Agreement shall be specified to be made upon a day which is not a Business Day, it shall be made on the next succeeding day which is a Business Day and such extension of time shall in such case be included in computing any interest if payable along with such payment.

(b) Defaulting Lenders. Notwithstanding the foregoing clause (a), if there exists a Defaulting Lender each payment by the Borrower to such Defaulting Lender hereunder shall be applied in accordance with Section 4.14(a)(ii).

SECTION 4.5 Evidence of Indebtedness.

(a) Extensions of Credit. The Extensions of Credit made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by such Lender and by the Administrative Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Administrative Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Extensions of Credit made by the Lenders to the Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through the Administrative Agent) a Note payable to such Lender (and its registered assigns), which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records.

(b) Participations. In addition to the accounts and records referred to in subsection (a), each Lender and the Administrative Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

SECTION 4.6 Sharing of Payments by Lenders. If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of its Loans or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Loans and accrued interest thereon or other such obligations (other than pursuant to Sections 4.9, 4.10, 4.11 or 11.3) greater than its pro rata share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them; provided that:

(i) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest, and

(ii) the provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to apply to (A) any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (B) the application of Cash Collateral provided for in Section 4.13 or (C) any payment obtained

by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Revolving Credit Loans or participations in Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit to any assignee or participant, other than to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates (as to which the provisions of this paragraph shall apply).

The Borrower consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under Applicable Law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against the Borrower rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrower in the amount of such participation.

SECTION 4.7 Administrative Agent's Clawback.

(a) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Administrative Agent. In connection with any borrowing hereunder, the Administrative Agent may assume that each Lender has made its respective share of such borrowing available on such date in accordance with Section 2.3(b) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the daily average Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If the Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable borrowing to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

(b) Payments by the Borrower; Presumptions by Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender, as the case maybe, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender, Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender, with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, as the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

(c) Nature of Obligations of Lenders Regarding Extensions of Credit. The obligations of the Lenders under this Agreement to make the Loans and issue or participate in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans are several and are not joint or joint and several. The failure of any Lender to make available its Commitment Percentage of any Loan requested by the Borrower shall not relieve it or any other Lender of its obligation, if any, hereunder to make its Commitment Percentage of such Loan available on the borrowing date, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make its Commitment Percentage of such Loan available on the borrowing date.

SECTION 4.8 Changed Circumstances.

(a) Circumstances Affecting Benchmark Availability. Subject to clause (c) below, in connection with any request for a SOFR Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof or otherwise, if

for any reason (i) the Administrative Agent shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that reasonable and adequate means do not exist for ascertaining Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR pursuant to the definition thereof or Adjusted Term SOFR with respect to a proposed Term SOFR Loan on or prior to the first day of the applicable Interest Period or (ii) the Required Lenders shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR or Adjusted Term SOFR, as applicable, does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of making or maintaining any such Loan during, with respect to Adjusted Term SOFR, such Interest Period and, in the case of clause (ii), the Required Lenders have provided notice of such determination to the Administrative Agent, then, in each case, the Administrative Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to the Borrower. Upon notice thereof by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, any obligation of the Lenders to make SOFR Loans, and any right of the Borrower to convert any Loan to or continue any Loan as a SOFR Loan, shall be suspended (to the extent of the affected SOFR Loans or the affected Interest Periods) until the Administrative Agent (with respect to clause (ii), at the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, (A) the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of SOFR Loans (to the extent of the affected SOFR Loans or the affected Interest Periods) or, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein and (B) any outstanding affected SOFR Loans will be deemed to have been converted into Base Rate Loans (I) with respect to any Daily Simple SOFR Loans, immediately and (II) with respect to any Term SOFR Loans, at the end of the applicable Interest Period. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 4.9.

(b) Laws Affecting SOFR Availability. If, after the date hereof, the introduction of, or any change in, any Applicable Law or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Offices) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any such Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency, shall make it unlawful or impossible for any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Offices) to honor its obligations hereunder to make or maintain any SOFR Loan, or to determine or charge interest based upon SOFR, Adjusted Daily Simple SOFR, Daily Simple SOFR, the Term SOFR Reference Rate, Adjusted Term SOFR or Term SOFR, such Lender shall promptly give notice thereof to the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent shall promptly give notice to the Borrower and the other Lenders (an “Illegality Notice”). Thereafter, until each affected Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist, (i) any obligation of the Lenders to make Daily Simple SOFR Loans or Term SOFR Loans, as applicable, and any right of the Borrower to convert any Loan to a Daily Simple SOFR Loan or a Term SOFR Loan, as applicable, shall be suspended and (ii) if necessary to avoid such illegality, the Administrative Agent shall compute the Base Rate without reference to clause (c) of the definition of “Base Rate”. Upon receipt of an Illegality Notice, the Borrower shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, upon demand from any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all affected SOFR Loans to Base Rate Loans (in each case, if necessary to avoid such illegality, the Administrative Agent shall compute the Base Rate without reference to clause (c) of the definition of “Base Rate”) (A) with respect to any Daily Simple SOFR Loans, on the Interest Payment Date therefor and (B) with respect to any Term SOFR Loans, on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if all affected Lenders may lawfully continue to maintain such SOFR Loans to such day, or immediately, if any Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such SOFR Loans to such day. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 4.9.

(c) Benchmark Replacement Setting.

(i) Benchmark Replacement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event with respect to any Benchmark, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement to replace such Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement. Any such amendment with respect to a

Benchmark Transition Event will become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Administrative Agent has posted such proposed amendment to all affected Lenders and the Borrower so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such amendment from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders. No replacement of a Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement pursuant to this Section 4.8(c)(i) will occur prior to the applicable Benchmark Transition Start Date.

(ii) Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes. In connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

(iii) Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of (A) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement and (B) the effectiveness of any Conforming Changes in connection with the use, administration, adoption or implementation of a Benchmark Replacement. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower of the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to Section 4.8(c)(iv). Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this Section 4.8(c), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this Section 4.8(c).

(iv) Unavailability of Tenor of Benchmark. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (A) if any then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including the Term SOFR Reference Rate) and either (1) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (2) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is not or will not be representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" (or any similar or analogous definition) for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (B) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to clause (A) above either (1) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (2) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is not or will not be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" (or any similar or analogous definition) for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

(v) Benchmark Unavailability Period. Upon the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to a given Benchmark, (A) the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of any affected SOFR Loans to be made, converted or continued during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the Borrower will be deemed to have converted any such request into a request for a borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans and (B) any outstanding affected SOFR Loans will be deemed to have been converted to Base Rate Loans (I) with respect to any Daily Simple SOFR Loans, immediately and (II) with respect to any Term SOFR Loans, at the end of the applicable Interest Period. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period with respect to any Benchmark or at any time that a tenor for any then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the component of Base Rate based upon the then-

current Benchmark that is the subject of such Benchmark Unavailability Period or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of Base Rate.

SECTION 4.9 Indemnity. The Borrower hereby indemnifies each of the Lenders against any loss, cost or expense (including any loss, cost or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds or from any fees payable) which may arise, be attributable to or result due to or as a consequence of (a) any failure by the Borrower to make any payment when due of any amount due hereunder in connection with a SOFR Loan, (b) any failure of the Borrower to borrow or continue a SOFR Loan or convert to a SOFR Loan on a date specified therefor in a Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion/Continuation, (c) any failure of the Borrower to prepay any SOFR Loan on a date specified therefor in any Notice of Prepayment, (d) any payment, prepayment or conversion of any SOFR Loan on a date other than (i) with respect to any Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the applicable Interest Payment Date therefor or (ii) with respect to any Term SOFR Loan, the last day of the Interest Period therefor (in each case, including as a result of an Event of Default) or (e) the assignment of any SOFR Loan other than (i) with respect to any Daily Simple SOFR Loan, the applicable Interest Payment Date therefor or (ii) with respect to any Term SOFR Loan, the last day of the Interest Period therefor, in each case, as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 4.12(b). A certificate of such Lender setting forth the basis for determining such amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender shall be forwarded to the Borrower through the Administrative Agent and shall be conclusively presumed to be correct save for manifest error. All of the obligations of the Loan Parties under this Section 4.9 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Loan Document.

SECTION 4.10 Increased Costs.

(a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve (including pursuant to regulations issued from time to time by the FRB for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including any emergency, special, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) with respect to eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities" in Regulation D of the FRB, as amended, and in effect from time to time)), special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or advances, loans or other credit extended or participated in by, any Lender or the Issuing Lender;

(ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or

(iii) impose on any Lender or the Issuing Lender any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient of making, converting to, continuing or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender, the Issuing Lender or other Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon written request of such Lender, the Issuing Lender or other Recipient, the Borrower shall promptly pay to any such Lender, the Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender, the Issuing Lender or other Recipient, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) Capital Requirements. If any Lender or the Issuing Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the Issuing Lender or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitment of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the Issuing Lender, to a level below that which such Lender or the Issuing Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time upon written request of such Lender or such Issuing Lender the Borrower shall promptly pay to such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the Issuing Lender or such Lender's or the Issuing Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate of a Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender, the Issuing Lender, such other Recipient or any of their respective holding companies, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) days after receipt thereof. The Borrower shall be entitled to request that a Recipient submit such a certificate prior to the Borrower paying any such amount to compensate such Recipient.

(d) Delay in Requests. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's, the Issuing Lender's or such other Recipient's right to demand such compensation; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate any Lender, the Issuing Lender or any other Recipient pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than six months prior to the date that such Lender, the Issuing Lender or such other Recipient, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions, and of such Lender's, the Issuing Lender's or such other Recipient's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the six-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

SECTION 4.11 Taxes.

(a) Issuing Lender. For purposes of this Section 4.11, the term "Lender" includes the Issuing Lender.

(b) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that, after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section), the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

(c) Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower. The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(d) Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Recipient (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Recipient, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall be entitled to request that a Recipient submit such a certificate prior to the Borrower paying any such amount to compensate such Recipient.

(e) Indemnification by the Lenders. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 11.9(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to such Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this paragraph (e).

(f) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 4.11, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(g) Status of Lenders.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 4.11(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the

Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from United States federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, United States federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “interest” article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, United States federal withholding Tax pursuant to the “business profits” or “other income” article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a “bank” within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a “10 percent shareholder” of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a “controlled foreign corporation” described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a “U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate”) and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN-E; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-2 or Exhibit H-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit H-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by Applicable Law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by Applicable Law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to United States federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the

Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 4.11 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 4.11), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this paragraph (h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the indemnification payments or additional amounts giving rise to such refund had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(i) Survival. Each party's obligations under this Section 4.11 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Loan Document.

SECTION 4.12 Mitigation Obligations: Replacement of Lenders.

(a) Designation of a Different Lending Office. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 4.10, or requires the Borrower to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 4.11, then such Lender shall, at the request of the Borrower, use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.11, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) Replacement of Lenders. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 4.10, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 4.11, and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different Lending Office in accordance with Section 4.12(a), or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions

contained in, and consents required by, Section 11.9), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.11) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that:

- (i) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in Section 11.9;
- (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and funded participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under Section 4.9) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
- (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 4.10 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 4.11, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;
- (iv) such assignment does not conflict with Applicable Law; and
- (v) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

SECTION 4.13 Cash Collateral.

(a) Existence of Defaulting Lender. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, within one Business Day following the written request of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize the Fronting Exposure of the Issuing Lender and/or the Swingline Lender, as applicable, with respect to such Defaulting Lender (determined after giving effect to Section 4.14(a)(iv) and any Cash Collateral provided by such Defaulting Lender) in an amount not less than the Minimum Collateral Amount.

(b) Grant of Security Interest. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such Cash Collateral as security for the Defaulting Lender's obligation to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans, to be applied pursuant to subsection (c) below. If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (after giving effect to any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).

(c) Application. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under this Section 4.13 or Section 4.14 in respect of Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans shall be applied to the satisfaction of the Defaulting Lender's obligation to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) for which the Cash Collateral

was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.

(d) Termination of Requirement. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce the Fronting Exposure of the Issuing Lender and/or the Swingline Lender, as applicable, shall no longer be required to be held as Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 4.13 following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender), or (ii) the determination by the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender that there exists excess Cash Collateral; provided that, subject to Section 4.14, the Person providing Cash Collateral, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender may agree that Cash Collateral shall be held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations; and provided further that to the extent that such Cash Collateral was provided by the Borrower, such Cash Collateral shall remain subject to the security interest granted pursuant to the Loan Documents.

SECTION 4.14 Defaulting Lenders.

(a) Defaulting Lender Adjustments. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:

(i) Waivers and Amendments. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of Required Lenders and Section 11.2.

(ii) Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article IX or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 11.4 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: *first*, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; *second*, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender hereunder; *third*, to Cash Collateralize the Fronting Exposure of the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 4.13; *fourth*, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default exists), to the funding of any Loan or funded participation in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; *fifth*, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (A) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans and funded participations under this Agreement and (B) Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 4.13; *sixth*, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; *seventh*, so long as no Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *eighth*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (1) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or funded participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (2) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 5.2 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and funded participations in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or funded participations in Letters of

Credit or Swingline Loans owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with their respective Commitment Percentages without giving effect to Section 4.14(a)(iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 4.14(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) Certain Fees.

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any Commitment Fee for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).

(B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive letter of credit commissions pursuant to Section 3.3 for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Commitment Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to Section 4.13.

(C) With respect to any Commitment Fee or letter of credit commission not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (A) or (B) above, the Borrower shall (1) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations or Swingline Loans that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (iv) below, (2) pay to each Issuing Lender and Swingline Lender, as applicable, the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such Issuing Lender's or Swingline Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (3) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.

(iv) Reallocation of Participations to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitment Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment. Subject to Section 11.22, no reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

(v) Cash Collateral, Repayment of Swingline Loans. If the reallocation described in clause (iv) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under law, (x) first, repay Swingline Loans in an amount equal to the Swingline Lenders' Fronting Exposure and (y) second, Cash Collateralize the Issuing Lender's Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4.13.

(b) Defaulting Lender Cure. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), such Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Revolving Credit Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with their

Commitment Percentages (without giving effect to Section 4.14(a)(iv)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; provided that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

ARTICLE V CONDITIONS OF EXTENSIONS OF CREDIT

SECTION 5.1 Conditions to Initial Extensions of Credit. The effectiveness of the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement and the obligation of each Lender to make its initial Loan and the obligation of the Issuing Lender to issue its initial Letter of Credit is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of each of the following conditions:

(a) Approval of Counsel. All legal matters incidental to the extension of credit by any Lender or the Issuing Lender shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and its counsel.

(b) Documentation. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the Issuing Lender, each of the following, duly executed and acknowledged where appropriate by all parties thereto:

(i) this Agreement, the Guaranty Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, the First Amendment to the Intercreditor Agreement and each other Loan Document;

(ii) a Note executed by the Borrower in favor of each Lender requesting a Note;

(iii) opinions of counsel to the Borrower and the Guarantors (other than, solely with respect to Nevada local counsel opinions, LMX, LLC);

(iv) specimen signatures certified by the Secretary, Manager or other appropriate officer, as applicable, of each Loan Party;

(v) Organization Documents and consents or resolutions of the board of directors (or other appropriate governing body) of each Loan Party, together with such other documents and certificates as the Administrative Agent or its counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of each Loan Party, the authorization of the transactions contemplated hereby and any other legal matters relating to the Loan Parties, the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby;

(vi) Uniform Commercial Code search results and other lien search results reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(vii) security agreements duly executed by the applicable Loan Parties for all federally registered copyrights, copyright applications, patents, patent applications, trademarks and trademark applications included in the Collateral, in each case in proper form for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or U.S. Copyright Office, as applicable; and

(viii) such other documents as the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may require.

(c) Pledged Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall have received (A) original stock certificates or other certificates evidencing the certificated Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Security Documents, together with an undated stock power for each such certificate duly executed in blank by the registered owner thereof and (B) each original promissory note pledged pursuant to the

Security Documents together with an undated allonge for each such promissory note duly executed in blank by the holder thereof.

(d) Notice of Borrowing/Notice of Account Designation. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing from the Borrower in accordance with Section 2.3(a), and a Notice of Account Designation specifying the account or accounts to which the proceeds of any Loans made on or after the Closing Date are to be disbursed.

(e) Financial Condition. Since December 31, 2024, no event or circumstance has occurred, as determined by any Lender, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) Insurance. The Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent evidence of insurance coverage on the Consolidated Group's property, in form, substance, amounts, covering risks and issued by companies satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and where required by the Administrative Agent, with lender's loss payable and additional insured endorsements in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

(g) Financial Information. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have completed a satisfactory review of (i) the financial statements of the Consolidated Group for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, including balance sheets, income and cash flow statements audited by public accountants acceptable to the Administrative Agent and prepared in conformity with GAAP; and (ii) such other financial information as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may request.

(h) Amendment to Senior Note Purchase Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, a concurrent amendment of the Senior Note Purchase Agreement in order to permit the Revolving Credit Facility hereunder (including any Revolving Credit Increase) and provide for revisions to the covenants thereunder in a manner consistent with this Agreement (such amendment being the Sixth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement referred to in the definition of Senior Note Purchase Agreement in Section 1.1).

(i) PATRIOT Act.

(i) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received, prior to the Closing Date, all documentation and other information requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or required by regulatory authorities in order for the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to comply with requirements of any Anti-Money Laundering Laws, including the PATRIOT Act and any applicable "know your customer" rules and regulations.

(ii) The Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent, and directly to any Lender requesting the same, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to it (or a certification that the Borrower qualifies for an express exclusion from the "legal entity customer" definition under the Beneficial Ownership Regulations), in each case prior to the Closing Date.

(j) [Reserved].

(k) Fees and Expenses. The Borrower shall have delivered evidence of payment of all fees and expenses due the Administrative Agent and its counsel as of the date hereof.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 10.3, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 5.1, the Administrative Agent and each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

SECTION 5.2 Conditions to All Extensions of Credit. Subject to Section 2.7 and Section 1.12 solely with respect to any Incremental Term Loan incurred to finance a substantially concurrent Limited Condition Transaction, the obligations of the Lenders to make or participate in any Extensions of Credit (including the initial Extension of Credit) and/or the Issuing Lender to issue or extend any Letter of Credit are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent on the relevant borrowing, issuance or extension date:

(a) Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (except to the extent already subject to a materiality standard in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of such borrowing, issuance or extension date with the same effect as if made on and as of such date, except that (i) to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects (except to the extent already subject to a materiality standard in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as of such earlier date and (ii) for purposes of this Section 5.2(a), the representations and warranties contained in Section 6.5 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to Sections 7.3(a) and (b), respectively.

(b) No Existing Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (i) on the borrowing date with respect to such Loan or after giving effect to the Loans to be made on such date or (ii) on the issuance or extension date with respect to such Letter of Credit or after giving effect to the issuance or extension of such Letter of Credit on such date.

(c) Notices. The Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the Issuing Lender shall have received a Notice of Borrowing or Letter of Credit Application, as the case may be, in accordance with the requirements hereof.

(d) New Swingline Loans/Letters of Credit. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, (i) the Swingline Lender shall not be required to fund any Swingline Loans unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect to such Swingline Loan and (ii) the Issuing Lender shall not be required to issue, extend, renew or increase any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

The delivery by the Borrower of any Notice of Borrowing or Letter of Credit Application shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Borrower that the conditions specified in Sections 5.2(a) and (b) have been satisfied on and as of the date the applicable Loan is made or Letter of Credit is issued, as the case may be.

ARTICLE VI REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Administrative Agent and Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make Extensions of Credit, the Loan Parties hereby represent and warrant to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders both before and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereunder, which representations and warranties shall be deemed made on the Closing Date and as otherwise set forth in Section 5.2, that:

SECTION 6.1 Legal Status. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (or equivalent) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has all requisite corporate, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, power and authority to carry on its business as now conducted, and (c) except where a failure to be so qualified could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, is duly qualified to do business, and is in good standing (or equivalent), in each jurisdiction where such qualification is required. No Loan Party nor any Subsidiary thereof is an Affected Financial Institution or a Covered Party.

SECTION 6.2 Organizational Power; Authorization; Enforceability. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within such Loan Party's corporate, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, action, and if required, shareholder, member, or partner action. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower, and constitutes, and each other Loan Document to which any Loan Party is a party, when executed and delivered by such Loan Party, will constitute, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower or such Loan Party (as the case may be), enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

SECTION 6.3 Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts. The execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of this Agreement, and by each Loan Party of the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (a) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any action by, any Governmental Authority, except such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect and filings necessary to perfect Liens created under the Loan Documents, (b) will not violate any Applicable Law or the Organization Documents of the Borrower or such Loan Party or any order of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Borrower or such Loan Party, (c) will not violate or result in a default under any indenture, instrument or other material agreement binding on the Borrower or such Loan Party or any of its assets or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by the Borrower or such Loan Party and (d) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of the Borrower or such Loan Party, except Permitted Liens.

SECTION 6.4 Litigation. No litigation, investigation or proceeding of or before any arbitrators or Governmental Authorities is pending against or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened in writing against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective assets or properties (a) that could reasonably be expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect or result in monetary judgments or Liens against any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, individually or in the aggregate, in excess of \$15,000,000, or (b) which in any manner draws into question the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 6.5 Correctness of Financial Statements; Absence of Material Adverse Change. The financial statements described in Section 5.1(g), true copies of which have been delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent prior to the Closing Date and all financial statements supplied to the Administrative Agent after the Closing Date pursuant to Section 7.3, (a) are complete and correct and present fairly in all material respects the financial condition of the Consolidated Group (subject, in the case of unaudited financial statements, to normal year-end and audit adjustments), (b) disclose all liabilities of the Consolidated Group that are required to be reflected or reserved against under generally accepted accounting principles, whether liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, and (c) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied except as noted therein. Since December 31, 2024, there has been no event or circumstance, or series or events or circumstances, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.6 Taxes. The Borrower and the Subsidiaries of the Borrower have timely filed or caused to be filed all federal income tax returns and all other tax returns that are required to be filed by them, and have paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns or on any material assessments made against it or its property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its property by any Governmental Authority, except where (a) the same are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which such Person has set aside on its books adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP or (b) the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the extent required in accordance with GAAP, the charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Consolidated Group in respect of such taxes are adequate and no tax liabilities that could be materially in excess of the amount so provided are anticipated. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Borrower has no knowledge of any pending assessments or adjustments of its income tax payable with respect to any year, which could reasonably be expected to result in an assessment or unfavorable adjustment in excess of \$15,000,000.

SECTION 6.7 No Subordination. There is no agreement, indenture, contract or instrument to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which such Person may be bound that requires the subordination in right of payment of any of such member's obligations subject to this Agreement or any other Loan Document to any other obligation of any such member.

SECTION 6.8 Permits, Franchises. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries, respectively, possesses all material permits, consents, approvals, franchises and licenses required, as may be applicable to such Person, and rights to all trademarks, trade names, service marks, patents, and fictitious names, if any, and other rights with respect to the foregoing which are necessary to enable it to conduct the business in which it is now engaged in compliance in all material respects with Applicable Law, without known conflict with any such trademark, trade names, service marks, patents or other proprietary right of any Person where such conflict could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.9 ERISA. In each case except as could not, individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to result in liabilities of any Loan Party in excess of \$15,000,000, (a) the Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate is in compliance with all applicable provisions of ERISA; (b) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has violated any provision of any Plan or Multiemployer Plan maintained or contributed to by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate; (c) no ERISA Event has occurred and is continuing with respect to any Plan initiated by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate; (d) the Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate has met its obligations under the Pension Funding Rules with respect to each Plan; (e) each Plan or Multiemployer Plan will be able to fulfill its benefit obligations as they come due in accordance with the Plan or Multiemployer Plan documents and under generally accepted accounting principles; and (f) there is no pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate, any ERISA Litigation. As of the Closing Date, the Borrower is not nor will be using "plan assets" (within the meaning of 29 CFR § 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments.

SECTION 6.10 Compliance with Laws and Agreements. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries is in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to it or its property and all indentures, agreements and other instruments binding upon it or its property, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 6.11 Environmental Matters. Except as set forth on Schedule 6.11, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws. Except as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, none of the operations of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries is the subject of any federal or state investigation evaluating whether any remedial action involving a material expenditure is needed to respond to a Release of Hazardous Material into the environment. Except as set forth on Schedule 6.11, neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has (a) become subject to any material Environmental Liability, (b) received notice of any claim with respect to any material Environmental Liability or (c) knows of any basis for any material Environmental Liability.

SECTION 6.12 Collateral.

(a) All of the Collateral is owned by the grantor of the security interest therein in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, free of any material title defects or any Liens, except for Permitted Liens.

(b) The Liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties are valid first priority Liens and security interests in the Collateral (subject only to Permitted Liens), which Liens and security interests will, upon the filing of the UCC-1 financing statements, have been perfected in accordance with the requirements of all states in which any item of the Collateral is located or any grantor is organized to the extent that the filing of Uniform Commercial Code financing statements is sufficient to perfect such lien or security interest. Schedule 6.12 sets forth the address of all real property with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000,000 that is owned or leased by any Loan Party or at which any Collateral with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000,000 for a

single location (except Collateral (i) that is in transit in the ordinary course of business, (ii) out to a third party location for improvement, service or repair, (iii) that has been purchased in a transaction by the Loan Documents but has not yet been delivered to the applicable Loan Party or (iv) in the possession of a third party processor or held in a third party control state warehouse in the ordinary course of business) is located as of the Closing Date, in each case after giving effect to the transactions occurring on the Closing Date. For the avoidance of doubt, Customer Owned Inventory shall not be considered an asset of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries for purposes of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents; it being understood and agreed that, for purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, Borrower's or any of its Subsidiaries' interest in any Customer Owned Inventory is limited to a bailee's interest or the like.

SECTION 6.13 Employee Relations. As of the Closing Date, no Loan Party nor any Subsidiary thereof is party to any collective bargaining agreement, nor has any labor union been recognized as the representative of its employees except as set forth on Schedule 6.13. The Borrower does not know of any pending, threatened in writing or contemplated strikes, work stoppage or other collective labor disputes involving its employees or those of its Subsidiaries.

SECTION 6.14 Disclosure. No report, financial statement, certificate or document delivered by the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any Guarantor in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document and in connection with the negotiation or preparation of the Loan Documents (after giving effect to all supplements thereto) contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary, in light of the circumstances under which it was made, in order to make any such warranty, representation or statement contained therein not misleading; provided that, with respect to projections, estimates and other forward-looking information, the Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed by it to be reasonable at the time. As of the Closing Date, all of the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification is true and correct.

SECTION 6.15 Properties. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries has good and marketable title to all its real and personal properties, subject to no transfer restrictions or Liens of any kind, except for Permitted Liens and transfer restrictions permitted under Section 8.9.

SECTION 6.16 Insurance. The properties of the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies that are not Affiliates of the Borrower, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where such Person operates.

SECTION 6.17 Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the Loans made on the Closing Date will be used only for (a) the extension and renewal of Indebtedness under the Existing Credit Agreement and (b) the payment of fees and expenses related to the negotiation, execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby. The proceeds of Loans made after the Closing Date and Letters of Credit will be used only for working capital needs, capital expenditures and for other general corporate purposes of the Loan Parties, including Permitted Acquisitions. No part of the proceeds of any Loan or Letter of Credit will be used, whether directly or indirectly, for any purpose that entails a violation of any rule or regulation of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, including Regulations T, U or X. Following the application of the proceeds of each Extension of Credit, not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the value of the assets (either of the Borrower only or of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis) subject to the provisions of Section 8.3 or Section 8.5 or subject to any restriction contained in any agreement or instrument between the Borrower and any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender relating to Indebtedness will be "margin stock".

SECTION 6.18 Subsidiaries. As of the Closing Date, Schedule 6.18 sets forth an accurate and complete list of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, showing the full legal name of such Person, its jurisdiction of organization, the location of its chief executive office, and, solely with respect to the Subsidiaries, the holders of the Equity Interests of such Person and the percentage of such Equity Interests held.

SECTION 6.19 Investment Company Act, Etc. No member of the Consolidated Group is (a) an “investment company”, as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or (b) otherwise subject to any other regulatory scheme limiting its ability to incur debt under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 6.20 Solvency. Immediately after the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby to occur on the Closing Date and immediately following the making of each Loan made on the Closing Date and after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of such Loans, (a) the fair value of the assets of the Loan Parties, on a consolidated basis, at a fair valuation, will exceed their debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, on a consolidated basis; (b) the present fair saleable value of the property of the Loan Parties, on a consolidated basis, will be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of their debts and other liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, on a consolidated basis, as such debts and other liabilities become absolute and matured; (c) the Loan Parties, on a consolidated basis, will be able to pay their debts and liabilities, subordinated, contingent or otherwise, on a consolidated basis, as such debts and liabilities become absolute and matured; and (d) the Loan Parties, on a consolidated basis, will not have unreasonably small capital with which to conduct the business in which they are engaged as such business is now conducted and is proposed to be conducted following the Closing Date.

SECTION 6.21 Burdensome Provisions. No Subsidiary is party to any agreement or instrument or otherwise subject to any restriction or encumbrance that violates the provisions of Section 8.9 (including any agreement or instrument existing on the Closing Date that, if entered into after the Closing Date, would have violated the provisions of Section 8.9).

SECTION 6.22 [Reserved].

SECTION 6.23 Intellectual Property Matters. The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries owns or possesses rights to use all franchises, licenses, copyrights, copyright applications, patents, patent rights or licenses, patent applications, trademarks, trademark rights, service mark, service mark rights, trade names, trade name rights, copyrights and other rights with respect to the foregoing (collectively, “IP Rights”) which are reasonably necessary to conduct its business, without conflict with the rights of any other Person where such conflict could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Borrower, no slogan or other advertising device, product, process, method, substance, part or other material now employed, or now contemplated to be employed, by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries infringes upon any rights held by any other Person, where such infringement could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened in writing, which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.24 Anti-Corruption Laws; Anti-Money Laundering Laws; Sanctions and Outbound Investment Rules.

(a) None of (i) the Borrower, any Subsidiary or, to the knowledge of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, any of their respective directors, officers, employees or Affiliates, or (ii) to the knowledge of the Borrower, any agent or representative of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the Loans, (A) is a Sanctioned Person or currently the subject or target of any Sanctions, (B) has its assets located in a Sanctioned Country in violation of Sanctions, (C) is under administrative, civil or criminal investigation for an alleged violation of, or received notice from or made a voluntary disclosure to any governmental entity regarding a possible violation of, Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Sanctions by a governmental authority that enforces Sanctions or any Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws, or (D) directly or indirectly derives revenues from investments in, or transactions with, Sanctioned Persons in violation of Sanctions.

(b) Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has implemented and maintains in effect policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees, agents and Affiliates with all Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and applicable Sanctions.

(c) Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, and to the knowledge of the Borrower, director, officer, employee, agent and Affiliate of Borrower and each such Subsidiary, is in compliance with all Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws in all respects and applicable Sanctions.

(d) No proceeds of any Extension of Credit have been used, directly or indirectly, by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any of its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents in violation of Section 8.11.

(e) Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries (i) is a “covered foreign person” as that term is used in the Outbound Investment Rules or (ii) currently engages, or has any present intention to engage in the future, directly or indirectly, in (A) a “covered activity” or a “covered transaction”, as each such term is defined in the Outbound Investment Rules, (B) any activity or transaction that would constitute a “covered activity” or a “covered transaction”, as each such term is defined in the Outbound Investment Rules, if the Borrower were a United States Person or (C) any other activity that would cause the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to be in violation of the Outbound Investment Rules or cause the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to be legally prohibited by the Outbound Investment Rules from performing under this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Until all of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due) have been paid and satisfied in full in cash, all Letters of Credit have expired, been terminated or been Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof and the Aggregate Commitments have expired or been terminated, the Borrower will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to:

SECTION 7.1 Punctual Payments. Punctually pay all principal, interest, fees or other liabilities due under any of the Loan Documents at the times and place and in the manner specified therein, and immediately upon demand by the Administrative Agent, the amount by which the outstanding principal balance of any credit subject hereto at any time exceeds any limitation on borrowings applicable thereto.

SECTION 7.2 Accounting Records. Maintain adequate books and records in accordance with GAAP consistently applied.

SECTION 7.3 Financial Statements. Provide to the Administrative Agent all of the following:

(a) not later than 120 days after and as of the end of each fiscal year of the Consolidated Group (commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025), the Consolidated Group’s audited consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all reported on by KPMG LLP or another independent public accounting firm of recognized national standing or otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (without any qualification or exception) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Consolidated Group on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied;

(b) not later than forty-five (45) days after and as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Consolidated Group (except the last fiscal quarter of each fiscal year) commencing with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2025, the Consolidated Group’s consolidated balance sheet and related statements of operations, equity and cash flows as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous fiscal year, such consolidated financial statements to be certified by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Consolidated Group on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;

(c) contemporaneously with each annual and quarterly financial statement of the Consolidated Group required hereby, a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower demonstrating compliance with Section 8.1, together with such supporting information as is reasonably required by the Administrative Agent;

(d) on or before January 31 of each fiscal year, a budget for such fiscal year in form, substance and detail reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, including, monthly operating and capital budgets, and projected monthly income statements and cash flows;

(e) promptly upon the request thereof, other information and documentation required under applicable “know your customer” rules and regulations, the PATRIOT Act or any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws, in each case as from time to time reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender; and

(f) promptly, from time to time such other information as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary will be required provide any information (a) in respect of which provision to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives) is expressly prohibited by Applicable Law or any binding, arm’s-length agreement with a third party that was not entered into in contemplation of this Agreement or (b) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product; provided further that the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in writing as to what is not being made available in reliance on this sentence and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide, to the extent feasible the applicable information via redaction and to obtain necessary waivers to provide such information, unless, in each case, doing so is prohibited by Applicable Law or such agreement or would result in waiver of such privilege or cause such material not to constitute attorney work product.

The Borrower hereby acknowledges that (a) the Administrative Agent and/or the Arrangers will make available to the Lenders and the Issuing Lender materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Borrower hereunder (collectively, “Borrower Materials”) by posting the Borrower Materials on Debt Domain, Intralinks, Syndtrak or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the “Platform”) and (b) 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 Borrower or its securities) (each, a “Public Lender”). The Borrower hereby agrees that so long as the Borrower is the issuer of any outstanding debt or equity securities that are registered or issued pursuant to a private offering or is actively contemplating issuing any such securities it will use commercially reasonable efforts to identify that portion of the Borrower Materials that may be distributed to the Public Lenders and that (w) all such Borrower Materials shall be clearly and conspicuously marked “PUBLIC” which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word “PUBLIC” shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials “PUBLIC,” the Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Issuing Lender and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information (although it may be sensitive and proprietary) with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 11.10); (y) all Borrower Materials marked “PUBLIC” are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated “Public Investor;” and (z) the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers, shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked “PUBLIC” as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated “Public Investor.”

SECTION 7.4 Compliance. Preserve and maintain all material licenses, permits, government approvals, rights, privileges and franchises necessary for the conduct of its business; and comply with (a) the provisions of all documents pursuant to which the Borrower and each Subsidiary is organized and/or which govern the Borrower’s or any Subsidiary’s continued existence, and (b) the requirements of all laws, rules, regulations and orders of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Borrower or any

Subsidiary and/or its business, including Environmental Laws and ERISA, except where, the case of clauses (a) and (b) above, such failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 7.5 Insurance. Maintain and keep in force insurance of the types and in amounts and with deductibles customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary operates, with all such insurance carried with financially sound and reputable insurance companies that are not Affiliates of the Borrower, and deliver to the Administrative Agent from time to time at the Administrative Agent's reasonable request schedules setting forth all insurance then in effect. Such insurance shall (a) provide for not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Administrative Agent of termination, lapse or cancellation of such insurance (except (i) in the case of the foregoing as a result of non-payment of premium in which case only 10 days' prior notice shall be required or (ii) as reasonably agreed by Administrative Agent in writing), (b) have lender's loss payable (in the case of property policies) and additional insured (in the case of liability policies) endorsements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and (c) otherwise comply with the provisions of the Security Documents.

SECTION 7.6 Facilities. Keep all properties useful or necessary to such Person's business in good repair and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and from time to time make necessary repairs, renewals and replacements thereto, except, in each case, where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 7.7 Taxes and Other Liabilities. Pay and discharge when due any and all taxes, assessments and similar obligations, relating to both real or personal property, including without limitation federal and state income taxes and state and local property taxes and assessments, except where (a) the same are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, has set aside on its books adequate reserves or (b) the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 7.8 Notice to the Administrative Agent. Promptly (but in no event more than five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) after the occurrence of each such event or matter) give written notice to the Administrative Agent in reasonable detail of: (a) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default; (b) [reserved]; (c) the occurrence and nature of any ERISA Event or Prohibited Transaction, each as defined in ERISA, or any failure to comply with the Pension Funding Rules with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan, in each case that could individually or in the aggregate reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (d) any termination or cancellation of any insurance policy which any member of the Consolidated Group is required to maintain, any uninsured or partially uninsured loss through liability or property damage, or through fire, theft or any other cause affecting any such member's property in excess of an aggregate of \$7,500,000; (e) the occurrence and nature of any notices, complaints, orders or other claim received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries relating to the violation by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of any applicable Environmental Laws, any Release by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of, or by any Person handling, transporting or disposing of, Hazardous Materials on its behalf into the environment except where occurring legally pursuant to a permit or license or except where such violation or Release could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; (f) any action, litigation, suit, proceeding, claim or dispute pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened, or contemplated at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, arbitrator, court or administrative agency involving a claim in excess of \$15,000,000 against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective assets; (g) any material change in accounting policies or practices by any member of the Consolidated Group (as reasonably determined by the Borrower in good faith); and (h) any development that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 7.9 Additional Subsidiaries.

(a) Additional Domestic Subsidiaries. Promptly notify the Administrative Agent of the creation or acquisition of any Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) or if any Subsidiary is required to become a Guarantor pursuant to the financial tests set

forth in the definition of “Immaterial Subsidiary” (including as a result of the aggregation tests set forth in such definition) and, within thirty (30) days after such creation, acquisition or qualification, as such time period may be extended by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, cause such Domestic Subsidiary to (i) become a Guarantor by delivering to the Administrative Agent a duly executed supplement to the Guaranty Agreement or such other document as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably deem appropriate for such purpose, (ii) grant a security interest in all Collateral (other than Excluded Assets) owned by such Domestic Subsidiary by delivering to the Collateral Agent a duly executed supplement to each applicable Security Document or such other document as the Collateral Agent shall reasonably deem appropriate for such purpose and comply with the terms of each applicable Security Document (provided that no actions shall be required in any non-U.S. jurisdiction in order to perfect the Collateral Agent’s security interests in any intellectual property), (iii) deliver to the Administrative Agent such opinions, documents and certificates referred to in Section 5.1 as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, (iv) if such Equity Interests are certificated, deliver to the Collateral Agent such original certificated Equity Interests or other certificates and stock or other transfer powers evidencing the Equity Interests of such Person, (v) deliver to the Administrative Agent such updated Schedules to the Loan Documents as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent with respect to such Domestic Subsidiary, and (vi) deliver to the Administrative Agent such other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(b) Additional Foreign Subsidiaries. Notify the Administrative Agent promptly after any Person becomes a First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary, and promptly thereafter (and, in any event, within forty five (45) days after such notification, as such time period may be extended by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), cause (i) the applicable Loan Party to deliver to the Collateral Agent Security Documents pledging sixty-five percent (65%) of the total outstanding voting Equity Interests (and one hundred percent (100%) of the non-voting Equity Interests) of any such new First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary and a consent thereto executed by such new First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary (including, without limitation, if applicable and unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent, original certificated Equity Interests (or the equivalent thereof pursuant to the Applicable Laws and practices of any relevant foreign jurisdiction) evidencing the Equity Interests of such new First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary, together with an appropriate undated stock or other transfer power for each certificate duly executed in blank by the registered owner thereof), (ii) [reserved], (iii) such Person to deliver to the Administrative Agent such updated Schedules to the Loan Documents as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent with regard to such Person and (iv) such Person to deliver to the Administrative Agent such other documents as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 7.10 Information Regarding Collateral. Furnish to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent prompt written notice of any change (a) in any Loan Party’s legal name, (b) in the location of any Loan Party’s chief executive office or its principal place of business, (c) in any Loan Party’s legal identity, jurisdiction or legal organizational structure or (d) in any Loan Party’s Federal Taxpayer Identification Number. The Borrower agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding clauses (a) or (c) without five (5) Business Days’ prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (or such shorter period as agreed by the Collateral Agent in its reasonable discretion). The Borrower also agrees promptly to notify the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent if any material portion of the Collateral is damaged or destroyed.

SECTION 7.11 Further Assurances.

(a) Subject to the limitations set forth in the Loan Documents, execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents, but excluding (i) the recordation or filing of any mortgages, fixture filings or similar security documents in any real property records and (ii) any actions in any non-U.S. jurisdiction to perfect the Collateral Agent’s security interests in any intellectual property), which the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent may reasonably request, to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or to grant, preserve, protect or perfect the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents or the validity or priority of any such Lien, all at the expense of the Loan Parties.

(b) If any material assets (excluding (i) any real property and (ii) any Excluded Assets) are acquired by the Borrower or any Subsidiary after the Closing Date (other than assets constituting Collateral under the Security Documents that have become subject to the Liens granted under such Security Documents upon acquisition thereof), promptly notify the Administrative Agent thereof, and, if requested by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, cause such assets to be subjected to a Lien securing the Secured Obligations (and the Senior Note Indebtedness) and take, and cause its Subsidiaries to take, such actions as shall be necessary or reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent to grant and perfect such Liens, including actions described in paragraph (a) of this Section, all at the expense of the Loan Parties.

(c) From time to time take such actions and execute and deliver such documents and instruments as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably require to ensure that the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, shall have received currently effective Loan Documents pledging and granting security interests or other Liens acceptable to the Administrative Agent, as security for the Secured Obligations, on the Collateral, now owned or hereafter acquired, but excluding any real property and any Excluded Assets, subject to no prior Lien or other encumbrance or restriction on transfer except Permitted Liens or as expressly permitted hereunder. Subject to the limitations set forth in the Loan Documents, all of the foregoing shall be evidenced by and subject to the terms of such security agreements, financing statements and other documents as the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent shall reasonably require, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent. Without limitation of the foregoing, subject to the limitations set forth in the Loan Documents, the Borrower will, and will cause each other Loan Party (and, to the extent applicable, each Subsidiary of a Loan Party) to, at the expense of the Borrower, make, execute, endorse, acknowledge, file and/or deliver to the Collateral Agent from time to time such vouchers, invoices, schedules, assignments, conveyances, financing statements, transfer endorsements, powers of attorney, certificates, reports and other assurances or instruments and take such further steps relating to the collateral covered by any of the Security Documents as the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent may reasonably require from time to time.

SECTION 7.12 Deposit Accounts and Collections.

(a) Maintain its primary depository and operating accounts with one or more Lenders; and

(b) Cause all collections and/or payments in respect of accounts or other Collateral and all other proceeds whatsoever of or from any Collateral to be promptly paid into one or more (i) deposit accounts maintained with the Administrative Agent or, (ii) except with respect to deposit accounts with aggregate balances not exceeding \$1,500,000 at any time for all such deposit accounts, deposit accounts subject to a deposit account control agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, in each case in accordance with procedures and arrangements reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and subject only to such changes as may be approved in advance by the Administrative Agent.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Sections 7.12(a) or (b) above, nothing in this Section 7.12 shall obligate any Foreign Subsidiary to maintain any deposit accounts or other accounts with the Administrative Agent or any Lender or to cause any collections, payments or other assets of such Foreign Subsidiary to be paid into any account described in Section 7.12(b) or to be subject to any control agreement in favor of the Administrative Agent or any other Person. Similarly, no amounts deposited in or credited to any deposit account or other account of any Foreign Subsidiary shall count against the \$1,500,000 basket described in Section 7.12(b).

SECTION 7.13 Visits and Inspections. Permit representatives of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, from time to time upon prior reasonable notice and at such times during normal business hours, at the expense of the Borrower, to (a) visit and inspect its properties; (b) inspect, audit and make extracts from its books, records and files, including, but not limited to, management letters prepared by independent accountants; and (c) discuss with its principal officers, and its independent accountants, its business, assets, liabilities, financial condition, results of operations and business prospects; provided that excluding any such visits and inspections during the continuation of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such rights more often than one (1) time during any calendar year

at the Borrower's expense; provided further that upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent or any Lender may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Borrower at any time without advance notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary will be required to disclose, permit the inspection, examination or making copies or abstracts of, or discussion of, any document, information or other matter (a) in respect of which disclosure to, or the taking of such actions with, the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives) is expressly prohibited by Applicable Law or any binding, arm's-length agreement with a third party that was not entered into in contemplation of this Agreement or (b) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product; provided that the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in writing as to what is not being disclosed or made available in reliance on this sentence and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to describe and disclose, to the extent feasible the applicable information via redaction and to obtain necessary waivers to disclose such information, unless, in each case, doing so is prohibited by Applicable Law or such agreement or would result in waiver of such privilege or cause such material not to constitute attorney work product.

SECTION 7.14 Compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws; Beneficial Ownership Regulation; Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Sanctions. The Borrower will (a) maintain in effect and enforce policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance by the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents with all Anti-Corruption Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and applicable Sanctions, (b) notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender that previously received a Beneficial Ownership Certification (or a certification that the Borrower qualifies for an express exclusion to the "legal entity customer" definition under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation) of any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified therein (or, if applicable, the Borrower ceasing to fall within an express exclusion to the definition of "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation) and (c) promptly upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, provide the Administrative Agent or directly to such Lender, as the case may be, any information or documentation requested by it for purposes of complying with the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

ARTICLE VIII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Until all of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due) have been paid and satisfied in full in cash, all Letters of Credit have expired, been terminated or been Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof and the Aggregate Commitments have expired or been terminated, the Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to:

SECTION 8.1 Financial Covenants.

(a) Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter (commencing with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2025) to be greater than 4.00 to 1.00; provided that (i) if the aggregate consideration paid in connection with any Permitted Acquisition, when taken together with the aggregate consideration for any previous Permitted Acquisitions since the Closing Date (or, in the case of the second Elevated Ratio Period (as defined below) hereunder, since the end of the first Elevated Ratio Period), is in excess of \$25,000,000, then the Borrower shall have the right to elect to increase the maximum permitted Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio required to be maintained by this Section 8.1(a) to 4.50 to 1.00, which such increase shall be applicable (i) with respect to a Permitted Acquisition that is not a Limited Condition Transaction, for the fiscal quarter in which such acquisition is consummated and the three (3) consecutive quarterly test periods thereafter or (ii) with respect to a Permitted Acquisition that is a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of determining compliance with this Section 8.1(a) on the LCT Test Date, for the fiscal quarter in which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated and for the three (3) consecutive quarterly test periods after which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated (each such period, an "Elevated Ratio Period") so long as (A) there is at least one fiscal quarter end after the end of each Elevated Ratio Period at which the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00, (B) there shall be no more than one Elevated Ratio Period in effect at any given time, and (C) there shall be no more than two Elevated Ratio Periods after the Closing Date. Such election shall be made by the delivery of

a written notice by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent making reference to this Section 8.1(a) and notifying the Administrative Agent of the Borrower's exercise of this right on or prior to the date of the actual or required delivery of a Compliance Certificate for the fiscal quarter in which such acquisition is consummated or, with respect to a Limited Condition Transaction, at the time of election by the Borrower with respect to such Limited Condition Transaction under Section 1.12.

(b) Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio at the end of any fiscal quarter (commencing with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2025) to be less than 1.25 to 1.00.

SECTION 8.2 Indebtedness. Create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except:

- (a) the Obligations;
- (b) any Indebtedness existing on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 8.2, together with any Permitted Refinancings thereof;
- (c) the endorsement of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection or similar transactions in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) Indebtedness incurred to make capital expenditures or acquire, construct or improve a fixed or capital asset so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed \$22,500,000;
- (e) Indebtedness and obligations owing under (i) Hedge Agreements entered into in order to manage existing or anticipated interest rate, exchange rate or commodity price risks and not for speculative purposes and (ii) Secured Cash Management Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (f) Indebtedness of a Loan Party owing to another Loan Party or, to the extent permitted by Section 8.6 below, of a Subsidiary of a Loan Party to a Loan Party;
- (g) Guarantees by any Loan Party of Indebtedness of another Loan Party that is otherwise permitted hereunder;
- (h) 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 any Permitted Acquisition or any Disposition permitted hereunder;
- (i) the Senior Note Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount up to \$250,000,000, together with any increases thereto to the extent such increase satisfies the requirements for the incurrence of Incremental Equivalent Debt set forth in the proviso to clause (k) below and, in each case, any Permitted Refinancings thereof;
- (j) unsecured Indebtedness of the Borrower 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 the Borrower of its Equity Interests that have been issued to such Persons, so long as (A) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the incurrence of such Indebtedness, and (B) the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness outstanding at any one time does not exceed \$7,500,000;
- (k) Indebtedness in respect of:
 - (i) one or more series of senior or subordinated notes issued by the Borrower that are either, at the option of the Borrower, (x) unsecured or (y) secured by Liens on the Collateral ranking junior to or *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Obligations and the Senior Note Indebtedness; and

(ii) senior or subordinated loans made to the Borrower that are either, at the option of the Borrower, (x) unsecured or (y) secured by Liens on Collateral ranking junior to or *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Obligations and the Senior Note Indebtedness (any such Indebtedness described in clause (i) above or this clause (ii), “Incremental Equivalent Debt”) and any Permitted Refinancing of any Incremental Equivalent Debt; provided that:

(1) no Incremental Equivalent Debt may be incurred unless, after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt, and after giving effect to any Permitted Acquisition, other Investment, or any sale, transaction or other Disposition or any incurrence of Indebtedness or repayment of Indebtedness consummated concurrently therewith, the Borrower has, on a Pro Forma Basis, a Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio not greater than 3.25 to 1.00; provided that the maximum Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio limitation set forth in this clause (1) shall not apply to incurrences of Incremental Equivalent Debt that are used to term out or otherwise refinance then existing Indebtedness (and, in the case of any refinanced Indebtedness that consists of revolving credit Indebtedness, to permanently reduce the available amount of such Indebtedness by the amount so refinanced);

(2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt;

(3) the Borrower shall be in compliance with Section 8.1 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt, and after giving effect to any Permitted Acquisition, other Investment, or any sale, transaction or other Disposition or any incurrence of Indebtedness or repayment of Indebtedness consummated concurrently therewith, as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter;

(4) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of such Incremental Equivalent Debt shall be no shorter than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Senior Note Indebtedness then outstanding or any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(5) all other terms of such Indebtedness not covered in this clause (k) shall be determined by the Borrower and the investors or lenders of such Incremental Equivalent Debt and to the extent such Incremental Equivalent Debt takes the form of loans or senior notes and the terms and documentation for such loans or senior notes, taken as a whole, are not substantially the same as the Loans or Senior Note Indebtedness (other than, in each case, pricing, amortization and maturity) (as determined by the Borrower in good faith), such terms and conditions shall be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent if they are adverse to the Borrower or more restrictive than the terms and conditions applicable to the Loans or any Senior Note Indebtedness (except for covenants and events of default applicable only to periods after the later of the Maturity Date in effect at the time such Incremental Equivalent Debt is entered into or the maturity date of any Senior Note Indebtedness that is outstanding at the time such Incremental Equivalent Debt is entered into);

(6) no Incremental Equivalent Debt shall be incurred by or subject to any Guarantee by any Person other than the Borrower and the Guarantors, respectively, and shall not be secured by any property or assets of any Loan Party other than Collateral;

provided, further, if such Incremental Equivalent Debt:

(x) is secured on a *pari passu* basis with the Loans and the Senior Note Indebtedness,

(1) the holders of such Indebtedness or a representative thereof will join in and become a party to the Intercreditor Agreement, or otherwise enter into an intercreditor agreement with the Administrative Agent and the holders of any outstanding Senior Note Indebtedness or a representative thereof, in each case in a manner or pursuant to such documentation as is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the requisite holders of such Senior Note Indebtedness; and

(2) such Indebtedness shall not require mandatory prepayments (except scheduled amortization permitted by clause (4) to the first proviso above) that are more restrictive than any mandatory prepayments applicable to the Loans and any Senior Note Indebtedness and may participate on a pro rata basis or on a less than pro rata basis (but not on a greater than pro rata basis) in any mandatory prepayments (except scheduled amortization permitted by clause (4) to the first proviso above) applicable to the Loans and any Senior Note Indebtedness, or

(y) is secured on a junior basis with the Loans and the Senior Note Indebtedness, (1) the holders of such indebtedness or a representative thereof will enter into an intercreditor agreement with the Administrative Agent and the holders of the Senior Note Indebtedness or a representative thereof that is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the requisite holders of any Senior Note Indebtedness and (2) such Indebtedness shall not have any scheduled principal prepayments or be subject to any mandatory redemption or prepayment provisions (except for customary change of control provisions and customary asset sale provisions that permit application of the applicable proceeds to the payment of the Obligations and any Senior Note Indebtedness or other secured Incremental Equivalent Debt prior to application to such Indebtedness) due prior to the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the later of the Maturity Date then in effect or the latest maturity date of any of the Senior Note Indebtedness then outstanding, or

(z) is unsecured, such Indebtedness shall not have any scheduled principal prepayments (except scheduled amortization permitted by clause (4) to the first proviso above) or be subject to any mandatory redemption or prepayment provisions (except for customary change of control provisions and customary asset sale provisions that permit application of the applicable proceeds to the payment of the Obligations and any Senior Note Indebtedness or other secured Incremental Equivalent Debt prior to application to such Indebtedness) due prior to the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the later of

the Maturity Date then in effect or the latest maturity date of any of the Senior Note Indebtedness then outstanding;

(l) Permitted IRB Financings, and Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(m) Indebtedness incurred by a Loan Party to acquire a new or replacement aircraft for its own use or another Loan Party's use, so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed \$15,000,000;

(n) Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person became a Subsidiary or assets were acquired from such Person in connection with an Investment permitted pursuant to Section 8.6; provided that (i) such Indebtedness was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary or the acquisition of such assets, (ii) neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary thereof (other than such Person or any other Person that such Person merges with or that acquires the assets of such Person) shall have any liability or other obligation with respect to such Indebtedness, and (iii) the Borrower shall be in compliance with Section 8.1 after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis as of the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period, and any Permitted Refinancing thereof;

(o) unsecured Indebtedness of a Loan Party and any Permitted Refinancing in respect thereof; provided, that in the case of each incurrence of such Indebtedness:

(i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness;

(ii) after giving effect to the issuance of such Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof on a Pro Forma Basis as of the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period, the Borrower shall be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 8.1;

(iii) such Indebtedness does not mature, or require any scheduled principal amortization, mandatory prepayment or redemption, put right or sinking fund obligation prior to the date that is 91 days after the later of (A) the then latest scheduled maturity date of the Loans and Commitments at the time such Indebtedness is incurred and (B) the date that is five years after the Closing Date; provided that (x) any Indebtedness consisting of a customary bridge facility shall be deemed to satisfy this requirement so long as such Indebtedness automatically converts into long-term debt which satisfies this clause (iii), (y) customary prepayment, redemption, repurchase or defeasance obligations in connection with a change of control, asset sale or the exercise of remedies after an event of default (in each case as determined by the Borrower in good faith) shall not disqualify such Indebtedness from satisfying the requirements of this clause (iii), and (z) for purposes of determining whether Permitted Convertible Indebtedness meets the foregoing requirements, neither any settlement upon conversion of such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (whether in cash, stock or other property) nor any required redemption or repurchase thereof upon a "fundamental change" (as customarily defined for such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness) shall disqualify such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness from satisfying such requirements notwithstanding a possible occurrence prior to the then latest scheduled maturity date of the Loans and Commitments;

(iv) the terms of such Indebtedness reflect market terms (taken as a whole) at the time of issuance and (other than pricing, fees, rate floors, premiums and optional prepayment or redemption provisions), taken as a whole, are not materially more restrictive (as determined by Borrower in good faith) on the Borrower and its Subsidiaries than the terms and conditions of this Agreement, taken as a whole; and

(v) such Indebtedness shall not be guaranteed by any Person other than a Loan Party hereunder;

(p) other Indebtedness so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed \$15,000,000; provided, that if such Indebtedness is secured, it shall be secured by Liens on Collateral (and no other assets or property) ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations and shall be subject to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (including a customary intercreditor agreement reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent);

(q) Acquired Luxco Debt (other than Indebtedness described in clause (a) of the definition thereof);

(r) Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries (including the Acquired Luxco Debt described in clause (a) of the definition thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$37,500,000 at any time outstanding (including the Dollar equivalent in the case of Indebtedness that is not denominated in Dollars); and

(s) the 2021 Convertible Notes in an aggregate principal amount up to \$201,250,000, together with any Permitted Refinancings thereof.

SECTION 8.3 Liens. Mortgage, pledge, grant or permit to exist a security interest in, or other Lien upon, all or any portion of the Borrower's or any Subsidiary's assets now owned or hereafter acquired, except:

(a) any Lien in favor of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Security Documents;

(b) any Lien that is existing on the Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 8.3 including any renewals or replacements thereof; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other asset of the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date hereof or any renewals or refinancings thereof which do not increase the principal amount of such obligations;

(c) Permitted Encumbrances;

(d) purchase money Liens upon or in any inventory or any fixed or capital asset (in each case including any proceeds thereof) to secure the purchase price thereof or, in the case of any fixed or capital asset, the cost of construction or improvement of such fixed or capital asset (including Liens securing any Capital Lease Obligations and Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 8.2(m)); provided that (i) such Lien secures Indebtedness permitted by Section 8.2(d) or Section 8.2(m) or, in the case of any Lien on inventory, the purchase price of such inventory and other inventory purchased from such supplier, (ii) such Lien attaches to such asset concurrently or within 90 days after the acquisition, improvement or completion of the construction thereof; (iii) such Lien does not extend to any other asset (except that any Lien securing Indebtedness permitted by Section 8.2(m) may, if the aircraft is leased by one Loan Party to another, extend to the lessor's rights under such lease); and (iv) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving such asset;

(e) to the extent constituting a Lien, any lease of any Permitted Real Estate;

(f) Liens on property securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Section 8.2(i) or 8.2(k) hereof, but only if the priority of such Liens is *pari passu* with or junior to the Lender's Liens on such property pursuant to an intercreditor agreement entered into in accordance with Section 8.2(k) or, if applicable, the Intercreditor Agreement;

(g) Liens securing Permitted IRB Financings, including any Permitted Refinancings thereof, provided that such Liens encumber only the related IRB Property;

(h) other Liens as to which the aggregate amount of the obligations secured thereby does not exceed the greater of (i) \$140,000,000 and (ii) 10% of the consolidated total assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time such Liens are incurred for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or 7.3(b); provided, that, solely to the extent such Liens secure Indebtedness for borrowed money, such Indebtedness shall be secured by a Lien on the Collateral (and no other assets or property) on a junior basis with the Obligations and shall be subject to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative (including a customary intercreditor agreement reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent);

(i) Liens on property (i) of a Person that becomes a Subsidiary existing at the time that such Person becomes a Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition permitted hereunder and (ii) of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Property is purchased or otherwise acquired by the Borrower or such Subsidiary pursuant to a transaction permitted hereunder and, in each case any modification, replacement, renewal and extension thereof; provided that, with respect to each of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), (A) such Liens are not incurred in connection with, or in anticipation of, such Permitted Acquisition, purchase or other acquisition, (B) such Liens do not encumber any property other than property encumbered at the time of such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary and the proceeds and products thereof and are not all asset Liens, (C) such Liens do not attach to any other property of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and (D) such Liens will secure only those obligations which it secures at the time such acquisition or purchase occurs, or any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(j) Acquired Luxco Liens; and

(k) Liens on assets of Foreign Subsidiaries; provided that (i) such Liens do not extend to, or encumber, assets that constitute Collateral, and (ii) such Liens extending to the assets of any Foreign Subsidiary secure only Indebtedness incurred by such Foreign Subsidiary pursuant to Section 8.2(r).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to, mortgage, pledge, grant or permit to exist a security interest in, or other Lien upon, any of its real property now owned or hereafter acquired, except, (v) Permitted Encumbrances, (w) any Lien that is existing on the Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 8.3, (x) to the extent constituting a Lien, any lease of any Permitted Real Estate, (y) any lease of or Lien upon any IRB Property, in each case in connection with any Permitted IRB Financings or Permitted Refinancings thereof, and (z) any Acquired Luxco Liens or any Liens permitted under Section 8.3(i) and (k).

SECTION 8.4 Merger, Consolidation, Etc. Merge into or consolidate with any other Person or enter into any other line of business other than those conducted as of the date hereof or businesses reasonably related thereto or Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or liquidate or dissolve, except that, in each of the foregoing cases, if at the time thereof and immediately after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:

(a) any Subsidiary may merge into the Borrower in a transaction in which the Borrower is the survivor;

(b) any Subsidiary may merge into any other Subsidiary in a transaction in which the survivor is a Subsidiary and is a Loan Party, and any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may merge into any other Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party;

(c) any Loan Party may transfer assets to any other Loan Party, and any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may transfer assets to any Loan Party and to any other Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party;

(d) any Subsidiary may liquidate or dissolve if the Borrower determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Borrower and is not disadvantageous to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender; and

(e) any Subsidiary may merge into any Person or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any other Person in a transaction permitted by Section 8.6 in which the survivor in any such merger or the acquirer of such assets is a wholly-owned Subsidiary and is a Loan Party.

SECTION 8.5 Transfer of Assets. Dispose of any of its assets, business or property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including any Equity Interest owned by it, nor will the Borrower permit any of its Subsidiaries to issue any additional Equity Interest in such Subsidiary other than to a Loan Party, except:

- (a) the Disposition for fair market value of obsolete or worn out equipment or other fixed assets not necessary for operations Disposed of in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) the sale of inventory and Eligible Investments in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) Dispositions solely between or among Loan Parties;
- (d) transfers of assets by any Loan Party to any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party, provided that (i) no Default or Event of Default exists at the time of each such transfer or would occur as a result of such transfer, (ii) such transferred assets do not include any Equity Interests of any Loan Party, and (iii) the aggregate amount transferred to all such Subsidiaries by all Loan Parties does not exceed \$10,000,000 in any fiscal year;
- (e) so long as no Default or Event of Default exists or would occur as a result thereof, the sale, lease or other disposition of Permitted Real Estate;
- (f) to the extent constituting Dispositions, transactions permitted by Sections 8.3, 8.4, 8.6 and 8.7 and the expenditure or other transfer or use of cash or cash equivalents in transactions not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement;
- (g) Dispositions of fixed assets, spare inventory and any other asset related to the Borrower's former distillery located in Atchison, Kansas; provided that the aggregate fair market value of all assets Disposed of in reliance upon this clause (g) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$15,000,000;
- (h) the licensing, on a non-exclusive basis, of patents, trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property in the ordinary course of business or consistent with customary industry practices;
- (i) the abandonment of trademarks and other intellectual property which the Borrower in good faith determines are no longer useful to its or a Subsidiary's business;
- (j) any involuntary loss, damage or destruction of property, including the abandonment or other Disposition of stale, spoiled or otherwise non-conforming inventory;
- (k) any involuntary condemnation, seizure or taking, by exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise, or confiscation or requisition or use of property;
- (l) any sale, lease or other Disposition of any IRB Property in connection with any Permitted IRB Financings;
- (m) Dispositions of non-core assets acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or Investment permitted under this Agreement (including, as necessary to obtain the approval of any applicable antitrust authority) which, within 180 days of the date of the applicable acquisition or Investment are designated in writing to the Administrative Agent as being held for potential sale and not for the continued operation of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses; and

(n) other Dispositions of assets (other than Equity Interests in a Subsidiary that is a Loan Party) that are not permitted by any other clause of this Section; provided that the aggregate fair market value of all assets Disposed of in reliance upon this clause (n) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed the greater of (i) \$105,000,000 and (ii) 7.5% of the consolidated total assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time of each respective Disposition for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or 7.3(b);

provided, further, that all Dispositions permitted by clauses (a), (b), (e), (h), (m) and (n) shall be made for fair market value.

SECTION 8.6 Loans, Advances, Investments. Purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any merger with any Person that was not a wholly-owned Subsidiary prior to such merger), any Equity Interests, evidence of indebtedness or other securities (including any option, warrant, or other right to acquire any of the foregoing) of, make or permit to exist any loans or advances to, Guarantee any obligations of, or make or permit to exist any investment or any other interest in, any other Person (all of the foregoing being collectively called "Investments"), or make any Acquisition, subject to Section 1.12 in the case of a Limited Condition Transaction, except:

- (a) Investments existing on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 8.6;
- (b) Eligible Investments;
- (c) Investments by a Loan Party in another Loan Party;
- (d) Guarantees permitted pursuant by Section 8.2, and any Guarantees by a Loan Party of any obligations otherwise permitted to be incurred by another Loan Party (and without regard to whether the obligations guaranteed constitute Indebtedness);
- (e) accounts receivable arising and trade credit granted in the ordinary course of business and any securities received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof in connection with accounts of financially troubled Persons to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
- (f) loans and advances to employees who are not holders of Equity Interests of the Borrower in the ordinary course of business for travel, relocation and similar expenses so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such loans and advances does not at any time exceed \$1,500,000;
- (g) Hedge Agreements otherwise permitted hereunder;
- (h) Permitted Acquisitions occurring after the Closing Date;
- (i) Investments in joint ventures, corporate collaborations and strategic alliances in the ordinary course of the Borrower's or a Subsidiary's business (including the acquisition of non-controlling Equity Interests in a Person); provided that (i) such Investments do not interfere in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or result in a material diminution in the value of the Collateral as security for the Obligations other than by virtue of any assets invested pursuant to such Investment ceasing to be Collateral, and (ii) the aggregate amount of any Investments made by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with all such joint ventures collaborations and alliances shall not exceed \$75,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding (it being understood that (x) for purposes of determining the amount of any Investment outstanding under this clause (i), such amount shall be deemed to be the amount of such Investment when made purchased or acquired without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment less any amount realized in respect of such Investment upon the sale, collection or return of capital (not to exceed the original amount invested), and (y) if any subsequent Investment in a Person results in the Acquisition by the Borrower or a Subsidiary of a Controlling Equity Interests in such Person in a transaction that constitutes a Permitted Acquisition under clause (h) above, the amount of any prior Investments in such acquired Person pursuant to this clause (i) shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding);

- (j) 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;
- (k) promissory notes and other non-cash consideration received in connection with any sale, transfer or other Disposition permitted hereunder;
- (l) the purchase of Equity Interests of the Borrower for distribution to directors, officers or employees of the Consolidated Group in connection with restricted stock units or similar rights issued to such directors, officers or employees pursuant to employee compensation or similar plans consistent with the plans in effect on the Closing Date;
- (m) Investments consisting of bonds or the like issued pursuant to or in connection with Permitted IRB Financings, including any Permitted Refinancings thereof;
- (n) any other Investments so long as (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom and (ii) the aggregate amount of Investments made under this clause (n) does not exceed the greater of (A) \$140,000,000 and (B) 10% of the consolidated total assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time such Investment is made for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.3(a) or 7.3(b);
- (o) Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Investments; and
- (p) to the extent constituting Investments, any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction and any Permitted Warrant Transaction.

SECTION 8.7 Restricted Payments. Make any Restricted Payment or apply or set apart any of their assets therefor or agree to do any of the foregoing, other than:

- (a) (i) Restricted Payments made by any Subsidiary to the Borrower or any other Loan Party (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a pro rata basis), (ii) any non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to any other non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a ratable basis) and (ii) any non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to any other non-Guarantor Subsidiary (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a ratable basis);
- (b) distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of the Borrower (or any spouses, ex-spouses, or estates of any of the foregoing) on account of redemptions of Equity Interests of the Borrower held by such Persons, provided, that the aggregate amount of such redemptions made by the Borrower does not exceed \$3,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Borrower;
- (c) the Borrower may make distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of the Borrower (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 the Borrower on account of repurchases of the Equity Interests of the Borrower held by such Persons; provided that such Indebtedness was incurred by such Persons solely to acquire Equity Interests of the Borrower;
- (d) so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default exists or will exist after giving effect thereto on the date thereof and on a Pro Forma Basis as if such Restricted Payment occurred on the last day of the most recently ended four-fiscal quarter period of the Borrower and (ii) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio shall not exceed 3.50 to 1.00 on a Pro Form Basis after giving effect to such Restricted Payment and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith, other Restricted Payments made in cash by the Borrower in respect of its Equity Interests;
- (e) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may pay dividends in shares of its own Qualified Equity Interests; and

(f) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make additional Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 during the term of this Agreement.

Any required payment with respect to, or required early unwind or settlement of, any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the agreement governing such Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction shall not constitute a Restricted Payment; provided that, to the extent cash is required to be paid under a Permitted Warrant Transaction as a result of the election of “cash settlement” (or substantially equivalent term) as the “settlement method” (or substantially equivalent term) thereunder by Borrower (or its Affiliate) (including in connection with the exercise and/or early unwind or settlement thereof), the payment of such cash shall constitute a Restricted Payment notwithstanding this paragraph.

SECTION 8.8 Transactions with Affiliates. Dispose of any property or assets to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any property or assets from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates, except:

- (a) in the ordinary course of business at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm’s-length basis from unrelated third parties;
- (b) transactions between or among the Loan Parties not involving any other Affiliates and transactions permitted under Section 8.5(d); and
- (c) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 8.7.

SECTION 8.9 Burdensome Agreements. Enter into or cause, suffer or permit to exist any agreement with any Person that (x) limits the ability of any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments to the Borrower, (y) limits the ability of any Subsidiary to Guarantee the Obligations; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed under any of the Loan Documents or, to the extent no more restrictive than the Loan Documents, any document or agreement pertaining to any Indebtedness permitted by Section 8.2(i), 8.2(k) or 8.2(o), or (z) restricts the ability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur or permit any Lien upon any of its assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired; provided that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed by applicable law, under the Loan Documents or, with respect to IRB Property, pursuant to Permitted IRB Financings, or with respect to property acquired in the Luxco Merger that are subject to Acquired Luxco Liens, pursuant to restrictions imposed by the Acquired Luxco Debt or, to the extent no more restrictive than the Loan Documents, any document or agreement pertaining to any Indebtedness permitted by Section 8.2(i), 8.2(k), 8.2(o), 8.2(q), or 8.2(r) and (ii) this clause (z) shall not apply to:

- (a) restrictions or conditions imposed by any agreement relating to secured Indebtedness permitted by this Agreement if such restrictions and conditions apply only to assets the acquisition of which was financed by such Indebtedness;
- (b) customary restrictions that arise in connection with any Disposition permitted by Section 8.5 and relate solely to the assets or Person subject to such Disposition;
- (c) customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements applicable to joint ventures permitted under Section 8.6 and applicable solely to such joint venture and its equity entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (d) customary provisions restricting subletting, transfer or assignment of any lease;
- (e) customary provisions in commercial contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business restricting the assignment or transfer thereof;

- (f) restrictions on cash or other deposits imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) restrictions regarding licensing or sublicensing by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of intellectual property in the ordinary course of business; and
- (h) restrictions on cash earnest money deposits in favor of sellers in connection with Acquisitions not prohibited hereunder.

SECTION 8.10 Amendment of Certain Agreements. Amend or modify, or waive any of its rights under any of its Organization Documents, in any case in a manner that is material and adverse to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender.

SECTION 8.11 Use of Funds; Anti-Corruption. (a) Use any of the proceeds of any Loan or any Letter of Credit except for the purposes stated in Section 6.17 or (b) request or use any Extension of Credit, and shall ensure that its Subsidiaries and its or their respective directors, officers, employees and agents shall not use, the proceeds of any Extension of Credit, directly or indirectly, (i) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (ii) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person, or in any Sanctioned Country, or (iii) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to any party hereto.

SECTION 8.12 Accounting Changes; Fiscal Year. Make any significant change in accounting treatment or reporting practices, except as required by GAAP, or change the fiscal year of any member of the Consolidated Group, except to change the fiscal year of a Subsidiary to conform its fiscal year to that of the Borrower.

SECTION 8.13 Sale-Leasebacks. Enter into any arrangement, directly or indirectly, whereby it shall sell or transfer any property, real or personal, used or useful in its business, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired, and thereafter rent or lease such property or other property that it intends to use for substantially the same purpose or purposes as the property sold or transferred in each case excluding any sale-leaseback of Permitted Real Estate or property subject to a Disposition pursuant to Sections 8.5(l) or (n).

SECTION 8.14 Restrictions Pertaining to Certain Debt. (a) Amend or modify any loan agreement, note purchase agreement or other material document governing any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 8.2(k) that is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations or is secured on a junior lien basis to the Liens securing the Obligations (collectively, “Junior Financing”) in any manner that is adverse to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender, or (b) prepay, redeem, purchase, defease or otherwise satisfy any Junior Financing prior to the scheduled maturity thereof in any manner except (i) the refinancing thereof with any Indebtedness that constitutes a Permitted Refinancing or is permitted pursuant to Section 8.2(k), and (ii) regularly scheduled payments of interest and other amounts (other than principal) to the extent permitted by the applicable intercreditor or subordination agreement entered into in connection with such Junior Financing.

SECTION 8.15 Limitations Regarding Outbound Investment Rules. (a) Be or become a “covered foreign person”, as that term is defined in the Outbound Investment Rules, or (b) engage, directly or indirectly, in (i) a “covered activity” or a “covered transaction”, as each such term is defined in the Outbound Investment Rules, (ii) any activity or transaction that would constitute a “covered activity” or a “covered transaction”, as each such term is defined in the Outbound Investment Rules, if the Borrower were a United States Person or (iii) any other activity that would cause the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to be in violation of the Outbound Investment Rules or cause the Administrative Agent or the Lenders to be legally prohibited by the Outbound Investment Rules from performing under this Agreement.

ARTICLE IX
DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

SECTION 9.1 Events of Default. Each of the following shall constitute an event of default (each, an “Event of Default”):

- (a) The Borrower or any Guarantor shall fail to pay (i) any principal when due (whether at maturity, by reason of acceleration or otherwise), or (ii) any interest, fees or other amounts when due and such failure shall continue for a period of three (3) Business Days.
- (b) (i) The Borrower shall fail to observe or perform any covenant or agreement contained in Section 7.3, 7.4(a) (with respect to any Loan Party’s existence), 7.8(a), 7.9, 7.13, 7.14 or Article VIII (other than Section 8.9(y) and 8.9(z)), or (ii) any event shall occur that constitutes an “Event of Default” set forth in any other Loan Document.
- (c) Any default in the performance of or compliance with any obligation, agreement or other provision contained herein or in any other Loan Document (other than those referred to in clauses (a) and (b) above) and such default shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days from the earlier to occur of (i) the date the Borrower or any Guarantor obtains knowledge of such default and (ii) the date written notice of such default is provided by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower.
- (d) Any financial statement or certificate furnished to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with, or any representation or warranty made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries under this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall prove to be incorrect, false or misleading in any material respect (without duplication of any materiality qualifiers contained therein) when furnished or made.
- (e) (i) The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (whether as primary obligor or as guarantor or other surety) shall fail to pay any principal of or premium or interest on (A) the Senior Note Indebtedness, (B) any Indebtedness (other than the Loans or any Reimbursement Obligation), or (C) obligations in respect of one or more Hedge Agreements of any one or more of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case of clauses (B) and (C), in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$25,000,000 (clauses (A) through (C) collectively, whether singly or in the aggregate, “Material Indebtedness”) that is outstanding, when and as the same shall become due and payable (whether at scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand or otherwise), and such failure shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in the agreement or instrument evidencing such Material Indebtedness; or (ii) any other event shall occur or condition shall exist under any agreement or instrument relating to such Material Indebtedness and shall continue after the applicable grace period, if any, specified in such agreement or instrument, if the effect of such event or condition is to accelerate, or permit the acceleration of, the maturity of such Material Indebtedness; or (iii) any such Material Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid or redeemed (other than by a regularly scheduled required payment or redemption), purchased or defeased, or any offer to prepay, redeem, purchase or defease such Material Indebtedness shall be required to be made, in each case prior to the stated maturity thereof (other than (x) any event, including the passage of time, that permits the holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes or any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness to convert or exchange such Indebtedness into common stock of the Borrower (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Borrower), cash or a combination thereof (including any such conversion or exchange right in the nature of a put or similar option in favor of such holders of the 2021 Convertible Notes or any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness, the exercise of which requires the Borrower to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or to repay such Indebtedness), except for any event resulting from the Borrower’s failure to pay, perform or observe its obligations under the 2021 Convertible Notes or such other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness, (y) the conversion or exchange of any such Indebtedness into common stock of the Borrower (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Borrower), cash or a combination thereof, except for any event resulting from the Borrower’s failure to pay, perform or observe its obligations under the 2021 Convertible Notes or such other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness, or (z) the occurrence of an early

termination or cancellation and payment under any Permitted Bond Hedge Transactions or any Permitted Warrant Transaction).

(f) Any judgment or order for the payment of money in excess of \$15,000,000 in the aggregate (net of independent third-party insurance as to which the insurance carrier does not dispute the coverage of such payment) shall be rendered against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, and either (i) enforcement proceedings shall have been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order or (ii) there shall be a period of thirty (30) consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment or order (if not otherwise satisfied or discharged before the end of such period), by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, shall not be in effect.

(g) The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) commence a voluntary case or other proceeding or file any petition seeking liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any Debtor Relief Law or seeking the appointment of a custodian, trustee, receiver, liquidator or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, (ii) consent to the institution of, or fail to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any proceeding or petition described in clause (i) of this Section, (iii) apply for or consent to the appointment of a custodian, trustee, receiver, liquidator or other similar official for any such Person or for a substantial part of its assets, (iv) file an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or (vi) take any action for the purpose of effecting any of the foregoing.

(h) An involuntary proceeding shall be commenced or an involuntary petition shall be filed seeking (i) liquidation, reorganization or other relief in respect of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any such Person's debts, or any substantial part of any such Person's assets, under any Debtor Relief Law or (ii) the appointment of a custodian, trustee, receiver, liquidator or other similar official for the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or for a substantial part of any such Person's assets, and in any such case, such proceeding or petition shall remain undismissed for a period of sixty (60) days or an order or decree approving or ordering any of the foregoing shall be entered.

(i) The Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall become unable to pay, shall admit in writing its inability to pay, or shall fail to pay, its debts generally as they become due.

(j) Any Change of Control shall occur or exist.

(k) Any material provision of any Loan Document shall for any reason cease to be valid and binding on, or enforceable against, the Borrower or any Guarantor, or the Borrower or any Guarantor shall so state in writing, or seek to terminate its obligations thereunder.

(l) Any Lien purported to be created under any Security Document shall cease to be, or shall be asserted by the Borrower or any Guarantor, not to be, a valid and perfected Lien on any Collateral, with the priority required by the applicable Security Document, except as a result of (i) the sale or other disposition of the applicable Collateral or the Loan Party that owns such Collateral, in each case, in a transaction permitted under the Loan Documents, (ii) pursuant to Section 10.9 or (iii) the Collateral Agent no longer maintaining possession of any stock certificates, promissory notes or other instruments delivered to it under the Pledge Agreement or Security Agreement as a result of an act or omission of the Collateral Agent taken in contravention of the Pledge Agreement or Security Agreement.

(m) (i) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries under Title IV of ERISA in an aggregate amount in excess of \$15,000,000, or (ii) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Plan or Multiemployer Plan in an aggregate amount in excess of \$15,000,000.

SECTION 9.2 Remedies. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, with the consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall:

(a) Acceleration; Termination of Commitments. Terminate the Aggregate Commitments and declare the principal of and interest on the Loans and the Reimbursement Obligations at the time outstanding, and all other amounts owed to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and to the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents (including, without limitation, all L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented or shall be entitled to present the documents required thereunder) and all other Obligations under the Loan Documents, to be forthwith due and payable, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are expressly waived by the Borrower, anything in this Agreement or the other Loan Documents to the contrary notwithstanding, and terminate any right of the Borrower to request borrowings or Letters of Credit hereunder; provided that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 9.1(g), (h) or (i), the Aggregate Commitments and any right of the Borrower to request borrowings or Letters of Credit hereunder shall be automatically terminated and all Obligations under the Loan Documents shall automatically become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are expressly waived by the Borrower, anything in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document to the contrary notwithstanding.

(b) Letters of Credit. With respect to all Letters of Credit with respect to which presentment for honor shall not have occurred at the time of an acceleration pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the Borrower shall at such time deposit in a Cash Collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent an amount equal to the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of such Letters of Credit. Amounts held in such Cash Collateral account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to the payment of drafts drawn under such Letters of Credit, and the unused portion thereof after all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, if any, shall be applied to repay the other Secured Obligations on a pro rata basis. After all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, the Reimbursement Obligation shall have been satisfied and all other Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full, the balance, if any, in such Cash Collateral account shall be returned to the Borrower.

(c) General Remedies. Exercise on behalf of the Secured Parties all of its other rights and remedies under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and Applicable Law, in order to satisfy all of the Secured Obligations.

SECTION 9.3 Rights and Remedies Cumulative; Non-Waiver; etc.

(a) The enumeration of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Lenders set forth in this Agreement is not intended to be exhaustive and the exercise by the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Lenders of any right or remedy shall not preclude the exercise of any other rights or remedies, all of which shall be cumulative, and shall be in addition to any other right or remedy given hereunder or under the other Loan Documents or that may now or hereafter exist at law or in equity or by suit or otherwise. No delay or failure to take action on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender or any Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege or shall be construed to be a waiver of any Event of Default. No course of dealing between the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender and the Lenders or their respective agents or employees shall be effective to change, modify or discharge any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or to constitute a waiver of any Event of Default.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the authority to enforce rights and remedies hereunder and under the other Loan Documents against the Loan Parties or any of them shall be vested exclusively in, and all actions and proceedings at law in connection with such enforcement shall be instituted and maintained exclusively by, the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.2 for the benefit of the Secured Parties; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit (i) the Administrative Agent from exercising on its own behalf the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Administrative Agent) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (ii) the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender from exercising the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Issuing Lender or Swingline

Lender, as the case may be) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (iii) any Lender from exercising setoff rights in accordance with Section 11.4 (subject to the terms of Section 4.6), or (iv) any Lender from filing proofs of claim or appearing and filing pleadings on its own behalf during the pendency of a proceeding relative to any Loan Party under any Debtor Relief Law; and provided, further, that if at any time there is no Person acting as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, then (i) the Required Lenders shall have the rights otherwise ascribed to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 10.2 and (ii) in addition to the matters set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of the preceding proviso and subject to Section 4.6, any Lender may, with the consent of the Required Lenders, enforce any rights and remedies available to it and as authorized by the Required Lenders.

SECTION 9.4 Crediting of Payments and Proceeds. In the event that the Obligations have been accelerated pursuant to Section 9.2 or the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender or any Lender has exercised any remedy set forth in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, all payments received on account of the Secured Obligations and all net proceeds from the enforcement of the Secured Obligations shall be applied:

First, to payment of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts, including attorney fees, payable to the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting fees (other than Commitment Fees and Letter of Credit fees payable to the Lenders), indemnities and other amounts (other than principal and interest) payable to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender under the Loan Documents, including attorney fees, ratably among the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Second payable to them;

Third, to payment of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Commitment Fees, Letter of Credit fees payable to the Lenders and interest on the Loans and Reimbursement Obligations, ratably among the Lenders in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Third payable to them;

Fourth, to payment of that portion of the Secured Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans, Reimbursement Obligations and payment obligations then owing under Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements and to Cash Collateralize any L/C Obligations then outstanding, ratably among the Lenders, the Issuing Lender, the Hedge Banks and the Cash Management Banks in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth payable to them; and

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Secured Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Applicable Law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Secured Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements shall be excluded from the application described above if the Administrative Agent has not received written notice thereof, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be. Each Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank not a party to this Agreement that has given the notice contemplated by the preceding sentence shall, by such notice, be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted the appointment of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of Article X for itself and its Affiliates as if a "Lender" party hereto.

SECTION 9.5 Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Administrative Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Administrative Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Administrative Agent under Sections 3.3, 4.3 and 11.3) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the Issuing Lender to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, in the event that the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Administrative Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Administrative Agent under Sections 3.3, 4.3 and 11.3.

SECTION 9.6 Credit Bidding.

(a) The Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, shall have the right to credit bid and purchase for the benefit of the Secured Parties all or any portion of Collateral at any sale thereof conducted by the Administrative Agent under the provisions of the UCC, including pursuant to Sections 9-610 or 9-620 of the UCC, at any sale thereof conducted under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including Section 363 thereof, or a sale under a plan of reorganization, or at any other sale or foreclosure conducted by the Administrative Agent (whether by judicial action or otherwise) in accordance with Applicable Law. Such credit bid or purchase may be completed through one or more acquisition vehicles formed by the Administrative Agent to make such credit bid or purchase and, in connection therewith, the Administrative Agent is authorized, on behalf of itself and the other Secured Parties, to adopt documents providing for the governance of the acquisition vehicle or vehicles, and assign the applicable Secured Obligations to any such acquisition vehicle in exchange for equity interests and/or debt issued by the applicable acquisition vehicle (which shall be deemed to be held for the ratable account of the applicable Secured Parties on the basis of the Secured Obligations so assigned by each Secured Party); provided that any actions by the Administrative Agent with respect to such acquisition vehicle or vehicles, including any disposition of the assets or Equity Interests thereof, shall be governed, directly or indirectly, by the vote of the Required Lenders, irrespective of the termination of this Agreement and without giving effect to the limitations on actions by the Required Lenders contained in Section 11.2.

(b) Each of the Lenders (on behalf of itself and any of its Affiliates that is a Secured Party) and the Issuing Lender hereby agrees that, except as otherwise provided in any Loan Documents or with the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, it will not take any enforcement action, accelerate obligations under any Loan Documents, or exercise any right that it might otherwise have under Applicable Law to credit bid at foreclosure sales, UCC sales or other similar dispositions of Collateral.

ARTICLE X
THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

SECTION 10.1 Appointment and Authority.

(a) Each of the Lenders (including in its capacity as a potential Hedge Bank or Cash Management Bank) and the Issuing Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints Wells Fargo to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto (including entering into, on behalf of the Secured Parties, one or more intercreditor and/or subordination agreements with respect to any Junior Financing permitted hereunder). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Secured Party acknowledges that it has received a copy of the Intercreditor Agreement, consents to and authorizes the Administrative Agent's execution and delivery thereof on behalf of such Secured Party and agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof. Each Secured Party further consents to and authorizes the Administrative Agent's execution and delivery of any amendments thereto or additional intercreditor or subordination agreements from time to time as contemplated by the terms hereof on behalf of such Secured Party and agrees to be bound by the terms and provisions thereof. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, and neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any Applicable Law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Lenders (including in its capacity as a potential Hedge Bank or Cash Management Bank) and the Issuing Lender hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to act as the agent of such Lender and the Issuing Lender for purposes of acquiring, holding and enforcing any and all Liens on Collateral granted by any of the Loan Parties to secure any of the Secured Obligations, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto (including, without limitation, to enter into additional Loan Documents or supplements to existing Loan Documents on behalf of the Secured Parties). In this connection, the Administrative Agent, as "collateral agent" and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Article X for purposes of holding or enforcing any Lien on the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Security Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of the Administrative Agent, shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this Articles X and XI (including Section 11.3, as though such co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents) as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.

(c) The provisions of this Article and each party's rights and obligations hereunder shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of rights or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations (or any portion thereof) under any Loan Document.

SECTION 10.2 Rights as a Lender. The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust, financial advisory, underwriting, capital markets or other business with the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders or to provide notice to or consent of the Lenders with respect thereto.

SECTION 10.3 Exculpatory Provisions.

(a) The Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Related Parties shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder and thereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Related Parties:

(i) shall not be subject to any agency, trust, fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(ii) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or Applicable Law, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and

(iii) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents with respect to notices, reports and other documents required to be furnished by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates that is communicated to, obtained by or otherwise in the possession of the Person serving as the Administrative Agent, an Arranger or any of their respective Related Parties in any capacity.

(b) The Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Related Parties shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Section 11.2 and Section 9.2) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final non-appealable judgment. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until notice describing such Default or Event of Default and indicating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, a Lender or the Issuing Lender.

(c) The Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their respective Related Parties shall not be responsible for or have any duty or obligations to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article V or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 10.4 Reliance by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of a Letter of Credit,

that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the Issuing Lender, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the Issuing Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the Issuing Lender prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts. Each Lender that has signed this Agreement or a signature page to an Assignment and Assumption or any other Loan Document pursuant to which it is to become a Lender hereunder shall be deemed to have consented to, approved and accepted and shall be deemed satisfied with each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to, approved or accepted by such Lender or that is to be acceptable or satisfactory to such Lender.

SECTION 10.5 Delegation of Duties. The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and non-appealable judgment that the Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

SECTION 10.6 Resignation of Administrative Agent.

(a) The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders and the Issuing Lender, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above. Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.

(b) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date, (i) the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the Issuing Lender under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent is appointed) and (ii) except for any indemnity payments owed to the retiring Administrative Agent, all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the Issuing Lender directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent (other than any rights to indemnity payments owed to the retiring Administrative Agent), and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 11.3 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any

actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

(c) Any resignation by Wells Fargo as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as Issuing Lender and Swingline Lender. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Issuing Lender and Swingline Lender, (ii) the retiring Issuing Lender and Swingline Lender shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the successor Issuing Lender shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangement satisfactory to the retiring Issuing Lender to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Issuing Lender with respect to such Letters of Credit.

SECTION 10.7 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender expressly acknowledges that none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or any of their respective Related Parties has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act taken or failure to act by the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or any of their respective Related Parties, including any consent to, and acceptance of any assignment or review of the affairs of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or Affiliates shall be deemed to constitute a representation or warranty of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or any of their respective Related Parties to any Lender, the Issuing Lender or any other Secured Party as to any matter, including whether the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or any of their respective Related Parties have disclosed material information in their (or their respective Related Parties') possession. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender expressly acknowledges, represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers that (a) the Loan Documents set forth the terms of a commercial lending facility, (b) it is engaged in making, acquiring, purchasing or holding commercial loans in the ordinary course and is entering into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party as a Lender for the purpose of making, acquiring, purchasing and/or holding the commercial loans set forth herein as may be applicable to it, and not for the purpose of investing in the general performance or operations of any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or for the purpose of making, acquiring, purchasing or holding any other type of financial instrument such as a security (and agrees not to assert a claim in contravention of the foregoing such as a claim under the federal or state securities laws), (c) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to make, acquire, purchase or hold the commercial loans applicable to it and to provide the other facilities applicable to it as set forth herein and either it or the Person exercising discretion in making its decisions to make, acquire, purchase or hold such commercial loans or to provide such other facilities is, in each case, experienced in making, acquiring, purchasing or holding commercial loans or providing such other facilities, (d) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, any other Lender or any of their respective Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and appraisal of, and investigations into, the business, prospects, operations, property, assets, liabilities, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, all applicable bank or other regulatory Applicable Laws relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (e) it has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party and to extend credit hereunder and thereunder and (f) it has all licenses, permits and approvals necessary for use of the reference rates referred to herein that are applicable to the Loans and other extensions of credit required to be made by it hereunder and it will take all actions necessary to comply, preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect any such licenses, permits and approvals. Each Lender and the Issuing Lender also acknowledges that (i) it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or any other Lender or any of their respective Related Parties (A) continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate and its own independent investigations and (B) continue to make such investigations and inquiries as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and (ii) it will not assert any claim in contravention of this Section 10.7. Each party (including in the case of each Lender, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates that are Secured Parties) acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, from time to time provide payment schedules, payoff statements, payoff

letters, interest statements or bills and other similar documentation indicating amounts owed hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and agrees that in the event of the conflict between any such documentation and this Agreement, this Agreement shall control. In the event the Administrative Agent notifies any party hereto at any time (including after the receipt of amounts indicated to be due and payable under the Loan Documents pursuant to such payment schedules, payoff statements, payoff letters, interest statements or bills and other similar documentation) that an amount owed by such party under the Loan Documents was mistakenly excluded from the amount indicated in any payment schedules, payoff statements, payoff letters, interest statements or bills and other similar documentation, then such party agrees to promptly pay such excluded amount after the Administrative Agent provides such party with documentation that evidences such excluded amount is due and payable hereunder; provided that nothing in this sentence shall be deemed to impair any releases of Liens pursuant to Section 10.9 or any termination of Commitments, in each case, that has occurred, or is contemplated to occur, upon the receipt by the Administrative Agent of the amounts indicated to be due in respect of the Obligations in the applicable payment schedules, payoff statements, payoff letters, interest statements or bills and other similar documentation.

SECTION 10.8 No Other Duties, etc. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the syndication agents, documentation agents, co-agents, bookrunners, lead managers, arrangers, lead arrangers or co-arrangers listed on the cover page or signature pages hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the Issuing Lender hereunder, but each such Person shall have the benefit of the indemnities and exculpatory provisions hereof.

SECTION 10.9 Collateral and Guaranty Matters.

(a) Each of the Lenders (including in its or on behalf of any of its Affiliates in its capacity as a potential Hedge Bank or Cash Management Bank) irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, at its option and in its discretion:

(i) to release any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, under any Loan Document (A) upon the termination of the Aggregate Commitments and payment in full of all Secured Obligations (other than (1) contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due and (2) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Issuing Lender shall have been made), (B) that is Disposed of or to be Disposed of as part of or in connection with any Disposition permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or (C) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing in accordance with Section 11.2;

(ii) to subordinate any Lien on any Collateral granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien permitted by Section 8.3(d); and

(iii) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under any Loan Documents if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary pursuant to clause (a) or clause (e) of such definition, in each case, as a result of a transaction permitted under the Loan Documents.

Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's or Collateral Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty Agreement pursuant to this Section 10.9. In each case as specified in this Section 10.9, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, will, at the Borrower's expense, execute and deliver to the applicable Loan Party such documents as such Loan Party may reasonably request to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the assignment and security interest granted under the Security Documents or to

subordinate its interest in such item, or to release such Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty Agreement, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents and this Section 10.9. In the case of any such sale, transfer or disposal of any property constituting Collateral in a transaction constituting an asset disposition permitted pursuant to this Agreement, the Liens created by any of the Security Documents on such property shall be automatically released without need for further action by any person.

(b) The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have a duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral, the existence, priority or perfection of the Collateral Agent's Lien thereon, or any certificate prepared by any Loan Party in connection therewith, nor shall the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent be responsible or liable to any Lender or the Issuing Lender for any failure to monitor or maintain any portion of the Collateral.

SECTION 10.10 Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements. No Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank that obtains the benefits of Section 9.4 or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of any Guaranty Agreement or any Security Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements.

SECTION 10.11 Erroneous Payments.

(a) Each Lender and the Issuing Lender hereby severally agrees that if (i) the Administrative Agent notifies (which such notice shall be conclusive absent manifest error) such Lender or Issuing Lender that the Administrative Agent has determined in its sole discretion that any funds received by such Lender or Issuing Lender from the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates were erroneously transmitted to, or otherwise erroneously or mistakenly received by, such Lender or Issuing Lender (whether or not known to such Lender or Issuing Lender) or (ii) it receives any payment from the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) (x) that is in a different amount than, or on a different date from, that specified in a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such payment, (y) that was not preceded or accompanied by a notice of payment sent by the Administrative Agent (or any of its Affiliates) with respect to such payment or (z) that such Lender or Issuing Lender otherwise becomes aware was transmitted, or received, in error or by mistake (in whole or in part) then, in each case an error in payment has been made (any such amounts specified in clauses (i) or (ii) of this Section 10.11(a), whether received as a payment, prepayment or repayment of principal, interest, fees or otherwise; individually and collectively, an "Erroneous Payment") and the Lender or Issuing Lender, as the case may be, is deemed to have knowledge of such error at the time of its receipt of such Erroneous Payment and to the extent permitted by applicable law, such Lender or Issuing Lender shall not assert any right or claim to the Erroneous Payment, and hereby waives, any claim, counterclaim, defense or right of set-off or recoupment with respect to any demand, claim or counterclaim by the Administrative Agent for the return of any Erroneous Payments received, including without limitation waiver of any defense based on "discharge for value" or any similar doctrine.

(b) Without limiting the immediately preceding clause (a), each Lender and the Issuing Lender agrees that, in the case of clause (a)(ii) above, it shall promptly (and, in all events, within one Business Day of its knowledge (or deemed knowledge) of such error) notify the Administrative Agent in writing of such occurrence and, in the case of either clause (a)(i) or (a)(ii) above upon demand from the Administrative Agent, it shall promptly, but in all events no later than one Business Day thereafter, return to the Administrative Agent the amount of any such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) as to which such a demand was made in same day funds (in the currency so received), together with interest thereon in respect of each day from and including the date such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) was received by such Lender or Issuing Lender to the date such amount is repaid to the Administrative

Agent in same day funds at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation from time to time in effect.

(c) The Borrower and each other Loan Party hereby agrees that (x) in the event an Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) is not recovered from any Lender or Issuing Lender that has received such Erroneous Payment (or portion thereof) for any reason, the Administrative Agent shall be subrogated to all the rights of such Lender or Issuing Lender with respect to such amount, (y) an Erroneous Payment shall not pay, prepay, repay, discharge or otherwise satisfy any Obligations owed by the Borrower or any other Loan Party and (z) to the extent that an Erroneous Payment was in any way or at any time credited as payment or satisfaction of any of the Obligations, the Obligations or any part thereof that were so credited, and all rights of the applicable Lender, Issuing Lender, Administrative Agent or other Secured Party, as the case may be, shall be reinstated and continue in full force and effect as if such payment or satisfaction had never been received.

(d) Each party's obligations under this Section 10.11 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any transfer of right or obligations by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments or the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all Obligations (or any portion thereof) under any Loan Document.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 11.1 Notices.

(a) Notices Generally. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in paragraph (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by facsimile as follows:

If to the Borrower:

MGP Ingredients, Inc.
100 Commercial Street
P.O. Box 130
Atchison, Kansas 66002
Attention of: Brandon Gall
Telephone No.: (913) 360-5236
Facsimile No.: (913) 360-5736
E-mail: mgptreasury@mgpingredients.com and mgplegal@mgpingredients.com

With a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Jones Day
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281
Attention: John Noguerras
Facsimile No.: (212) 755-7306
E-mail: jnogueras@jonesday.com

If to Wells Fargo as Administrative Agent:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
MAC D1109-019
1525 West W.T. Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28262
Attention of: Syndication Agency Services
Telephone No.: (704) 590-2706
Facsimile No.: (844) 879-5899

With copies to:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association
1100 Abernathy Road, Suite 1130
MAC G0189-112
Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328
Attention: Ken Washington
Telephone No.: (470) 307-4453
Facsimile No.: (470) 307-4482
E-mail: ken.washington@wellsfargo.com

If to any Lender:

To the address of such Lender set forth on the Register with respect to deliveries of notices and other documentation that may contain material non-public information.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent 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). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in paragraph (b) below, shall be effective as provided in said paragraph (b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, notices, requests and demands related to borrowing requests, Loan repayments or other matters relating to the ordinary course administration of the Loans need not be delivered to any legal counsel noted above.

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the Issuing Lender hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the Issuing Lender pursuant to Article II or III if such Lender or the Issuing Lender, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; provided that, for both clauses (i) and (ii) above, if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such

notice, email or other communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient.

(c) Administrative Agent's Office. The Administrative Agent hereby designates its office located at the address set forth above, or any subsequent office which shall have been specified for such purpose by written notice to the Borrower and Lenders, as the Administrative Agent's Office referred to herein, to which payments due are to be made and at which Loans will be disbursed and Letters of Credit requested.

(d) Change of Address, Etc. Any party hereto may change its address or facsimile number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto.

(e) Platform.

(i) Each Loan Party agrees that the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make the Borrower Materials available to the Issuing Lender and the Lenders by posting the Borrower Materials on the Platform.

(ii) The Platform is provided "as is" and "as available." The Agent Parties (as defined below) do not warrant the accuracy or completeness of the Borrower Materials or the adequacy of the Platform, and expressly disclaim liability for errors or omissions in the Borrower Materials. No warranty of any kind, express, implied or statutory, including, without limitation, any warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, non-infringement of third-party rights or freedom from viruses or other code defects, is made by any Agent Party in connection with the Borrower Materials or the Platform. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to any Loan Party, any Lender or any other Person or entity for losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of any Loan Party's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of communications through the Internet (including, without limitation, the Platform), except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided that in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to any Loan Party, any Lender, the Issuing Lender or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages, losses or expenses (as opposed to actual damages, losses or expenses).

(f) Private Side Designation. Each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the "Private Side Information" or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender's compliance procedures and Applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Applicable Laws, to make reference to Borrower Materials that are not made available through the "Public Side Information" portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities Applicable Laws.

SECTION 11.2 Amendments, Waivers and Consents. Except as set forth below or as specifically provided in any Loan Document (including Section 4.8(c)), any term, covenant, agreement or condition of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents may be amended or waived by the Lenders, and any consent given by the Lenders, if, but only if, such amendment, waiver or consent is in writing signed by the Required Lenders (or by the Administrative Agent with the consent of the Required Lenders) and delivered to the Administrative Agent and, in the case of an amendment, signed by the Borrower or the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be; provided that no amendment, waiver or consent shall:

(a) increase or extend the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to Section 9.2) or increase the amount of Loans of any Lender, in any case, without the written consent of such Lender;

(b) waive, extend or postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment (excluding mandatory prepayments) of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;

(c) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation, or (subject to clauses (iv) and (vi) of the second proviso to this Section) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby; provided that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary (i) to waive or reduce any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest at the rate set forth in Section 4.1(c) during the continuance of an Event of Default or (ii) to amend any financial covenant hereunder (or any defined term used therein), or to waive any Default or Event of Default resulting from the breach of any financial or other covenant hereunder, even if the effect of such amendment or waiver would be to reduce the rate of interest on any Loan or L/C Obligation or to reduce any fee payable hereunder;

(d) change Section 2.5, Section 4.4(a), Section 4.6 or Section 9.4 in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments, the order of application required thereby or pro rata Commitment reduction required thereby, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;

(e) change any provision of this Section or reduce the percentage specified in the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender affected thereby;

(f) consent to the assignment or transfer by any Loan Party of such Loan Party's rights and obligations under any Loan Document to which it is a party (except as permitted pursuant to Section 8.4), in each case, without the written consent of each Lender;

(g) release (i) all of the Guarantors or (ii) Guarantors comprising substantially all of the credit support for the Secured Obligations, in any case, from the Guaranty Agreement (other than as authorized in Section 10.9), without the written consent of each Lender;

(h) release all or substantially all of the Collateral or terminate any Security Document (other than as authorized in Section 10.9 or as otherwise specifically permitted or contemplated in this Agreement or the applicable Security Document as in effect on the Closing Date) without the written consent of each Lender; or

(i) other than as set forth in Section 10.9(a)(ii) with respect to Liens permitted under Section 8.3(d) (with respect to each such Section, as in effect on the Closing Date), (i) subordinate any of the Obligations in right of payment or otherwise adversely affect the priority of payment of any of such Obligations or (ii) subordinate any of the Liens securing the Obligations, in each case without the consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;

provided further, that (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Issuing Lender in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Issuing Lender under this Agreement or any Letter of Credit Application relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it; (ii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Swingline Lender in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Swingline Lender under this Agreement; (iii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; (iv) the Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto; (v) the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall be permitted to amend any provision of the Loan Documents (and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any

other party to any Loan Document) if the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall have jointly identified an obvious error or any error, ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or omission of a technical or immaterial nature in any such provision; and (vi) the Administrative Agent may, without the consent of any Lender, enter into amendments or modifications to this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or to enter into additional Loan Documents in order to implement any Benchmark Replacement or any Conforming Changes or otherwise effectuate the terms of Section 4.8(c) in accordance with the terms of Section 4.8(c). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, each Lender hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent on its behalf, and without further consent, to (x) enter into amendments or modifications to this Agreement (including, without limitation, amendments to this Section 11.2) or any of the other Loan Documents or to enter into additional Loan Documents as the Administrative Agent reasonably deems appropriate in order to effectuate the terms of Section 2.7 (including, without limitation, as applicable, (1) to permit the Incremental Increases to share ratably in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and (2) to include an Incremental Increase, as applicable, in any determination of (i) Required Lenders or (ii) similar required lender terms applicable thereto); provided that no amendment or modification shall result in any increase in the amount of any Lender's Commitment or any increase in any Lender's Commitment Percentage, in each case, without the written consent of such affected Lender, and (y) amend or amend and restate this Agreement and the other Loan Documents if, upon giving effect to such amendment and restatement, such Lender shall no longer be a party to this Agreement (as so amended or amended and restated), the Commitments of such Lender shall have terminated, such Lender shall have no other commitment or other obligation hereunder and shall have been paid in full all principal, interest and other amounts owing to it or accrued for its account under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 11.3 Expenses; Indemnity.

(a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable and documented fees, expenses and charges of (x) one primary counsel for all such Persons taken as a whole and (y) if reasonably necessary, a single local law firm (and, if reasonably necessary, an additional law firm advising with respect to each relevant specialty) acting as counsel for all such Persons taken as a whole in each relevant jurisdiction and with respect to each relevant specialty), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Lender in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender (including the fees, charges and disbursements of (x) one primary counsel to all such Persons taken as a whole, (y) if reasonably necessary, a single additional local counsel for all such Persons taken as a whole in each relevant jurisdiction and a single additional counsel with respect to each relevant specialty, and (z) in the case of an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest, an additional set of law firms, acting as counsel in the manner described in clauses (x) and (y) above, in each relevant jurisdiction or with respect to each relevant specialty for each group of affected Persons that are aligned as to such conflict of interest), in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out of pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the Issuing Lender, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an “Indemnitee”) against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, and shall pay or reimburse any such Indemnitee for, any and all losses, claims (including, without limitation, any Environmental Claims), damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable and documented fees, expenses and charges of (x) one primary counsel to all Indemnitees taken as a whole, (y) if reasonably necessary, a single additional local counsel for all Indemnitees taken as a whole in each relevant jurisdiction and a single additional counsel with respect to each relevant specialty, and (z) in the case of an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest, an additional set of law firms, acting as counsel in the manner described in clauses (x) and (y) above, in each relevant jurisdiction or with respect to each relevant specialty for each group of affected Indemnitees that are aligned as to such conflict of interest), incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any Person (including the Borrower or any Guarantor), other than such Indemnitee and its Related Parties, arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the Issuing Lender to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or Release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any other Loan Party, or any Environmental Claim related in any way to the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any other Loan Party, (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower, any Subsidiary or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, or (v) any claim (including, without limitation, any Environmental Claims), investigation, litigation or other proceeding (whether or not the Administrative Agent or any Lender is a party thereto) and the prosecution and defense thereof, arising out of or in any way connected with the Loans, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (A) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the breach in bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (B) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any Subsidiary against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee’s obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrower or such Subsidiary has obtained a final and non-appealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (C) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from any dispute solely among Indemnitees, other than any claims against the Administrative Agent or its Affiliate in its respective capacity or in fulfilling its role as an administrative agent or arranger or any similar role hereunder or under any other Loan Document, and other than any claims arising out of any act or omission on the part of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates. This Section 11.3(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that the Borrower for any reason fails to indefeasibly pay any amount required under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender’s pro rata share (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought based on each Lender’s Commitment Percentage at such time) of such unpaid amount (including any such unpaid amount in respect of a claim asserted by such Lender); provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), Issuing

Lender or the Swingline Lender in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 4.7.

(d) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. Without limiting the generality of the other provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, Section 11.3, the Borrower agrees, on behalf of itself and each of its respective Subsidiaries and Affiliates that none of the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Arranger, each Lender, the Issuing Lender, nor any Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (such persons, collectively, the "Lender Related Parties") shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract or tort, or otherwise) to you or your affiliates or to your or their respective equity holders or creditors arising out of, related to or in connection with any aspect of the transactions contemplated hereby or under any of the other Loan Documents, except to the extent such liability to you is determined in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Lender Related Party's own gross negligence or willful misconduct or result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any Subsidiary against a Lender Related Party for breach in bad faith of such Lender Related Party's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrower or such Subsidiary has obtained a final and non-appealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, no party hereto shall assert, and each party hereto hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee or any other party hereto, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof; provided that nothing in this sentence shall limit the indemnity and reimbursement obligations of any Loan Party under this Section to the extent that such special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages are included in any claim by a third party with respect to which the applicable Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under this Section. No Indemnitee referred to in clause (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.

(e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable within ten (10) days after demand therefor.

(f) Survival. Each party's obligations under this Section shall survive the termination of the Loan Documents and payment of the obligations thereunder.

SECTION 11.4 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender, the Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender or any of their respective Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or any such Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or such Affiliate different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.4 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition

to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender or their respective Affiliates may have. Each of the Lenders, the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

SECTION 11.5 Governing Law; Jurisdiction, Etc.

(a) Governing Law. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any claim, controversy, dispute or cause of action (whether in contract or tort or otherwise) based upon, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except, as to any other Loan Document, as expressly set forth therein) and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

(b) Submission to Jurisdiction. The Borrower and each other Loan Party irrevocably and unconditionally agrees that it will not commence any action, litigation or proceeding of any kind or description, whether in law or equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, against the Administrative Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender, or any Related Party of the foregoing in any way relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions relating hereto or thereto, in any forum other than the courts of the State of New York sitting in New York County, and of the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York, and any appellate court from any thereof, and each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts and agrees that all claims in respect of any such action, litigation or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State court or, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, in such federal court. Each of the parties hereto agrees that a final judgment in any such action, litigation or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. Nothing in this Agreement or in any other Loan Document shall affect any right that the Administrative Agent, any Lender, any Issuing Lender or the Swingline Lender may otherwise have to bring any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document against the Borrower or any other Loan Party or its properties in the courts of any jurisdiction.

(c) Waiver of Venue. Each of the parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in any court referred to in paragraph (b) of this Section. Each of the parties hereto hereby irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding in any such court.

(d) Service of Process. Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 11.1. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party hereto to serve process in any other manner permitted by Applicable Law.

SECTION 11.6 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

SECTION 11.7 Reversal of Payments. To the extent any Loan Party makes a payment or payments to the Administrative Agent for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties or the Administrative

Agent receives any payment or proceeds of the Collateral which payments or proceeds or any part thereof are subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside and/or required to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party under any Debtor Relief Law, other Applicable Law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or proceeds repaid, the Obligations or part thereof intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment or proceeds had not been received by the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 11.8 Injunctive Relief. The Borrower recognizes that, in the event the Borrower fails to perform, observe or discharge any of its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement, any remedy of law may prove to be inadequate relief to the Lenders. Therefore, the Borrower agrees that the Lenders, at the Lenders' option, shall be entitled to temporary and permanent injunctive relief in any such case without the necessity of proving actual damages.

SECTION 11.9 Successors and Assigns; Participations.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of this Section or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of paragraph (e) of this Section (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in paragraph (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) Assignments by Lenders. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it); provided that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Minimum Amounts.

(A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and/or the Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds that equal at least the amount specified in paragraph (b)(i)(B) of this Section in the aggregate or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and

(B) in any case not described in paragraph (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date) shall not be less than \$5,000,000, unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed);

(ii) Proportionate Amounts. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loan or the Commitment assigned;

(iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by paragraph (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:

(A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (x) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (y) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof;

(B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; and

(C) the consents of the Issuing Lender and the Swingline Lender (such consents not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment.

(iv) Assignment and Assumption. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500 for each assignment; provided that (A) only one such fee will be payable in connection with simultaneous assignments to two or more related Approved Funds by a Lender and (B) the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

(v) No Assignment to Certain Persons. No such assignment shall be made to (A) the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Subsidiaries or Affiliates or (B) to any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this clause (B).

(vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural Person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person).

(vii) Certain Additional Payments. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or sub-participations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested, but not funded by, the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (A) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and each other Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (B) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans in accordance with its Commitment Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under Applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such

Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11 and 11.3 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; provided that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this paragraph shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Section (other than a purported assignment to a natural Person or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates, which shall be null and void).

(c) Register. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at one of its offices in Charlotte, North Carolina, a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amounts of (and stated interest on) the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender (but only to the extent of entries in the Register that are applicable to such Lender), at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person, or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person, or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 11.3(c) with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver or modification described in the first proviso to Section 11.2 that affects such Participant. The Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 4.9, 4.10 and 4.11 (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under Section 4.11(g) (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 4.11(g) shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Section 4.12 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section; and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 4.10 or 4.11, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and

expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 4.12(b) with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 11.4 as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 4.6 as though it were a Lender.

Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts of (and stated interest on) each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(e) Certain Pledges. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including without limitation any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

SECTION 11.10 Treatment of Certain Information: Confidentiality. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Issuing Lender agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates respective Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent required or requested by, or required to be disclosed to, any rating agency, or regulatory or similar authority purporting to have jurisdiction over such Person or its Related Parties (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by Applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies under this Agreement, under any other Loan Document or under any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement, or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement, or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder; (g) on a confidential basis to the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the issuance and monitoring of CUSIP numbers with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility; (h) with the consent of the Borrower, (i) to Gold Sheets and other similar bank trade publications and bank market data collectors, such information to consist of deal terms and other information customarily found in such publications, (j) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (ii) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the Issuing Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or (k) to governmental regulatory authorities in connection with any regulatory examination of the Administrative Agent or any Lender or in accordance with the Administrative Agent's or any Lender's regulatory compliance policy if the Administrative Agent or such Lender deems necessary for the mitigation of claims by those authorities against the Administrative Agent or such Lender or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from

any member of the Consolidated Group relating to such Person or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Issuing Lender on a non-confidential basis prior to disclosure by any member of the Consolidated Group; provided that, in the case of information received from any member of the Consolidated Group after the date hereof, such information (other than information delivered pursuant to Section 7.2(c) or (d)) is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein prohibits any individual from communicating or disclosing information regarding suspected violations of laws, rules, or regulations to a governmental, regulatory, or self-regulatory authority without any notification to any Person.

SECTION 11.11 Performance of Duties. Each of the Loan Party's obligations under this Agreement and each of the other Loan Documents shall be performed by such Loan Party at its sole cost and expense.

SECTION 11.12 All Powers Coupled with Interest. All powers of attorney and other authorizations granted to the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and any Persons designated by the Administrative Agent or any Lender pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents shall be deemed coupled with an interest and shall be irrevocable so long as any of the Obligations remain unpaid or unsatisfied, any of the Commitments remain in effect or the credit facility established hereunder has not been terminated.

SECTION 11.13 Survival.

(a) All representations and warranties set forth in Article VI and all representations and warranties contained in any certificate or in any of the Loan Documents (including, but not limited to, any such representation or warranty made in or in connection with any amendment thereto) shall constitute representations and warranties made under this Agreement. All representations and warranties made under this Agreement shall be made or deemed to be made at and as of the Closing Date (except those that are expressly made as of a specific date), shall survive the Closing Date and shall not be waived by the execution and delivery of this Agreement, any investigation made by or on behalf of the Lenders or any borrowing hereunder.

(b) Notwithstanding any termination of this Agreement, the indemnities to which the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Indemnitees are entitled under the provisions of this Article XI and any other provision of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall continue in full force and effect and shall protect the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Indemnitees against events arising after such termination as well as before.

SECTION 11.14 Titles and Captions. Titles and captions of Articles, Sections and subsections in, and the table of contents of, this Agreement are for convenience only, and neither limit nor amplify the provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 11.15 Severability of Provisions. Any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions hereof or thereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction. In the event that any provision is held to be so prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such provision to preserve the original intent thereof in such jurisdiction (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders).

SECTION 11.16 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness; Electronic Execution.

(a) Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an

original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Lender, the Swingline Lender and/or the Arrangers constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 5.1, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or in electronic (i.e., "pdf" or "tif") format shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

(b) Electronic Execution. The words "execute," "execution," "signed," "signature," "delivery" and words of like import in or related to this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any document, amendment, approval, consent, waiver, modification, information, notice, certificate, report, statement, disclosure, or authorization to be signed or delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures or execution in the form of an Electronic Record, and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Administrative Agent, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any Applicable Law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Each party hereto agrees that any Electronic Signature or execution in the form of an Electronic Record shall be valid and binding on itself and each of the other parties hereto to the same extent as a manual, original signature. For the avoidance of doubt, the authorization under this paragraph may include, without limitation, use or acceptance by the parties of a manually signed paper which has been converted into electronic form (such as scanned into PDF format), or an electronically signed paper converted into another format, for transmission, delivery and/or retention. The Administrative Agent and each of the Loan Parties may, at its option, create one or more copies of any Communication in the form of an imaged Electronic Record, which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document. All Communications in the form of an Electronic Record, including one or more copies of any Communication in the form of an imaged Electronic Record, shall be considered an original for all purposes, and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent is under no obligation to accept an Electronic Signature in any form or in any format unless expressly agreed to by the Administrative Agent pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided that without limiting the foregoing, (a) to the extent the Administrative Agent has agreed to accept such Electronic Signature from any party hereto, the Administrative Agent and the other parties hereto shall be entitled to rely on any such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of the executing party without further verification and (b) upon the request of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by an original manually executed counterpart thereof. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby (i) agrees that, for all purposes, including without limitation, in connection with any workout, restructuring, enforcement of remedies, bankruptcy proceedings or litigation among the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and any of the Loan Parties, electronic images of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (in each case, including with respect to any signature pages thereto) shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as any paper original, and (ii) waives (A) any argument, defense or right to contest the validity or enforceability of the Loan Documents based solely on the lack of paper original copies of any Loan Documents, including with respect to any signature pages thereto and (B) any claim against the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any of their Related Parties for liabilities arising solely from the Administrative Agent's, any Lender's or any of their Related Parties' reliance on or use of Electronic Signatures, including any such liabilities arising as a result of the failure of the Loan Parties to use any available security measures in connection with the execution, delivery or transmission of any such Electronic Signature. Each party hereto acknowledges, represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that it has the corporate or other organizational capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement and any other Communication through electronic means as provided for herein and there are no restrictions or other limitations on doing so in such party's organizational documents.

SECTION 11.17 Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall remain in effect from the Closing Date through and including the date upon which all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification or similar obligations not then due) arising hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall have been indefeasibly and irrevocably paid and satisfied in full, all Letters of Credit have expired, been terminated or been Cash Collateralized and the Aggregate Commitments have expired or been terminated. No termination of this Agreement shall affect the rights and obligations of the parties hereto arising prior to such termination or in respect of any provision of this Agreement which survives such termination.

SECTION 11.18 USA PATRIOT Act; Anti-Money Laundering Laws. The Administrative Agent and each Lender subject to the PATRIOT Act hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the PATRIOT Act or any other Anti-Money Laundering Laws, each of them is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of each Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Loan Party in accordance with the PATRIOT Act or such Anti-Money Laundering Laws.

SECTION 11.19 Independent Effect of Covenants. The Borrower expressly acknowledges and agrees that each covenant contained in Articles VII or VIII shall be given independent effect. Accordingly, the Borrower shall not engage in any transaction or other act otherwise permitted under any covenant contained in Articles VII or VIII, before or after giving effect to such transaction or act, the Borrower shall or would be in breach of any other covenant contained in Articles VII or VIII.

SECTION 11.20 Inconsistencies with Other Documents. In the event there is a conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and any other Loan Document, the terms of this Agreement shall control; provided that any provision of the Security Documents or the Guaranty Agreement which imposes additional burdens on any member of the Consolidated Group or further restricts the rights of any member of the Consolidated Group or gives the Administrative Agent or Lenders additional rights shall not be deemed to be in conflict or inconsistent with this Agreement and shall be given full force and effect.

SECTION 11.21 Keepwell. The Borrower hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support to each Guarantor as may be needed by such Guarantor from time to time to honor all of its obligations under the Guaranty Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party in respect of Swap Obligations that would, in absence of the agreement in this Section 11.21, otherwise constitute Excluded Swap Obligations (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering the Borrower's obligations and undertakings under this Section 11.21 voidable under Applicable Law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of the Borrower under this Section 11.21 shall remain in full force and effect until the Secured Obligations (other than indemnity and similar obligations that are not then due and payable) have been indefeasibly paid and performed in full and the Aggregate Commitments have been terminated. The Borrower intends this Section 11.21 to constitute, and this Section 11.21 shall be deemed to constitute, a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of each Guarantor for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

SECTION 11.22 Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any party hereto that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
- (b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable

- (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
- (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
- (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

SECTION 11.23 Certain ERISA Matters.

(a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, each Arranger and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using “plan assets” (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments;

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91-38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement;

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a “Qualified Professional Asset Manager” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of subsections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement; or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless either (1) sub-clause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with sub-clause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent, each Arranger and their respective Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that none of the Administrative Agent, any Arranger and their respective Affiliates is a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender’s entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this

Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

SECTION 11.24 Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs. To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for Hedge Agreements or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, “QFC Credit Support” and, each such QFC, a “Supported QFC”), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the “U.S. Special Resolution Regimes”) in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

(a) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a “Covered Party”) becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

(b) As used in this Section 11.24, the following terms have the following meanings:

“BHC Act Affiliate” of a party means an “affiliate” (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

“Covered Entity” means any of the following:

- (i) a “covered entity” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b);
- (ii) a “covered bank” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or
- (iii) a “covered FSI” as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

“Default Right” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

(c) “QFC” has the meaning assigned to the term “qualified financial contract” in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

SECTION 11.25 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

(a) In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby, each Loan Party acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that (i) the facilities provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Borrower and its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Lenders, on the other hand, and the Borrower is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof), (ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, each of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Lenders is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for the Borrower or any of its Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person, (iii) none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Lenders has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Borrower with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document (irrespective of whether the Arranger or Lender has advised or is currently advising the Borrower or any of its Affiliates on other matters) and none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Lenders has any obligation to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates with respect to the financing transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, (iv) the Arrangers and the Lenders and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from, and may conflict with, those of the Borrower and its Affiliates, and none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Lenders has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship and (v) the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Lenders have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) and the Loan Parties have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent they have deemed appropriate.

(b) Each Loan Party acknowledges and agrees that each Lender, each Arranger and any Affiliate thereof may lend money to, invest in, and generally engage in any kind of business with, any of the Borrower, any Affiliate thereof or any other person or entity that may do business with or own securities of any of the foregoing, all as if such Lender, such Arranger or such Affiliate thereof were not a Lender or an Arranger or an Affiliate thereof (or an agent or any other person with any similar role under the credit facilities) and without any duty to account therefor to any other Lender, the Arranger, the Borrower or any Affiliate of the foregoing. Each Lender, each Arranger and any Affiliate thereof may accept fees and other consideration from the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof for services in connection with this Agreement, the credit facilities or otherwise without having to account for the same to any other Lender, any Arranger, the Borrower or any Affiliate of the foregoing.

SECTION 11.26 Amendment and Restatement; No Novation. This Agreement constitutes an amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement, effective from and after the Closing Date. The execution and delivery of this Agreement shall not constitute a novation of any indebtedness or other obligations owing to the Lenders or the Administrative Agent under the Existing Credit Agreement based on facts or events occurring or existing prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement. On the Closing Date, the credit facilities described in the Existing Credit Agreement, shall be amended, supplemented, modified and restated in their entirety by the facilities described herein, and all loans and other obligations of the Borrower outstanding as of such date under the Existing Credit Agreement, shall be deemed to be loans and obligations outstanding under the corresponding facilities described herein, without any further action by any Person, except that the Administrative Agent shall make such transfers of funds as are necessary in order that the outstanding balance of such Loans, together with any Loans funded on the Closing Date, reflect the respective Commitment of the Lenders hereunder.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers, all as of the day and year first written above.

BORROWER:

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC., as Borrower

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: Interim President and Chief Executive Officer; Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

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ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ISSUING LENDER AND LENDERS:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Kenneth Washington
Name: Kenneth Washington
Title: SVP

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WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Swingline Lender, Issuing Lender and
a Lender

By: /s/ Kenneth Washington
Name: Kenneth Washington
Title: SVP

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BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Daniel J. Ricke
Name: Daniel J. Ricke
Title: Senior Vice President

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TRUIST BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ John P. Wofford

Name: John P. Wofford

Title: Authorized Officer

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COMPEER FINANCIAL, PCA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Daniel J. Best
Name: Daniel J. Best
Title: Director, Capital Markets

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COBANK, ACB, as a Lender

By: /s/ True Siffring
Name: True Siffring
Title: Vice President

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AGFIRST FARM CREDIT BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ Creighton Culvern
Name: Creighton Culvern
Title: AVP – Capital Markets

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FARM CREDIT SERVICES OF AMERICA, FLCA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Lisa Caswell

Name: Lisa Caswell

Title: Managing Director Capital Markets

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FARM CREDIT MID-AMERICA, PCA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Aaron T. Miller
Name: Aaron T. Miller
Title: VP Capital Markets

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GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, ACA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Curtis Flammini
Name: Curtis Flammini
Title: VP Capital Markets

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**SIXTH AMENDMENT TO
NOTE PURCHASE AND PRIVATE SHELF AGREEMENT**

This SIXTH AMENDMENT TO NOTE PURCHASE AND PRIVATE SHELF AGREEMENT dated as of April 24, 2025 (this “Amendment”), is made by and among MGP Ingredients, Inc., a Kansas corporation (the “Company”), PGIM, Inc. (“Prudential”), and the holders of Notes (as defined in the below described Note Agreement) (the “Noteholders”) listed on the signature pages hereto.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS:

(1) The Company, Prudential and the Noteholders are parties to a Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of August 23, 2017 (as amended by the First Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of February 14, 2020, the Second Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of September 30, 2020, the Third Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of January 25, 2021, the Fourth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of May 14, 2021, and the Fifth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of August 31, 2023, the “Note Agreement”; *capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Amendment have the same meanings as specified in the Note Agreement*); and

(2) The Company has requested, and Prudential and the Noteholders have agreed, to amend the Note Agreement as set forth in this Amendment in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and agreements, provisions and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendments to Note Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the Company herein contained and in the documents delivered in connection herewith, on the Amendment Effective Date (as defined below), the Company, Prudential and the Noteholders hereby agree that (i) the body of the Note Agreement (excluding the Schedules (other than Schedule A and the Schedules attached hereto as Annex C) and Exhibits thereto) is hereby amended to (a) delete red or green stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following examples: ~~stricken-text~~ and ~~stricken-text~~) and (b) to add the blue or green double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following examples: double-underlined text and double-underlined text), in each case, as set forth in the conformed copy of the Note Agreement attached as Annex A hereto, (ii) the Note Agreement is hereby amended to add a new Schedule 1.1 thereto in the form of Annex B attached hereto and (iii) Schedules 10.2,

10.3 and 10.6 to the Note Agreement are hereby amended, restated and replaced with Schedules 10.2, 10.3 and 10.6 attached hereto as Annex C.

The amendments to the Note Agreement herein are limited to the extent specifically described herein and no other terms, covenants or provisions of the Note Agreement or any other Note Document are intended to be affected hereby.

SECTION 2. Conditions to Effectiveness. This Amendment shall become effective on and as of the date (the “Amendment Effective Date”) on which Prudential and the Noteholders (or their counsel) shall have received the following, in each case which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Prudential and the Noteholders:

- (a) counterparts of this Amendment duly executed by the Company, Prudential and the Noteholders, which shall include each holder of a Note;
- (b) a written ratification in the form attached hereto, duly executed by each Guarantor, whereby each Guarantor ratifies, confirms and agrees that, following the effectiveness of this Amendment and the transactions contemplated hereunder, the Guaranty Agreement and each Guarantor’s obligations thereunder shall remain in full force and effect;
- (c) an executed copy of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated on or about the date hereof (the “Credit Agreement”), duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto, together with evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Noteholders that the conditions precedent to the effectiveness thereof have been, or will be, satisfied on or before the Amendment Effective Date;
- (d) an executed copy of the Pledge Agreement (as defined in the Credit Agreement), duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- (e) an executed copy of the Security Agreement (as defined in the Credit Agreement), duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- (f) an executed copy of the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Intercreditor and Collateral Agency Agreement dated on or about the date hereof, duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- (g) specimen signatures certified by the Secretary, Manager or other appropriate officer, as applicable, of each Note Party;
- (h) an officer’s certificate executed and delivered by a Senior Financial Officer of the Company demonstrating that the Company is in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 10.1 of the Note Agreement (as amended by this Amendment) based on financial statements most recently delivered pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or 7.1(b), as applicable, both before and after giving effect (on a pro forma basis)

to the transactions contemplated by this Amendment and the Credit Agreement (collectively, the “Transactions”);

(i) an opinion of counsel to the Note Parties;

(j) Uniform Commercial Code search results with respect to the Note Parties;

(k) such other documents and certificates as any Noteholder or its counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of the Company and the Guarantors, the authorization of this Amendment and any other legal matters relating to the Company or any Guarantor or the transactions contemplated hereby;

(l) an officer’s certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Company certifying that immediately after giving effect to this Amendment, the Credit Agreement and the Transactions, the representations and warranties of the Company in Section 3 of this Amendment are true and correct;

(m) the receipt by Prudential of a structuring fee in the amount of \$50,000; and

(n) evidence that all fees and expenses of counsel to the Noteholders required to be paid by the Company in accordance with the terms of Section 15.1 of the Note Agreement and for which invoices have been presented to the Company at least two (2) Business Days prior to the anticipated closing date shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 3. Representations and Warranties. To induce Prudential and the Noteholders to enter into this Amendment, the Company hereby represents and warrants as follows:

(a) (i) this Amendment has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Company, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Company of, and the performance of its obligations under, this Amendment (A) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company and (B) will not (I) contravene, result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of any Lien in respect of any property of the Company or any Subsidiary under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan, purchase or credit agreement, lease, corporate charter or by-laws, shareholders agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected (but excluding any Lien created pursuant to a Security Document), (II) conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary or (III) violate any provision of any statute or other rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary, and (iii) this Amendment constitutes the legal valid and binding obligation of the Company in accordance with its terms, except as

such enforceability may be limited by (A) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (B) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);

(b) no consent, approval or authorization of, or registration, filing or declaration with, any Governmental Authority is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Company of this Amendment;

(c) since December 31, 2024, there has been no event or circumstance that has had or would be reasonably expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect;

(d) the representations and warranties made by the Company contained in the Note Agreement, and the representations and warranties made by each Note Party in each other Note Document, are true and correct on and as of the date hereof as though made as of the date hereof, except for such representations and warranties (i) as are by their express terms limited to a specific date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct as of such specific date, and (ii) as are no longer true and correct on the date hereof solely as a result of a transaction occurring after the Series A Closing Day and that was made in compliance with the provisions of the Note Agreement; and

(e) as of the date hereof, both before and immediately after giving effect to the terms of this Amendment, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.

SECTION 4. Effect on the Note Agreement.

(a) Each Note Document, after giving effect to this Amendment, is and shall continue to be in full force and effect and is hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed, except that, on and after the effectiveness of this Amendment, each reference in each of the Note Documents to the Note Agreement or words of like import referring to the Note Agreement shall mean and be a reference to the Note Agreement after giving effect to this Amendment.

(b) The execution, delivery and effectiveness of this Amendment shall not, except as expressly provided herein, operate as an amendment, consent, modification or waiver of any term or condition of, or right, power or remedy of any Noteholder under, any of the Note Documents.

(c) Each party hereto hereby agrees that this Amendment shall be a "Note Document".

SECTION 5. Costs, Expenses. The Company agrees to pay all costs and expenses of the Noteholders in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of this

Amendment and the other instruments and documents to be delivered hereunder (including, without limitation, the fees and expenses of counsel for the Noteholders) in accordance with the terms of Section 15.1 of the Note Agreement.

SECTION 6. Execution in Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed (including by electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system) in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Amendment by facsimile or in electronic (i.e., “pdf” or “tif”) format shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Amendment. The execution and delivery of this Amendment shall be deemed to include electronic signatures on electronic platforms approved by the Noteholders, which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as delivery of a manually executed signature, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; *provided* that, upon the request of any party hereto, such facsimile transmission or electronic mail transmission shall be promptly followed by the original thereof.

SECTION 7. Governing Law. THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK EXCLUDING CHOICE-OF-LAW PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF SUCH STATE THAT WOULD PERMIT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN SUCH STATE.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed and delivered by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, to be effective as of the Amendment Effective Date.

COMPANY:

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: Interim President and Chief Executive Officer; Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

PRUDENTIAL:

PGIM, Inc.

By: _____

Vice President

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Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be executed and delivered by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, to be effective as of the Amendment Effective Date.

COMPANY:

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

By: _____

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: Interim President and Chief Executive Officer; Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

PRUDENTIAL:

PGIM, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason Hartman

Vice President

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NOTEHOLDERS:

PRUDENTIAL LEGACY INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY

By: PGIM, Inc., as investment manager

By: /s/ Jason Hartman
Vice President

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: PGIM Private Placement Investors, L.P. (as Investment Advisor)

By: PGIM Private Placement Investors, Inc. (as its General Partner)

By: /s/ Jason Hartman
Vice President

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: PGIM, Inc., as investment manager

By: /s/ Jason Hartman
Vice President

THE PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

By: PGIM Japan Co., Ltd., as Investment Manager

By: PGIM, Inc., as Sub-Adviser

By: /s/ Jason Hartman
Vice President

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Guarantor Ratification

Each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and affirms its obligations, and confirms its continued liability, under the Guaranty Agreement and each other Note Document to which it is a party, and agrees that the Guaranty Agreement and each other such Note Document is and shall remain in full force and effect in all respects after giving effect to the Sixth Amendment to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated as of April 24, 2025 (the “Amendment”), by and among MGP Ingredients, Inc., a Kansas corporation, and the purchasers listed on the signature pages thereto (collectively, the “Noteholders”), and shall continue to exist and apply to all of the Guaranteed Obligations (as defined in the Guaranty Agreement), including as such Guaranteed Obligations may be increased as a result of the Amendment. The foregoing ratification and affirmation is in addition to and shall not limit, derogate from or otherwise affect any provisions of the Guaranty Agreement. From and after the effectiveness of the Amendment, each reference in the Guaranty Agreement and the other documents delivered in connection therewith to the Note Agreement or words of like import referring to the Note Agreement shall mean and be a reference to the Note Agreement after giving effect to the Amendment. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings as used in the Amendment. Each party hereto hereby agrees that this Guarantor Ratification shall be a “Note Document”.

This Guarantor Ratification may be executed (including by electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system) in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Guarantor Ratification by facsimile or in electronic (i.e., “pdf” or “tif”) format shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Guarantor Ratification. The execution and delivery of this Guarantor Ratification shall be deemed to include electronic signatures on electronic platforms approved by the Noteholders, which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as delivery of a manually executed signature, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act; *provided* that, upon the request of any party hereto or any Noteholder, such facsimile transmission or electronic mail transmission shall be promptly followed by the original thereof.

THIS GUARANTOR RATIFICATION SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND THE RIGHTS OF THE PARTIES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK EXCLUDING CHOICE-OF-LAW PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW OF SUCH STATE THAT WOULD PERMIT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN SUCH STATE.

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Guarantor Ratification of Sixth Amendment to

Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement

GUARANTORS:

MGPI PROCESSING, INC., a Kansas corporation

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief
Financial Officer; Treasurer and Secretary

MGPI PIPELINE, INC., a Kansas corporation

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief
Financial Officer; Treasurer and Secretary

MGPI OF INDIANA, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief
Financial Officer; Treasurer and Secretary

LMX, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief
Financial Officer; Treasurer and Secretary

LUXCO, INC., a Missouri corporation

By: /s/ Brandon Gall

Name: Brandon Gall

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer; Chief
Financial Officer; Treasurer and Secretary

ANNEX A

[See attached.]

MGP Ingredients, Inc.

\$20,000,000

3.53% Senior Secured Notes, Series A, due August 23, 2027

~~\$105,000,000~~250,000,000

Private Shelf Facility

(or such higher amount as authorized in accordance with Section 1.2)

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Dated August 23, 2017

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MGP Ingredients, Inc.
100 Commercial Street
Atchison, Kansas 66002
Attn: ~~Tom Pigott~~ Brandon Gall

\$20,000,000 3.53% Senior Secured Notes, Series A, due August 23, 2027

~~\$105,000,000~~ 250,000,000 Private Shelf Facility
(or such higher amount as is authorized in accordance with Section 1.2)

August 23, 2017

To Each of the Purchasers Listed in
Schedule B Hereto (each, a “**Series
A Purchaser**”)

To PGIM, Inc. (“**Prudential**”)

To each other Prudential Affiliate which becomes
bound by this Agreement as hereinafter
provided (together with the Series A Purchasers, each,
a “**Purchaser**” and collectively, the “**Purchasers**”):

Ladies and Gentlemen:

MGP Ingredients, Inc., a Kansas corporation (the “**Company**”), agrees with each of the Purchasers as follows:

Section 1. Authorization of Notes.

Section 1.1. Authorization of Issue of Series A Notes. The Company will authorize the issue and sale of \$20,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 3.53% Senior Secured Notes, Series A, due August 23, 2027 (as amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time pursuant to Section 17 and including any such notes issued in substitution therefor pursuant to Section 13, the “**Series A Notes**”). The Series A Notes shall be substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1(a). *Certain capitalized and other terms used in this Agreement are defined in Schedule A, and, for purposes of this Agreement, the rules of construction set forth in Section 22.4 shall govern.*

Section 1.2. Authorization of Issue of Shelf Notes. The Company will authorize the issue of its additional senior promissory notes (the “**Shelf Notes**”, such term to include any such notes issued in substitution thereof pursuant to Section 13) in the aggregate principal amount of ~~\$105,000,000~~ 250,000,000 (or any higher amount solely to the extent Prudential has provided written notice to the Company of its authorization of such higher amount), to be dated the date of issue thereof, to mature, in the case of each Shelf Note so issued, no more than 12 years after the date of original issuance thereof, to have an average life, in the case of each Shelf Note so issued,

of no more than 12 years after the date of original issuance thereof, to bear interest on the unpaid balance thereof from the date thereof at the rate per annum, and to have such other particular terms, as shall be set forth, in the case of each Shelf Note so issued, in the Confirmation of Acceptance with respect to such Note delivered pursuant to Section 2.2(f), and to be substantially in the form of Schedule 1(b) attached hereto. The terms “**Note**” and “**Notes**” as used herein shall include each Series A Note and each Shelf Note delivered pursuant to any provision of this Agreement and each Note delivered in substitution or exchange for any such Note pursuant to any such provision. Notes which have (i) the same final maturity, (ii) the same principal prepayment dates, (iii) the same principal prepayment amounts (as a percentage of the original principal amount of each Note), (iv) the same interest rate, (v) the same interest payment periods and (vi) the same date of issuance (which, in the case of a Note issued in exchange for another Note, shall be deemed for these purposes the date on which such Note’s ultimate predecessor Note was issued), are herein called a “**Series**” of Notes.

Section 2. Sale and Purchase of Notes.

Section 2.1. Sale and Purchase of Series A Notes. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company will issue and sell to each Series A Purchaser and each Series A Purchaser will purchase from the Company, at the Series A Closing provided for in Section 3.1, Series A Notes in the principal amount specified opposite such Series A Purchaser’s name in Schedule B at the purchase price of 100% of the principal amount thereof. The Purchasers’ obligations hereunder are several and not joint obligations and no Purchaser shall have any liability to any Person for the performance or non-performance of any obligation by any other Purchaser hereunder.

Section 2.2. Sale and Purchase of Shelf Notes.

(a) Facility. Prudential is willing to consider, in its sole discretion and within limits which may be authorized for purchase by Prudential Affiliates from time to time, the purchase of Shelf Notes pursuant to this Agreement. The willingness of Prudential to consider such purchase of Shelf Notes is herein called the “**Facility**”. At any time, the aggregate principal amount of Shelf Notes stated in Section 1.2, minus the aggregate principal amount of ~~Shelf~~ Notes purchased and sold pursuant to this Agreement prior to such time, minus the aggregate principal amount of Accepted Notes which have not yet been purchased and sold hereunder prior to such time, plus the aggregate principal amount of Notes purchased and sold pursuant to this Agreement and thereafter retired or paid (whether as a result of scheduled amortization, prepayment or otherwise) prior to such time, is herein called the “**Available Facility Amount**” at such time. **NOTWITHSTANDING THE WILLINGNESS OF PRUDENTIAL TO CONSIDER PURCHASES OF SHELF NOTES BY PRUDENTIAL AFFILIATES, THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO ON THE EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER PRUDENTIAL NOR ANY PRUDENTIAL AFFILIATE SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO MAKE OR ACCEPT OFFERS TO PURCHASE SHELF NOTES, OR TO QUOTE RATES, SPREADS OR OTHER TERMS WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFIC PURCHASES OF SHELF NOTES, AND THE**

FACILITY SHALL IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS A COMMITMENT BY PRUDENTIAL OR ANY PRUDENTIAL AFFILIATE.

(b) Issuance Period. Shelf Notes may be issued and sold pursuant to this Agreement until the earlier of (i) ~~the sixth anniversary of the date of this Agreement (or if such anniversary date is not a Business Day, the Business Day next preceding such anniversary)~~ April 24, 2028 and (ii) the 30th day after Prudential shall have given to the Company, or the Company shall have given to Prudential, a written notice stating that it elects to terminate the issuance and sale of Shelf Notes pursuant to this Agreement (or if such 30th day is not a Business Day, the Business Day next preceding such 30th day). The period during which Shelf Notes may be issued and sold pursuant to this Agreement is herein called the “**Issuance Period**”.

(c) Periodic Spread Information. Provided no Default or Event of Default exists, not later than 9:30 A.M. (New York City local time) on a Business Day during the Issuance Period if there is an Available Facility Amount on such Business Day, the Company may request by telecopier, telephone or e-mail, and Prudential will, to the extent reasonably practicable, provide to the Company on such Business Day (or, if such request is received after 9:30 A.M. (New York City local time) on such Business Day, on the following Business Day), information (by telecopier, telephone or e-mail) with respect to various spreads at which Prudential Affiliates might be interested in purchasing Notes of different average lives; *provided, however,* that the Company may not make such requests more frequently than once in every five Business Days or such other period as shall be mutually agreed to by the Company and Prudential. The amount and content of information so provided shall be in the sole discretion of Prudential but it is the intent of Prudential to provide information which will be of use to the Company in determining whether to initiate procedures for use of the Facility. Information so provided shall not constitute an offer to purchase Notes, and neither Prudential nor any Prudential Affiliate shall be obligated to purchase Notes at the spreads specified. Information so provided shall be representative of potential interest only for the period commencing on the day such information is provided and ending on the earlier of the fifth Business Day after such day and the first day after such day on which further spread information is provided. Prudential may suspend or terminate providing information pursuant to this Section 2.2(c) for any reason, including its determination that the credit quality of the Company has declined since the date of this Agreement.

(d) Request for Purchase. The Company may from time to time during the Issuance Period make requests for purchases of Shelf Notes (each such request being a “**Request for Purchase**”). Each Request for Purchase shall be made to Prudential by telecopier, e-mail or overnight delivery service, and shall (i) specify the aggregate principal amount of Shelf Notes covered thereby, which shall not be less than \$10,000,000 and not be greater than the Available Facility Amount at the time such Request for Purchase is made, (ii) specify the principal amounts, final maturities, principal prepayment dates and amounts and interest payment periods (which shall be quarterly in arrears) of the Shelf Notes covered thereby, (iii) specify the use of proceeds

of such Shelf Notes, (iv) specify the proposed day for the closing of the purchase and sale of such Shelf Notes, which shall be a Business Day during the Issuance Period not less than 10 Business Days and not more than 25 Business Days after the making of such Request for Purchase, (v) specify the number of the account and the name and address of the depository institution to which the purchase prices of such Shelf Notes are to be transferred on the Closing for such purchase and sale, (vi) certify that (x) the representations and warranties contained in Section 5 are true on and as of the date of such Request for Purchase, (y) there exists on the date of such Request for Purchase no Event of Default or Default and (z) the Company will not use any proceeds from such Shelf Notes for the purposes of financing a Hostile Tender Offer, and (vii) be substantially in the form of Schedule 2.2(d) attached hereto. Each Request for Purchase shall be in writing signed by the Company and shall be deemed made when received by Prudential.

(e) Rate Quotes. Not later than five Business Days after the Company shall have given Prudential a Request for Purchase pursuant to Section 2.2(d), Prudential may, but shall be under no obligation to, provide to the Company by telephone, telecopier or e-mail, in each case between 9:30 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. New York City local time (or such later time as Prudential may elect) interest rate quotes for the several principal amounts, maturities, principal prepayment schedules, and interest payment periods of Shelf Notes specified in such Request for Purchase. Each quote shall represent the interest rate per annum payable on the outstanding principal balance of such Shelf Notes at which a Prudential Affiliate would be willing to purchase such Shelf Notes at 100% of the principal amount thereof.

(f) Acceptance. Within the Acceptance Window with respect to any interest rate quotes provided pursuant to Section 2.2(e), the Company may, subject to Section 2.2(g), elect to accept such interest rate quotes as to not less than \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Shelf Notes specified in the related Request for Purchase. Such election shall be made by an Authorized Officer of the Company notifying Prudential by telephone, telecopier or e-mail within the Acceptance Window that the Company elects to accept such interest rate quotes, specifying the Shelf Notes (each such Shelf Note being an **“Accepted Note”**) as to which such acceptance (an **“Acceptance”**) relates. The day the Company notifies Prudential of an Acceptance with respect to any Accepted Notes is herein called the **“Acceptance Day”** for such Accepted Notes. Any interest rate quotes as to which Prudential does not receive an Acceptance within the Acceptance Window shall expire, and no purchase or sale of Shelf Notes hereunder shall be made based on such expired interest rate quotes. Subject to Section 2.2(g) and the other terms and conditions hereof, the Company agrees to sell to a Prudential Affiliate, and Prudential agrees to cause the purchase by a Prudential Affiliate of, the Accepted Notes at 100% of the principal amount of such Notes. As soon as practicable following the Acceptance Day, the Company, Prudential and each Prudential Affiliate which is to purchase any such Accepted Notes will execute a confirmation of such Acceptance substantially in the form of Schedule 2.2(f) attached hereto (a **“Confirmation of Acceptance”**). If the Company should fail to execute and return to Prudential within three Business Days

following the Company's receipt thereof a Confirmation of Acceptance with respect to any Accepted Notes, Prudential may at its election at any time prior to Prudential's receipt thereof cancel the closing with respect to such Accepted Notes by so notifying the Company in writing.

(g) Market Disruption. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.2(f), if Prudential shall have provided interest rate quotes pursuant to Section 2.2(e) and thereafter prior to the time an Acceptance with respect to such quotes shall have been notified to Prudential in accordance with Section 2.2(f) the domestic market for U.S. Treasury securities or derivatives shall have closed or there shall have occurred a general suspension, material limitation, or significant disruption of trading in securities generally on the New York Stock Exchange or in the domestic market for U.S. Treasury securities or derivatives, then such interest rate quotes shall expire, and no purchase or sale of Shelf Notes hereunder shall be made based on such expired interest rate quotes. If the Company thereafter notifies Prudential of the Acceptance of any such interest rate quotes, such Acceptance shall be ineffective for all purposes of this Agreement, and Prudential shall promptly notify the Company that the provisions of this Section 2.2(g) are applicable with respect to such Acceptance.

(h) Fees.

(h)(i) Structuring Fee. In consideration for the time, effort and expense involved in the preparation, negotiation and execution of this Agreement, at the time of the execution and delivery of this Agreement by the Company and Prudential, the Company will pay to Prudential in immediately available funds a fee (the "**Structuring Fee**") in the amount of \$25,000.

(h)(ii) ~~Reserved~~ Extension Fee. In addition to the structuring fee paid to Prudential on the Sixth Amendment Effective Date, in consideration for the extension of the Issuance Period effected upon the Sixth Amendment Effective Date, on or before December 31, 2025 the Company will pay to Prudential in immediately available funds a fee (the "**Extension Fee**") in the amount of \$50,000; provided, however, that if the Company issues at least \$25,000,000 of additional Notes hereunder before December 31, 2025, the Extension Fee shall be automatically waived by Prudential without further action by any party.

(h)(iii) Delayed Delivery Fee. If the closing of the purchase and sale of any Accepted Note is delayed for any reason beyond the original Closing Day for such Accepted Note, the Company will pay to each Purchaser which shall have agreed to purchase such Accepted Note on the Cancellation Date or actual closing date of such purchase and sale a fee (the "**Delayed Delivery Fee**") calculated as follows:

$$(BEY - MMY) \times DTS/360 \times PA$$

where “**BEY**” means Bond Equivalent Yield, *i.e.*, the bond equivalent yield per annum of such Accepted Note; “**MMY**” means Money Market Yield, *i.e.*, the yield per annum on a commercial paper investment of the highest quality selected by Prudential on the date Prudential receives notice of the delay in the closing for such Accepted Note having a maturity date or dates the same as, or closest to, the Rescheduled Closing Day or Rescheduled Closing Days for such Accepted Note (a new alternative investment being selected by Prudential each time such closing is delayed); “**DTS**” means Days to Settlement, *i.e.*, the number of actual days elapsed from and including the original Closing Day with respect to such Accepted Note (in the case of the first such payment with respect to such Accepted Note) or from and including the date of the next preceding payment (in the case of any subsequent delayed delivery fee payment with respect to such Accepted Note) to but excluding the date of such payment; and “**PA**” means Principal Amount, *i.e.*, the principal amount of the Accepted Note for which such calculation is being made. In no case shall the Delayed Delivery Fee be less than zero. Nothing contained herein shall obligate any Purchaser to purchase any Accepted Note on any day other than the Closing Day for such Accepted Note, as the same may be rescheduled from time to time in compliance with Section 3.3.

(h)(iv) Cancellation Fee. If the Company at any time notifies Prudential in writing that the Company is canceling the closing of the purchase and sale of any Accepted Note, or if Prudential notifies the Company in writing under the circumstances set forth in the last sentence of Section 2.2(f) or the penultimate sentence of Section 3.3 that the closing of the purchase and sale of such Accepted Note is to be canceled, or if the closing of the purchase and sale of such Accepted Note is not consummated on or prior to the last day of the Issuance Period (the date of any such notification, or the last day of the Issuance Period, as the case may be, being the “**Cancellation Date**”), the Company will pay to each Purchaser which shall have agreed to purchase such Accepted Note no later than one day after the Cancellation Date in immediately available funds an amount (the “**Cancellation Fee**”) calculated as follows:

$$PI \times PA$$

where “**PI**” means Price Increase, *i.e.*, the quotient (expressed in decimals) obtained by dividing (a) the excess of the ask price (as determined by Prudential) of the Hedge Treasury Note(s) on the Cancellation Date over the bid price (as determined by Prudential) of the Hedge Treasury Notes(s) on the Acceptance Day for such Accepted Note by (b) such bid price; and “**PA**” has the meaning in Section 2.2(h)(iii). The foregoing bid and ask prices shall be as reported by TradeWeb LLC (or, if such data for any reason ceases to be available through TradeWeb LLC, any publicly available source of similar market data). Each price shall be based on a U.S. Treasury security having a par value of \$100.00 and shall be rounded to the second decimal place. In no case shall the Cancellation Fee be less than zero.

(h)(v) Rate Lock Cancellation Fee; Rate Lock Delayed Delivery Fee. The Company will pay to Prudential the Rate Lock Cancellation Fee and the Rate Lock Delayed Delivery Fee for the Series A Notes if and when required by the Commitment Letter.

Section 3. Closing.

Section 3.1. Series A Closing. The sale and purchase of the Series A Notes to be purchased by each Series A Purchaser shall occur at the offices of Baker Botts L.L.P., 2001 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201, at 10:00 a.m., Central time, at a closing (the “**Series A Closing**”) on August 23, 2017 (the day of the Series A Closing being the “**Series A Closing Day**”). At the Series A Closing the Company will deliver to each Series A Purchaser the Series A Notes to be purchased by such Series A Purchaser in the form of a single Series A Note (or such greater number of Series A Notes in denominations of at least \$100,000 as such Purchaser may request) dated the date of the Series A Closing and registered in such Series A Purchaser’s name (or in the name of its nominee), against delivery by such Series A Purchaser to the Company or its order of immediately available funds in the amount of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer of immediately available funds for the account of the Company to account number 4121928048 at Wells Fargo Bank, PO Box 310263, Des Moines, IA 50331-0263, Account Name: MGP Ingredients, Inc., ABA number: 121000248. If at the Series A Closing the Company shall fail to tender such Series A Notes to any Series A Purchaser as provided above in this Section 3.1, or any of the conditions specified in Section 4 shall not have been fulfilled to such Series A Purchaser’s satisfaction, such Series A Purchaser shall, at its election, be relieved of all further obligations under this Agreement, without thereby waiving any rights such Series A Purchaser may have by reason of any of the conditions specified in Section 4 not having been fulfilled to such Series A Purchaser’s satisfaction or such failure by the Company to tender such Notes. The Series A Closing and each Shelf Closing are referred to as a “**Closing**”.

Section 3.2. Facility Closings. Not later than 11:30 A.M. (New York City local time) on the Closing Day for any Accepted Notes, the Company will deliver to each Purchaser listed in the Confirmation of Acceptance relating thereto at the offices of Baker Botts L.L.P., 2001 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75201 or at such other place pursuant to the directions of Prudential, the Accepted Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser in the form of one or more Notes in authorized denominations as such Purchaser may request for each Series of Accepted Notes to be purchased on the Closing Day, dated the Closing Day and registered in such Purchaser’s name (or in the name of its nominee), against payment of the purchase price thereof by transfer of immediately available funds for credit to the Company’s account specified in the Request for Purchase of such Notes.

Section 3.3. Rescheduled Facility Closings. If the Company fails to tender to any Purchaser the Accepted Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser on the scheduled Closing Day for such Accepted Notes as provided above in Section 3.2, or any of the conditions specified in Section 4 shall not have been fulfilled by the time required on such scheduled Closing Day, the Company shall, prior to 1:00 P.M., New York City local time, on such scheduled Closing Day notify Prudential (which notification shall be deemed received by each Purchaser) in writing

whether (i) such closing is to be rescheduled (such rescheduled date to be a Business Day during the Issuance Period not less than one Business Day and not more than 10 Business Days after such scheduled Closing Day (the “Rescheduled Closing Day”)) and certify to Prudential (which certification shall be for the benefit of each Purchaser) that the Company reasonably believes that it will be able to comply with the conditions set forth in Section 4 on such Rescheduled Closing Day and that the Company will pay the Delayed Delivery Fee in accordance with Section 2.2(h)(iii) or (ii) such closing is to be canceled. In the event that the Company shall fail to give such notice referred to in the preceding sentence, Prudential (on behalf of each Purchaser) may at its election, at any time after 1:00 P.M., New York City local time, on such scheduled Closing Day, notify the Company in writing that such closing is to be canceled. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary appearing in this Agreement, the Company may not elect to reschedule a closing with respect to any given Accepted Notes on more than one occasion, unless Prudential shall have otherwise consented in writing.

Section 4. Conditions to Closing.

Each Purchaser’s obligation to purchase and pay for the Notes to be sold to such Purchaser at the Closing for such Notes is subject to the fulfillment to such Purchaser’s satisfaction, prior to or at such Closing, of the following conditions:

Section 4.1. Representations and Warranties. The representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement and of each of the Note Parties in each other Note Document shall be correct when made and at the applicable Closing (except to the extent of changes caused by the transactions herein contemplated).

Section 4.2. Performance; No Default. Each Note Party shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions contained in the Note Documents required to be performed or complied with by it prior to or at such Closing. Before and after giving effect to the issue and sale of the Notes (and the application of the proceeds thereof as contemplated by Section 5.14), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Section 4.3. Certificates.

(a) *Officer’s Certificate.* The Company shall have delivered to such Purchaser an Officer’s Certificate or Officer’s Certificates, dated the date of such Closing, certifying as to the following:

- (i) that the conditions specified in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.9 have been fulfilled;
- (ii) copies of the documents governing each Material Credit Facility in existence at the time of such Closing; and
- (iii) on behalf of the Note Parties as to the solvency of the Note Parties and their Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and as to the solvency of the Company, individually, as of the date of such Closing, after giving effect to the sale of the Notes on

such date and the funding of any loans to be made under the Credit Agreement on such date.

(b) *Secretary's Certificate*. Each Note Party shall have delivered to such Purchaser a certificate of its Secretary or Assistant Secretary and one other officer, dated the date of such Closing, certifying as to the following:

(i) the resolutions of the board of directors (or equivalent governing body) of such Note Party authorizing the execution and delivery of the Note Documents to which such Note Party is, or is to be, a party, and, with respect to the Company, the issuance of the Notes, and of all documents evidencing other necessary company action and governmental approvals, if any, with respect to the Note Documents (*provided*, that for any Closing other than the Series A Closing, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, as attested by one other officer of such Note Party, may certify that there has been no change to any applicable authorization or approval since the date on which it was most recently delivered to such Purchaser under this Section 4 as an alternative to the further delivery thereof);

(ii) the names and true signatures of the officers of such Note Party authorized to sign the Note Documents to which such Note Party is, or is to be, a party, and the other documents to be delivered hereunder and thereunder (*provided*, that for any Closing other than the Series A Closing, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, as attested by one other officer of such Note Party, may certify that there has been no change to the officers of such Note Party authorized to sign the Note Documents to which such Note Party is, or is to be, a party, and any other documents to be delivered hereunder or thereunder since the date on which a certificate setting forth the names and true signatures of such officers, as described above, was most recently delivered to such Purchaser under this Section 4 as an alternative to the further delivery thereof); and

(iii) the certificate of incorporation (or equivalent formation document) and bylaws (or equivalent governing document) of such Note Party (*provided*, that for any Closing other than the Series A Closing, the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, as attested by one other officer of such Note Party, may certify that there has been no change to any applicable constitutive document since the date on which it was most recently delivered to such Purchaser under this Section 4 as an alternative to the further delivery thereof).

Section 4.4. Opinions of Counsel. Such Purchaser shall have received opinions in form and substance satisfactory to such Purchaser, dated the date of such Closing (a) from ~~Stinson Leonard Street LLP~~, counsel for the Note Parties, covering the matters set forth in Schedule 4.4(a) (and the Company hereby instructs its counsel to deliver such opinion to the Purchasers) and (b) from Baker Botts L.L.P., the Purchasers' special counsel in connection with such transactions, covering such matters incident to such transactions as such Purchaser may reasonably request.

Section 4.5. Purchase Permitted by Applicable Law, Etc. On the date of such Closing such Purchaser's purchase of Notes shall (a) be permitted by the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction to which such Purchaser is subject, without recourse to provisions (such as section 1405(a)(8) of the New York Insurance Law) permitting limited investments by insurance companies without restriction as to the character of the particular investment, (b) not violate any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) and (c) not subject such Purchaser to any tax, penalty or liability under or pursuant to any applicable law or regulation, which law or regulation was not in effect on the date hereof. If requested by such Purchaser, such Purchaser shall have received an Officer's Certificate certifying as to such matters of fact as such Purchaser may reasonably specify to enable such Purchaser to determine whether such purchase is so permitted.

Section 4.6. Sale of Other Notes. Contemporaneously with such Closing, the Company shall sell to each other Purchaser and each other Purchaser shall purchase the Notes to be purchased by it at such Closing as specified in Schedule B (in the case of the Series A Notes) or the applicable Confirmation of Acceptance (in the case of Shelf Notes).

Section 4.7. Payment of Fees.

(a) Without limiting Section 15.1, the Company shall have paid to Prudential and each Purchaser on or before such Closing any fees due it pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement, including any Structuring Fee due pursuant to Section 2.2(h)(i), any Delayed Delivery Fee due pursuant to Section 2.2(h)(iii) and any Rate Lock Delayed Delivery Fee due pursuant to Section 2.2(h)(v).

(b) Without limiting Section 15.1, the Company shall have paid on or before such Closing the fees, charges and disbursements of the Purchasers' special counsel referred to in Section 4.4 to the extent reflected in a statement of such counsel rendered to the Company at least one Business Day prior to such Closing.

Section 4.8. Private Placement Number. A Private Placement Number issued by Standard & Poor's CUSIP Service Bureau (in cooperation with the SVO) shall have been obtained for such Notes.

Section 4.9. Changes in Corporate Structure; Material Adverse Effect. Other than as permitted by this Agreement, the Company shall not have changed its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, as applicable, or been a party to any merger or consolidation or succeeded to all or any substantial part of the liabilities of any other entity, at any time following the date of the most recent financial statements referred to in Schedule 5.5. Since December 31, 2020, (a) no event or circumstance has occurred, as determined by such Purchaser, that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and (b) such Purchaser shall not have learned of (i) any material adverse fact or information regarding the Company or any other Note Party or (ii) of any material decline, as determined by such Purchaser, in the market value of (A) any Collateral required hereunder or (B) a substantial or material portion of the assets of the Company or any other Note Party.

Section 4.10. Funding Instructions. With respect to the Series A Closing only, at least three Business Days prior to the date of such Closing, each Purchaser shall have received written instructions signed by a Responsible Officer on letterhead of the Company confirming the information specified in Section 3.1 including (i) the name and address of the transferee bank, (ii) such transferee bank's ABA number and (iii) the account name and number into which the purchase price for the Notes is to be deposited.

Section 4.11. Proceedings and Documents. All corporate and other proceedings of any Note Party in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the other Note Documents and all documents and instruments incident to such transactions shall be satisfactory to such Purchaser and its special counsel, and such Purchaser and its special counsel shall have received all such counterpart originals or certified or other copies of such documents as such Purchaser or such special counsel may reasonably request.

Section 4.12. Certain Documents.

Such Purchaser shall have received the following, in each case in form and substance satisfactory to such Purchaser:

- (i) The Note(s) to be purchased by such Purchaser at such Closing.
- (ii) A good standing certificate (or equivalent) for each Note Party from the Secretary of State of the jurisdiction of organization of such Note Party dated of a recent date prior to such Closing and such other evidence of the status of such Note Party as such Purchaser may reasonably request.
- (iii) Subject to Section 9.7, the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement and any other Guaranty Agreement required pursuant to this Agreement, duly executed and delivered by each party required to be a Guarantor pursuant to the Note Documents.
- (iv) Subject to Section 9.8, the Security Documents, in each case duly executed and delivered by each party required to be a party thereto pursuant to the Note Documents.
- (v) Subject to Section 9.8, the Intercreditor Agreement and/or any other intercreditor agreement required pursuant to Section 10.3(e) of this Agreement, in each case duly executed and delivered by each party required to be a party thereto pursuant to the Note Documents.
- (vi) Subject to Section 9.8, evidence of all such actions as such Purchaser shall reasonably require to perfect the Liens created pursuant to the Security Documents, including the filing of appropriately completed and duly authorized Uniform Commercial Code financing statements.
- (vii) Subject to Section 9.8, evidence that the Liens created by the Security Documents constitute first priority liens (except for any Liens expressly

permitted by Section 10.3), including satisfactory Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable search reports and satisfactory authorizations to file releases of Liens or termination statements with respect to any existing prior liens to be released.

(viii) Certificates of insurance satisfactory to such Purchaser in all respects evidencing the existence of all insurance required to be maintained by the Note Parties pursuant to the Note Documents, together with, subject to Section 9.8, all lender's loss payable endorsements in favor of the Collateral Agent and additional insured endorsements in favor of the Collateral Agent and the holders of Notes as such Purchaser may request.

(ix) Evidence that substantially simultaneously with the Series A Closing, all Indebtedness of the Company and any Subsidiary (including Indebtedness under the Existing Credit Agreement, but excluding any Indebtedness permitted pursuant to Section 10.2) is paid in full, the related credit facilities thereunder, if any, are terminated and any Liens securing the same are released.

(x) In respect of the Series A Closing, evidence that the Credit Agreement is (or substantially simultaneously shall be) in full force and effect, together with a fully executed copy thereof and of each other Credit Document requested by such Purchaser.

(xi) All other documents, certificates or information as such Purchaser may reasonably request.

Section 5. Representations and Warranties of the Company.

The Company represents and warrants to each Purchaser that:

Section 5.1. Organization; Power and Authority. The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing ([or equivalent](#)) under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, and the Company is duly qualified as a foreign corporation and is in good standing ([or equivalent](#)) in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing ([or equivalent](#)) could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company and the other Note Parties has the corporate, limited liability company or partnership power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease, to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact, to execute and deliver the Note Documents to which it is a party and to perform the provisions hereof and thereof.

Section 5.2. Authorization, Etc. The execution, delivery and performance by each Note Party of each Note Document to which such Note Party is a party are within such Note Party's corporate, limited liability company or partnership, as applicable, power and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, limited liability company or limited partnership, as applicable, action on the part of such Note Party. This Agreement, the Notes and the other Note

Documents each constitute, or upon the execution and delivery thereof, will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Note Party party thereto, enforceable against such Note Party in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

Section 5.3. Disclosure. This Agreement and the documents, certificates or other writings (including the financial statements listed in Schedule 5.5 and the financial statements provided pursuant to the terms hereof) delivered to the Purchasers by or on behalf of the Company in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and identified in Schedule 5.3 (this Agreement and such documents, certificates or other writings and such financial statements delivered to each Purchaser prior to the applicable Closing being referred to, collectively, as the **"Disclosure Documents"**), taken as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made; *provided*, that with respect to projections, estimates and other forward-looking information, the Company represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed by it to be reasonable at the time they were made. Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, since the end of the most recent fiscal year for which audited financial statements have been furnished to the holders of Notes, there has been no change in the financial condition, operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company or any Subsidiary except changes that could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no fact known to the Company that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been set forth herein or in the Disclosure Documents.

Section 5.4. Organization and Ownership of Shares of Subsidiaries; Affiliates. (a) Schedule 5.4 contains (except as noted therein), as of the date of this Agreement, complete and correct lists of (i) the Company's Subsidiaries, showing, as to each Subsidiary, the name thereof, the jurisdiction of its organization, and the percentage of shares of each class of its capital stock or similar equity interests outstanding owned by the Company and each other Subsidiary and whether such Subsidiary is a Guarantor, (ii) the Company's Affiliates, other than Subsidiaries, and (iii) the Company's directors and senior officers.

(b) All of the outstanding shares of Equity Interests of each Subsidiary shown in Schedule 5.4 as being owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by the Company or another Subsidiary free and clear of any Lien that is prohibited by this Agreement.

(c) Each Subsidiary is a corporation or other legal entity duly organized, validly existing and, where applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation or other legal entity and, where applicable, is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to

have a Material Adverse Effect. Each such Subsidiary has the corporate or other entity power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease and to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact.

(d) No Subsidiary is subject to any legal, regulatory, contractual or other restriction (other than the agreements listed on Schedule 5.4 and customary limitations imposed by corporate law or similar statutes) restricting the ability of such Subsidiary to pay dividends out of profits or make any other similar distributions of profits to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that owns outstanding shares of capital stock or similar equity interests of such Subsidiary.

Section 5.5. Financial Statements; Material Liabilities. The Company has made available to (a) each Purchaser of the Series A Notes copies of the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries listed on Schedule 5.5 and (b) each Purchaser of any Accepted Notes copies of the financial statements listed on Schedule 5.5 and/or delivered pursuant to Section 7 of this Agreement, as applicable, with respect to (i) the three fiscal years of the Company and its Subsidiaries most recently completed prior to the date as of which this representation is made or repeated to such Purchaser and (ii) each of the quarterly periods (if any) most recently completed prior to the date as of which this representation is made or repeated to such Purchaser and after the date of the most recently delivered financial statements referred to in the above clause (i). All of such financial statements (including in each case the related schedules and notes) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the respective dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the respective periods indicated and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the periods involved except as set forth in the notes thereto (subject, in the case of any interim financial statements, to normal year-end adjustments). The Company and its Subsidiaries do not have any Material liabilities that are not disclosed in the Disclosure Documents.

Section 5.6. Compliance with Laws, Other Instruments, Etc. The execution, delivery and performance by each Note Party of each Note Document to which it is a party will not (a) contravene, result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of any Lien in respect of any property of the Company or any Subsidiary under, any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan, purchase or credit agreement, lease, corporate charter or by-laws, shareholders agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected (~~including any Material Contract then in effect~~ but excluding any Lien created pursuant to a Security Document), (b) conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary or (c) violate any provision of any statute or other rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary. ~~Without limitation of the foregoing, (i) the Company and each Subsidiary is in compliance in all material respects with each Material Contract then in effect, (ii) there is no known default by the Company or any Subsidiary under any such Material~~

~~Contract and (iii) each such Material Contract is in full force and effect. Each Material Contract on the date of this Agreement is listed on Schedule 5.6.~~

Section 5.7. Governmental Authorizations, Etc. No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration, filing or declaration with, any Governmental Authority is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by any Note Party of Note Document to which it is a party.

Section 5.8. Litigation; Observance of Agreements, Statutes and Orders. (a) There are no actions, suits, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the ~~best~~ knowledge of the Company, threatened in writing against or affecting the Company or any Subsidiary or any property of the Company or any Subsidiary in any court or before any arbitrator of any kind or before or by any Governmental Authority that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is (i) in default under any agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (ii) in violation of any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority or (iii) in violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority (including, without limitation, Environmental Laws, the USA PATRIOT Act or any of the other laws and regulations that are referred to in Section 5.16), which default or violation could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.9. Taxes. The Company and its Subsidiaries have filed all material tax returns that are required to have been filed in any jurisdiction, and have paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes and assessments levied upon them or their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent such taxes and assessments have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent, except for any taxes and assessments (i) the amount of which, individually or in the aggregate, is not Material or (ii) the amount, applicability or validity of which is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which the Company or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, has established adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP. ~~The or the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The~~ Company knows of no basis for any other tax or assessment that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. ~~The~~ To the extent required in accordance with GAAP, the charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Subsidiaries in respect of U.S. federal, state or other taxes for all fiscal periods are adequate. The U.S. federal income tax liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries have been finally determined (whether by reason of completed audits or the statute of limitations having run) for all fiscal years up to and including the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013.

Section 5.10. Title to Property; Leases. The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and sufficient title to their respective properties that individually or in the aggregate are Material, including all such properties reflected in the most recent audited balance sheet referred to in Section 5.5 or purported to have been acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary after such

date, in each case free and clear of Liens prohibited by this Agreement, except (a) as sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business or as otherwise disposed of in compliance with Section 10.5 hereof, and (b) in the case of the audited balance sheet dated December 31, 2016, the disposition on or about July 3, 2017 of equity interests of ICP previously owned by MGPI Processing, ~~Inc.~~. All leases that individually or in the aggregate are Material are valid and subsisting and are in full force and effect in all material respects. For the avoidance of doubt, Customer Owned Inventory shall not be considered an asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries for purposes of this Agreement or any of the other Note Documents; it being understood and agreed that, for purposes of this Agreement and the other Note Documents, the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' interest in any Customer Owned Inventory is limited to a bailee's interest or the like.

Section 5.11. Licenses, Permits, Etc. (a) The Company and its Subsidiaries own or possess all licenses, permits, franchises, authorizations, patents, copyrights, proprietary software, service marks, trademarks and trade names, or rights thereto, that individually or in the aggregate are Material, without known conflict with the rights of others.

(b) To the ~~best~~ knowledge of the Company, no product or service of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries infringes in any material respect any license, permit, franchise, authorization, patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned by any other Person.

(c) To the ~~best~~ knowledge of the Company, there is no Material violation by any Person of any right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to any license, permit, franchise, authorization, patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned or used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

Section 5.12. Compliance with ERISA. (a) The Company and each ERISA Affiliate have operated and administered each Plan in compliance with all applicable laws except for such instances of noncompliance as have not resulted in and could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans (as defined in section 3 of ERISA), and no event, transaction or condition has occurred or exists that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in the incurrence of any such liability by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, or in the imposition of any Lien on any of the rights, properties or assets of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, in either case pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or to section 430(k) of the Code or to any such penalty or excise tax provisions under the Code or federal law or section 4068 of ERISA or by the granting of a security interest in connection with the amendment of a Plan, other than such liabilities or Liens as would not be individually or in the aggregate Material.

(b) The present value of the aggregate benefit liabilities under each of the Plans (other than Multiemployer Plans), determined as of the end of such Plan's most recently ended plan year on the basis of the actuarial assumptions specified for funding

purposes in such Plan's most recent actuarial valuation report, did not exceed the aggregate current value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities by more than ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$15,000,000 in the case of any single Plan and by more than ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$15,000,000 in the aggregate for all Plans. The present value of the accrued benefit liabilities (whether or not vested) under each Non-U.S. Plan that is funded, determined as of the end of the Company's most recently ended fiscal year on the basis of reasonable actuarial assumptions, did not exceed the current value of the assets of such Non-U.S. Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities by more than \$15,000,000 in the case of any single Non-U.S. Plan and by more than \$15,000,000 in the aggregate for all Non-U.S. Plans. The term "**benefit liabilities**" has the meaning specified in section 4001 of ERISA and the terms "**current value**" and "**present value**" have the meaning specified in section 3 of ERISA.

(c) The Company and its ERISA Affiliates have not incurred (i) withdrawal liabilities (and are not subject to contingent withdrawal liabilities) under section 4201 or 4204 of ERISA in respect of Multiemployer Plans that individually or in the aggregate are Material or (ii) any obligation in connection with the termination of or withdrawal from any Non-U.S. Plan that individually or in the aggregate are Material.

(d) The expected postretirement benefit obligation (determined as of the last day of the Company's most recently ended fiscal year in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 715-60, without regard to liabilities attributable to continuation coverage mandated by section 4980B of the Code) of the Company and its Subsidiaries is not Material.

(e) The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the issuance and sale of the Notes hereunder will not involve any transaction that is subject to the prohibitions of section 406 of ERISA or in connection with which a tax could be imposed pursuant to section 4975(c)(1)(A)-(D) of the Code. The representation by the Company to each Purchaser in the first sentence of this Section 5.12(e) is made in reliance upon and subject to the accuracy of such Purchaser's representation in Section 6.2 as to the sources of the funds to be used to pay the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser.

(f) ~~Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries have any~~ All Non-U.S. Plans have been established, operated, administered and maintained in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders applicable thereto, except where failure so to comply could not be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. All premiums, contributions and any other amounts required by applicable Non-U.S. Plan documents or applicable laws to be paid or accrued by the Company and its Subsidiaries have been paid or accrued as required, except where failure so to pay or accrue could not be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.13. Private Offering by the Company. Neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has offered the Notes or any similar Securities for sale to, or solicited any offer to buy the Notes or any similar Securities from, or otherwise approached or negotiated in

respect thereof with, any Person other than the Purchasers and not more than five other Institutional Investors, each of which has been offered the Notes at a private sale for investment. Neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has taken, or will take, any action that would subject the issuance or sale of the Notes to the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act or to the registration requirements of any Securities or blue sky laws of any applicable jurisdiction.

Section 5.14. Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations. The Company will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Series A Notes hereunder to refinance outstanding Indebtedness of the Note Parties, to pay expenses relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and for working capital and other general corporate purposes and will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Shelf Notes as set forth in the applicable Request for Purchase. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock in violation of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Company in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220). Margin stock does not constitute more than 25% of the value of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Company does not have any present intention that margin stock will constitute more than 25% of the value of such assets. As used in this Section 5.14, the terms “margin stock” and “purpose of buying or carrying” shall have the meanings assigned to them in said Regulation U.

Section 5.15. Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens. (a) Schedule 5.15 sets forth a complete and correct list of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the date of the Series A Closing (including descriptions of the principal amounts outstanding and, other than in the case of the Credit Agreement Obligations, the obligors and obligees, any collateral therefor and any Guaranty thereof) and except for Indebtedness outstanding under this Agreement. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has outstanding any Indebtedness except as permitted by Section 10.2. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in default and no waiver of default is currently in effect, in the payment of any principal or interest on any Indebtedness of the Company or such Subsidiary and no event or condition exists with respect to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary that would permit (or that with notice or the lapse of time, or both, would permit) one or more Persons to cause such Indebtedness to become due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment.

(b) Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.15, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness, except in each case in respect of any Liens permitted after the Series A Closing Day to the extent such Liens are permitted under Section 10.3 hereof.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Company or such Subsidiary, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including, but not limited to, its charter or any other organizational document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Company, except (i) as disclosed in Schedule 5.15 and (ii) any such instrument or agreement that becomes effective after the Series A Closing Day to the extent the Indebtedness evidenced or governed by such instrument or agreement is permitted to be incurred pursuant to ~~clause~~clauses (k) or (i) of Section 10.2 hereof.

Section 5.16. Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc. (a) Neither the Company nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears or may in the future appear on a State Sanctions List or (iii) is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Company's knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Authority for possible violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Company or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Company has established procedures and controls which it reasonably believes are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable law) to ensure that the Company and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 5.17. Status under Certain Statutes. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is subject to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, as amended, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, as amended, or the Federal Power Act, as amended.

Section 5.18. Environmental Matters. (a) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any claim or has received any notice of any claim and no proceeding has been instituted asserting any claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective real properties or other assets now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them, alleging any damage to the environment or violation of any Environmental Laws, except, in each case, such as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any facts which would give rise to any claim, public or private, of violation of Environmental Laws or damage to the environment emanating from, occurring on or in any way related to real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them or to other assets or their use, except, in each case, such as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has stored any Hazardous Materials on real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them in a manner which is contrary to any Environmental Law that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has disposed of any Hazardous Materials in a manner which is contrary to any Environmental Law that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) All buildings on all real properties now owned, leased or operated by the Company or any Subsidiary are in compliance with applicable Environmental Laws, except where failure to comply could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.19. Hostile Tender Offers. None of the proceeds of the sale of any Notes will be used to finance a Hostile Tender Offer.

Section 5.20. Labor Matters. Except as set forth on Schedule 5.20 or, after the Series A Closing Day, as the Company may from time to time have otherwise notified the holders of Notes in writing, no Note Party is subject to any labor or collective bargaining agreement. There are no existing or threatened strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes involving any Note Party that singly or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.21. Security Documents. The provisions of the executed and delivered Security Documents are, subject to Section 9.8, effective to create in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the holders of Notes legal, valid and enforceable first priority Liens,

subject only to Liens permitted by Section 10.3, on all right, title and interest of the respective Note Parties party thereto in the Collateral. Except for filings completed on the date of the Series A Closing, and as otherwise contemplated hereby and by the Security Documents, no filing or other action is necessary to perfect such Liens.

Section 6. Representations of the Purchasers.

Section 6.1. Purchase for Investment. Each Purchaser severally represents that (a) it is purchasing the Notes for its own account or for one or more separate accounts maintained by such Purchaser or for the account of one or more pension or trust funds and not with a view to the distribution thereof, *provided* that the disposition of such Purchaser's or their property shall at all times be within such Purchaser's or their control and (b) at the time such Purchaser was offered the Notes, and as of the date it purchased the Notes, it was an "accredited investor" as defined in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act. Each Purchaser understands that the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may be resold only if registered pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act or if an exemption from registration is available, except under circumstances where neither such registration nor such an exemption is required by law, and that the Company is not required to register the Notes.

Section 6.2. Source of Funds. Each Purchaser severally represents that at least one of the following statements is an accurate representation as to each source of funds (a "Source") to be used by such Purchaser to pay the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser hereunder:

(a) the Source is an "insurance company general account" (as the term is defined in the United States Department of Labor's Prohibited Transaction Exemption ("PTE") 95-60) in respect of which the reserves and liabilities (as defined by the annual statement for life insurance companies approved by the NAIC (the "NAIC Annual Statement")) for the general account contract(s) held by or on behalf of any employee benefit plan together with the amount of the reserves and liabilities for the general account contract(s) held by or on behalf of any other employee benefit plans maintained by the same employer (or affiliate thereof as defined in PTE 95-60) or by the same employee organization in the general account do not exceed 10% of the total reserves and liabilities of the general account (exclusive of separate account liabilities) plus surplus as set forth in the NAIC Annual Statement filed with such Purchaser's state of domicile; or

(b) the Source is a separate account that is maintained solely in connection with such Purchaser's fixed contractual obligations under which the amounts payable, or credited, to any employee benefit plan (or its related trust) that has any interest in such separate account (or to any participant or beneficiary of such plan (including any annuitant)) are not affected in any manner by the investment performance of the separate account; or

(c) the Source is either (i) an insurance company pooled separate account, within the meaning of PTE 90-1 or (ii) a bank collective investment fund, within the meaning of the PTE 91-38 and, except as disclosed by such Purchaser to the Company in

writing pursuant to this clause (c), no employee benefit plan or group of plans maintained by the same employer or employee organization beneficially owns more than 10% of all assets allocated to such pooled separate account or collective investment fund; or

(d) the Source constitutes assets of an “investment fund” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14 (the “**QPAM Exemption**”)) managed by a “qualified professional asset manager” or “QPAM” (within the meaning of Part VI of the QPAM Exemption), no employee benefit plan’s assets that are managed by the QPAM in such investment fund, when combined with the assets of all other employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer or by an affiliate (within the meaning of Part VI(c)(1) of the QPAM Exemption) of such employer or by the same employee organization and managed by such QPAM, represent more than 20% of the total client assets managed by such QPAM, the conditions of Part I(c) and (g) of the QPAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the QPAM nor a person controlling or controlled by the QPAM maintains an ownership interest in the Company that would cause the QPAM and the Company to be “related” within the meaning of Part VI(h) of the QPAM Exemption and (i) the identity of such QPAM and (ii) the names of any employee benefit plans whose assets in the investment fund, when combined with the assets of all other employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer or by an affiliate (within the meaning of Part VI(c)(1) of the QPAM Exemption) of such employer or by the same employee organization, represent 10% or more of the assets of such investment fund, have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (d); or

(e) the Source constitutes assets of a “plan(s)” (within the meaning of Part IV(h) of PTE 96-23 (the “**INHAM Exemption**”)) managed by an “in-house asset manager” or “INHAM” (within the meaning of Part IV(a) of the INHAM Exemption), the conditions of Part I(a), (g) and (h) of the INHAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the INHAM nor a person controlling or controlled by the INHAM (applying the definition of “control” in Part IV(d)(3) of the INHAM Exemption) owns a 10% or more interest in the Company and (i) the identity of such INHAM and (ii) the name(s) of the employee benefit plan(s) whose assets constitute the Source have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (e); or

(f) the Source is a governmental plan; or

(g) the Source is one or more employee benefit plans, or a separate account or trust fund comprised of one or more employee benefit plans, each of which has been identified to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (g); or

(h) the Source does not include assets of any employee benefit plan, other than a plan exempt from the coverage of ERISA.

As used in this Section 6.2, the terms “**employee benefit plan**,” “**governmental plan**,” and “**separate account**” shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in section 3 of ERISA.

Section 7. Information as to Company.

Section 7.1. Financial and Business Information. The Company shall deliver to each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor:

(a) Quarterly Statements — within 45 days (or such shorter period as is the earlier of (x) 15 days greater than the period applicable to the filing of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "**Form 10-Q**") with the SEC regardless of whether the Company is subject to the filing requirements thereof and (y) the date by which such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Material Credit Facility or the date on which such corresponding financial statements are delivered under any Material Credit Facility if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date) after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Company (other than the last quarterly fiscal period of each such fiscal year), duplicate copies of,

(i) a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments; *provided*, that delivery within the time period specified above of copies of the Company's Form 10-Q prepared in compliance with the requirements therefor and filed with the SEC shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Section 7.1(a) with respect to financial statements;

(b) Annual Statements — within 120 days (or such shorter period as is the earlier of (x) 15 days greater than the period applicable to the filing of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "**Form 10-K**") with the SEC regardless of whether the Company is subject to the filing requirements thereof and (y) the date by which such financial statements are required to be delivered under any Material Credit Facility or the date on which such corresponding financial statements are delivered under any Material Credit Facility if such delivery occurs earlier than such required delivery date) after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, duplicate copies of

(i) a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such year, and

(ii) consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries for such year,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP, and accompanied by an opinion thereon (without a “going concern” or similar qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of the audit on which such opinion is based) of independent public accountants of recognized national standing or otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders, which opinion shall state that such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported upon and their results of operations and cash flows and have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, and that the examination of such accountants in connection with such financial statements has been made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and that such audit provides a reasonable basis for such opinion in the circumstances; *provided*, that the delivery within the time period specified above of the Company’s Form 10-K for such fiscal year (together with the Company’s annual report to its shareholders, if any, prepared pursuant to Rule 14a-3 under the Exchange Act) prepared in accordance with the requirements therefor and filed with the SEC, shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this Section 7.1(b) with respect to financial statements;

(c) SEC and Other Reports — promptly upon their becoming available, one copy of (i) each financial statement, report, notice, proxy statement or similar document sent by the Company or any Subsidiary (x) to its creditors under any Material Credit Facility (excluding information sent to such creditors in the ordinary course of administration of a credit facility, such as information relating to pricing and borrowing availability) or (y) to its public Securities holders generally, and (ii) each regular or periodic report, each registration statement (without exhibits except as expressly requested by such holder), and each prospectus and all amendments thereto filed by the Company or any Subsidiary with the SEC and of all press releases and other statements made available generally by the Company or any Subsidiary to the public concerning developments that are Material;

(d) Budget — on or before January 31 of each fiscal year of the Company, a budget of the Consolidated Group for such fiscal year in form, substance and detail reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders, including monthly operating and capital budgets, and projected monthly income statements and cash flows;

(e) Notice of Default or Event of Default — promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of the existence of any Default or Event of Default or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default of the type referred to in Section 11(f), a written notice specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

(f) ERISA Matters — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion)

after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of any of the following, a written notice setting forth the nature thereof and the action, if any, that the Company or an ERISA Affiliate proposes to take with respect thereto:

(i) with respect to any Plan, any reportable event, as defined in section 4043(c) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, for which notice thereof has not been waived pursuant to such regulations as in effect on the date hereof; or

(ii) the taking by the PBGC of steps to institute, or the threatening by the PBGC of the institution of, proceedings under section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Plan, or the receipt by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate of a notice from a Multiemployer Plan that such action has been taken by the PBGC with respect to such Multiemployer Plan; or

(iii) any event, transaction or condition that could result in the incurrence of any liability by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans, or in the imposition of any Lien on any of the rights, properties or assets of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or such penalty or excise tax provisions, if such liability or Lien, taken together with any other such liabilities or Liens then existing, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(g) Notices from Governmental Authority — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) of receipt thereof, copies of any notice to the Company or any Subsidiary from any federal or state Governmental Authority relating to any order, ruling, statute or other law or regulation that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(h) Resignation or Replacement of Auditors — within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) following the date on which the Company's auditors resign or the Company elects to change auditors, as the case may be, notification thereof, together with such supporting information as the Required Holders may request;

(i) Change in Nature, Accounting, Etc. — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such change, (i) any change in the name, jurisdiction of organization or organizational structure of the Company or any Subsidiary and (ii) any material change in accounting policies or practices by the Company or any Subsidiary (as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith);

(j) Insurance — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) after a

Responsible Officer becoming aware of such termination, cancellation or loss, (i) any termination or cancellation of any insurance policy that the Company or any Subsidiary is required to maintain pursuant to the Note Documents or (ii) any uninsured or partially uninsured loss through liability or property damage, or through fire, theft or any other cause affecting the Company's or any Subsidiary's property in excess of an aggregate amount of ~~\$5,000,000~~ 7,500,000;

(k) Environmental Liability — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) after a Responsible Officer's receipt of such notice, complaint, order or other claim, the occurrence and nature of any notices, complaints, orders or other claim received by the Company or any Subsidiary relating to ~~(i)~~ the violation by the Company or any Subsidiary of any applicable Environmental Laws, any Release by the Company or any Subsidiary of, or by any Person handling, transporting or disposing of, Hazardous Materials on its behalf into the environment except where occurring legally pursuant to a permit or license or except where such violation or Release could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, ~~or (ii) any Material Environmental Liability~~;

(l) Litigation — promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days (or such longer period as the Required Holders may agree in their sole discretion) after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such action, suit, proceeding, claim or dispute, any action, suit, proceeding, claim or dispute pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened, or contemplated at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, arbitrator, court or administrative agency involving a claim in excess of ~~\$10,000,000~~ 15,000,000 against the Company, any Subsidiary or any of their respective assets;

(m) Material Adverse Effect — promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of such development, any development that results in, or could reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect; and

(n) Requested Information — with reasonable promptness, such other data and information relating to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (including, but without limitation, actual copies of the Company's Form 10-Q and Form 10-K) or relating to the ability of the Company to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Notes as from time to time may be reasonably requested by any such holder of a Note; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will be required to provide any information (i) in respect of which provision to any such holder of a Note (or their respective representatives) is expressly prohibited by Applicable Law or any binding, arm's-length agreement with a third party that was not entered into in contemplation of this Agreement or any similar provision in the Credit Agreement or (ii) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product;

provided further that the Company shall notify the holders of the Notes in writing as to what is not being made available in reliance on this sentence and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide, to the extent feasible, the applicable information via redaction and to obtain necessary waivers to provide such information, unless, in each case, doing so is prohibited by Applicable Law or such agreement or would result in waiver of such privilege or cause such material not to constitute attorney work product.

Section 7.2. Officer's Certificate. Each set of financial statements delivered to a holder of a Note pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b) shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer:

(a) *Covenant Compliance* — setting forth the information from such financial statements that is required in order to establish whether the Company was in compliance with the requirements of Section 10 during the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished, (including with respect to each such provision that involves mathematical calculations, the information from such financial statements that is required to perform such calculations) and detailed calculations of the maximum or minimum amount, ratio or percentage, as the case may be, permissible under the terms of such Section, and the calculation of the amount, ratio or percentage then in existence. In the event that the Company or any Subsidiary has made an election to measure any financial liability using fair value (which election is being disregarded for purposes of determining compliance with this Agreement pursuant to Section 22.2) as to the period covered by any such financial statement, such Senior Financial Officer's certificate as to such period shall include a reconciliation from GAAP with respect to such election;

(b) *Event of Default* — certifying that such Senior Financial Officer has reviewed the relevant terms hereof and has made, or caused to be made, under his or her supervision, a review of the transactions and conditions of the Company and its Subsidiaries from the beginning of the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished to the date of the certificate and that such review shall not have disclosed the existence during such period of any condition or event that constitutes a Default or an Event of Default or, if any such condition or event existed or exists (including, without limitation, any such event or condition resulting from the failure of the Company or any Subsidiary to comply with any Environmental Law), specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company shall have taken or proposes to take with respect thereto; and

(c) *Subsidiary Guarantors* — certifying that each Subsidiary that is required to be a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 9.7 is a Subsidiary Guarantor, in each case, as of the date of such certificate of Senior Financial Officer, and describing any changes to the composition of the Subsidiary Guarantor group, if any, during the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished.

Section 7.3. Visitation. The Company shall, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to, permit the representatives of each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor:

(a) No Default — if no Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of such holder and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, to visit the principal executive office of any member of the Consolidated Group, to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries with the officers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) its independent public accountants, and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) to visit the other offices and properties of the Company and each Subsidiary, all at such reasonable times and as often as may be reasonably requested in writing; and

(b) Default — if a Default or Event of Default then exists, at the expense of the Company to visit and inspect any of the offices or properties of the Company or any Subsidiary, to examine all their respective books of account, records, reports and other papers, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Company authorizes said accountants to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries), all at such times and as often as may be requested.

Section 7.4. Electronic Delivery. Financial statements, opinions of independent certified public accountants, other information and Officer's Certificates that are required to be delivered by the Company pursuant to Sections 7.1(a), (b), (c) or (d) and Section 7.2 shall be deemed to have been delivered if the Company satisfies any of the following requirements with respect thereto:

(i) such financial statements satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or (b) and related Officer's Certificate satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 and any other information required under Sections 7.1(c) and (d) are delivered to each holder of a Note by e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in such holder's Purchaser Schedule or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company;

(ii) the Company shall have timely filed such Form 10-Q or Form 10-K, satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b), as the case may be, with the SEC on EDGAR and shall have made such form and the related Officer's Certificate satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 available on its home page on the internet, which is located at <http://www.mgpingredients.com> as of the date of this Agreement;

(iii) such financial statements satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b) and related Officer's Certificate(s) satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 and any other information required under Section 7.1(c) are timely posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each holder of Notes has free access; or

(iv) the Company shall have timely filed any of the items referred to in Section 7.1(c) with the SEC on EDGAR and shall have made such items available on its home page on the internet or on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each holder of Notes has free access;

provided however, that in no case shall access to such financial statements, other information and Officer's Certificates be conditioned upon any waiver or other agreement or consent (other than confidentiality provisions consistent with Section 20 of this Agreement); provided, further, that in the case of any of clauses (ii), (iii) or (iv), the Company shall have given each holder of a Note substantially contemporaneous written notice, which may be by e-mail or in accordance with Section 18, of such posting or filing in connection with each delivery, provided further, that upon request of any holder to receive paper copies of such forms, financial statements, other information and Officer's Certificates or to receive them by e-mail, the Company will promptly e-mail them or deliver such paper copies, as the case may be, to such holder.

Section 8. Payment and Prepayment of the Notes.

Section 8.1. Required Prepayments; Maturity.

(a) Series A Notes. On August 23, 2021 and on the 23rd day of each November, February, May and August thereafter to and including August 23, 2027, the Company will prepay \$800,000.00 principal amount (or such lesser principal amount as shall then be outstanding) of the Series A Notes at par and without payment of the Make-Whole Amount or any premium, provided that upon any partial prepayment of the Series A Notes pursuant to Section 8.2 or 8.3 or partial purchase of the Series A Notes pursuant to Section 8.6 (provided that Section 8.6 has been amended pursuant to Section 17.1(c) to permit purchases of the Series A Notes), the principal amount of each required prepayment of the Series A Notes becoming due under this Section 8.1(a) on and after the date of such prepayment shall be reduced in the same proportion as the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Series A Notes is reduced as a result of such prepayment.

(b) Shelf Notes. Each Series of Shelf Notes shall be subject to required prepayments, if any, set forth in the Notes of such Series, provided that upon any partial prepayment of the Shelf Notes of any Series pursuant to Section 8.2 or 8.3 or partial purchase of the Shelf Notes of such Series pursuant to Section 8.6 (provided that Section 8.6 has been amended pursuant to Section 17.1(c) to permit purchases of the Shelf Notes of such Series), the principal amount of each required prepayment of the Shelf Notes of such Series becoming due under this Section 8.1(b) on and after the date of such prepayment shall be reduced in the same proportion as the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Shelf Notes of such Series is reduced as a result of such prepayment.

As provided therein, the entire unpaid principal balance of each Note shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date thereof.

Section 8.2. Optional Prepayments with Make-Whole Amount. The Company may, at its option, upon notice as provided below, prepay at any time all, or from time to time any part

of, any Series of Notes, in an amount that is an integral multiple of \$100,000 and not less than \$1,000,000, at 100% of the principal amount so prepaid, and the Make-Whole Amount determined for the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount. The Company will give each holder of the Series of Notes to be prepaid written notice of each optional prepayment under this Section 8.2 not less than 10 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for such prepayment unless the Company and the Required Holders agree to another time period pursuant to Section 17. Each such notice shall specify such date (which shall be a Business Day), the aggregate principal amount of the Series of Notes to be prepaid on such date, the principal amount of each Note held by such holder to be prepaid (determined in accordance with Section 8.4), and the interest to be paid on the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount being prepaid, and shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer as to the estimated Make-Whole Amount due in connection with such prepayment (calculated as if the date of such notice were the date of the prepayment), setting forth the details of such computation. Two Business Days prior to such prepayment, the Company shall deliver to each holder of the Series of Notes to be prepaid a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer specifying the calculation of such Make-Whole Amount as of the specified prepayment date. If a Default or an Event of Default exists at the time the Company gives any written notice of an optional prepayment, such notice shall be given to the holders of all Notes of all Series then outstanding, and the optional prepayment shall be made with respect to all Series of Notes rather than solely with respect to the Notes of a particular Series.

Section 8.3. Mandatory Prepayments.

(a) Change of Control.

(i) *Notice of Change of Control or Control Event.* The Company will, within five Business Days after any Responsible Officer has knowledge of the occurrence of any Change of Control or Control Event, give written notice of such Change of Control or Control Event to each holder of any of the Notes. If a Change of Control or Control Event has occurred, such notice shall contain and constitute an offer by the Company to prepay the Notes as described in Section 8.3(a)(ii) and shall be accompanied by the certificate described in Section 8.3(a)(vi).

(ii) *Offer to Prepay Notes.* The offer to prepay Notes contemplated by this Section 8.3(a) shall be an offer to prepay, in accordance with and subject to this Section 8.3, each of the Notes held by each holder (in this case only, “**holder**” in respect of any Note registered in the name of a nominee for a disclosed beneficial owner shall mean such beneficial owner) on a date specified in such offer (the “**Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date**”). Such Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date shall be not less than 10 days and not more than 90 days after the date of such offer (if the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date shall not be specified in such offer, the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date shall be the 20th day after the date of such offer).

(iii) *Acceptance; Rejection.* The Company shall, on or before the seventh day prior to the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date, give telephonic

re-notification and confirmation thereof to each holder which shall have designated a recipient of such notices in either the Purchaser Schedule for such holder or by notice in writing to the Company. A holder of Notes may accept the offer to prepay made pursuant to this Section 8.3(a) by causing a notice of such acceptance to be delivered to the Company on or before the fifth day prior to the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date. A failure by a holder of Notes to respond to an offer to prepay made pursuant to this Section 8.3(a) on or before such date shall be deemed to constitute an acceptance of such offer by such holder.

(iv) *Prepayment.* Prepayment of the Notes to be prepaid pursuant to this Section 8.3(a) shall be at 100% of the principal amount of the Notes, together with interest accrued to the actual date of such prepayment and Make-Whole Amount, if any.

(v) *Deferral Pending Change of Control.* The obligation of the Company to prepay Notes pursuant to the offers required by Section 8.3(a)(ii) and accepted in accordance with Section 8.3(a)(iii) is subject to the occurrence of the Change of Control in respect of which such offers and acceptances shall have been made. In the event that such Change of Control does not occur on the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date in respect thereof, the prepayment shall be deferred until, and shall be made on or before the date on which, such Change of Control occurs. The Company shall keep each holder of Notes reasonably and timely informed of (A) any such deferral of the date of prepayment, (B) the date on which such Change of Control and the prepayment are expected to occur and (C) any determination by the Company that efforts to effect such Change of Control have ceased or been abandoned (in which case the offers and acceptances made pursuant to this Section 8.3 in respect of such Change of Control automatically shall be deemed rescinded without penalty or other liability).

(vi) *Officer's Certificate.* Each offer to prepay the Notes pursuant to this Section 8.3(a) shall be accompanied by a certificate, executed by a Responsible Officer of the Company and dated the date of such offer, specifying: (A) the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date; (B) that such offer is made pursuant to this Section 8.3(a); (C) the principal amount of each Note offered to be prepaid; (D) the interest that would be due on each Note offered to be prepaid, accrued to the Proposed Change of Control Prepayment Date and Make-Whole Amount, if any; (E) that the conditions of this Section 8.3(a) have been fulfilled; and (F) in reasonable detail, the nature and date of the Change of Control or Control Event.

Section 8.4. Allocation of Partial Prepayments. In the case of any partial prepayment of the Notes of any Series, the principal amount of the Notes of such Series to be prepaid shall be allocated among all of the Notes of such Series at the time outstanding (or in the case of a prepayment pursuant to Section 8.3, all the Notes the holders of which shall have accepted, or be deemed to have accepted, the offer to prepay such Notes) in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof not theretofore called for prepayment.

Section 8.5. Maturity; Surrender, Etc. In the case of each prepayment of Notes of any Series pursuant to this Section 8, the principal amount of each Note to be prepaid shall mature and become due and payable on the date fixed for such prepayment, together with interest on such principal amount accrued to such date and the applicable Make-Whole Amount, if any. From and after such date, unless the Company shall fail to pay such principal amount when so due and payable, together with the interest and Make-Whole Amount, if any, as aforesaid, interest on such principal amount shall cease to accrue. Any Note paid or prepaid in full shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled and shall not be reissued, and no Note shall be issued in lieu of any prepaid principal amount of any Note.

Section 8.6. Purchase of Notes. The Company will not and will not permit any Affiliate to purchase, redeem, prepay or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of the outstanding Notes of any Series except upon the payment or prepayment of the Notes of such Series in accordance with this Agreement and the Notes of such Series. The Company will promptly cancel all Notes acquired by it or any Affiliate pursuant to any payment or prepayment of Notes pursuant to this Agreement and no Notes may be issued in substitution or exchange for any such Notes.

Section 8.7. Make-Whole Amount.

“Make-Whole Amount” means, with respect to any Note, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Discounted Value of the Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to the Called Principal of such Note over the amount of such Called Principal, *provided* that the Make-Whole Amount may in no event be less than zero. For the purposes of determining the Make-Whole Amount, the following terms have the following meanings:

“Called Principal” means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or Section 8.3 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

“Discounted Value” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

“Reinvestment Yield” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (a) 0.50% plus (b) the yield to maturity implied by the “Ask Yield(s)” reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as “Page PX1” (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (**“Reported”**) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (i) converting U.S. Treasury bill

quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (ii) interpolating linearly between the “Ask Yields” Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then “Reinvestment Yield” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.50% plus (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

“Remaining Average Life” means, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (i) such Called Principal into (ii) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (b) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year composed of twelve 30-day months and calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

“Remaining Scheduled Payments” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, *provided* that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date pursuant to Section 8.5 or Section 12.1.

“Settlement Date” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or Section 8.3 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

Section 8.8. Payments Due on Non-Business Days. Anything in this Agreement or the Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, (x) except as set forth in clause (y), any payment of

interest on any Note that is due on a date that is not a Business Day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day without including the additional days elapsed in the computation of the interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day; and (y) any payment of principal of or Make-Whole Amount on any Note (including principal due on the Maturity Date of such Note) that is due on a date that is not a Business Day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and shall include the additional days elapsed in the computation of interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day.

Section 9. Affirmative Covenants.

The Company covenants that so long as any of the Notes are outstanding:

Section 9.1. Compliance. Without limiting Section 10.4, the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, (a) comply in all material respects with the provisions of all documents pursuant to which such Person is organized and governed, and ~~(b) comply in all material respects with all Material Contracts then in effect and (c)~~ comply with all laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations to which each of them is subject, including, without limitation, ERISA, Environmental Laws, the USA PATRIOT Act and the other laws and regulations that are referred to in Section 5.16, and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of their respective properties or to the conduct of their respective businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure that non-compliance with such laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations or failures to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 9.2. Insurance. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to their respective properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated. Unless all Liens on the Collateral in favor of the Collateral Agent securing the Note Obligations pursuant to the Security Documents have been released pursuant to Section 9.8, such insurance shall (a) provide for not less than 30 days' prior notice to the holders of Notes of termination, lapse or cancellation of such insurance (except (i) in the case of the foregoing as a result of non-payment of premium in which case only 10 days' prior notice shall be required or (ii) as reasonably agreed by the Required Holders in writing), (b) have lender's loss payable endorsements (in the case of property policies insuring Collateral) and additional insured endorsements (in the case of liability policies) reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders and (c) otherwise comply with the provisions of the Security Documents.

Section 9.3. Maintenance of Properties. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain and keep, or cause to be maintained and kept, their respective properties in good repair, working order and condition (other than ordinary wear and tear), so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times,

provided that this Section shall not prevent the Company or any Subsidiary from discontinuing the operation and the maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is desirable in the conduct of its business and the Company has concluded that such discontinuance could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 9.4. Payment of Taxes and Claims. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, file all [material](#) tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, *provided* that neither the Company nor any Subsidiary need pay any such tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if (i) the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested by the Company or such Subsidiary on a timely basis in good faith and in appropriate proceedings, and the Company or a Subsidiary has established adequate reserves therefor in accordance with GAAP on the books of the Company or such Subsidiary or (ii) the nonpayment of all such taxes, assessments, charges, levies and claims could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 9.5. Corporate Existence, Etc. Subject to Sections 10.4 and 10.5, the Company will at all times preserve and keep its corporate existence in full force and effect. Subject to Sections 10.4 and 10.5, the Company will at all times preserve and keep in full force and effect the organizational existence of each of its Subsidiaries (unless merged into the Company or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) and all rights and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries unless, in the good faith judgment of the Company, the termination of or failure to preserve and keep in full force and effect such corporate existence, right or franchise could not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 9.6. Books and Records. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain proper books of record and account in conformity with GAAP and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary, as the case may be. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Company and its Subsidiaries have devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that their respective books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets, and the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, continue to maintain such system.

Section 9.7. Subsidiary Guarantors. The Company will cause each of its Subsidiaries that guarantees or otherwise becomes liable at any time, whether as a borrower or an additional or co-borrower or otherwise, for or in respect of any Indebtedness under any Material Credit Facility to concurrently therewith:

(a) enter into the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement, which will provide for the guaranty by such Subsidiary, on a joint and several basis with all other such Subsidiaries, of (i) the prompt payment in full when due of all amounts payable by the Company pursuant to the Notes (whether for principal, interest, Make-Whole Amount or otherwise) and this Agreement, including, without limitation, all indemnities, fees and expenses payable by the Company thereunder and (ii) the prompt, full and faithful performance, observance and discharge by the Company of each and every covenant, agreement, undertaking and provision required pursuant to the Notes or this Agreement to be performed, observed or discharged by it (a “**Subsidiary Guaranty**”); and

(b) deliver the following to each holder of a Note:

(i) an executed counterpart of the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement, or a supplement to the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement, whereby such Subsidiary becomes a party to the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement;

(ii) a certificate signed by an authorized responsible officer of such Subsidiary containing representations and warranties on behalf of such Subsidiary to the same effect, *mutatis mutandis*, as those contained in Sections 5, as applicable (but with respect to such Subsidiary and such Subsidiary Guaranty rather than the Company);

(iii) all documents as may be reasonably requested by the Required Holders to evidence the due organization, continuing existence and good standing of such Subsidiary and the due authorization by all requisite action on the part of such Subsidiary of the execution and delivery of the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement (or a supplement thereto) and the performance by such Subsidiary of its obligations thereunder, including, without limitation, the types of documents set forth in Sections 4.3 and 4.12(ii), (iv) and (v); and

(iv) an opinion of counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders covering the matters set forth in opinion numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 of Schedule 4.4(a) but relating to such Subsidiary and such Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement and any Security Documents executed by such Subsidiary, and which opinion may be subject to assumptions, qualifications and limitations similar to those set forth in such Schedule 4.4(a).

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement or the other Note Documents to the contrary, at the election of the Company and by written notice to each holder of Notes, any Guarantor may be discharged from all of its obligations and liabilities under its Guaranty Agreement and shall be automatically released from its obligations thereunder without the need for the execution or delivery of any other document by the holders, *provided*, that (I) if such Guarantor is a guarantor or is otherwise liable for or in respect of any Material Credit Facility, then such Guarantor has been released and discharged or will be released and discharged concurrently with the release of such Guarantor under its Guaranty Agreement) under such Material Credit Facility, (II) at the time of, and after giving effect to, such release and discharge, no Default or Event of Default shall be existing, (III) no amount is then due and payable by such

Guarantor under any Note Document, (IV) if in connection with such Guarantor being released and discharged under any Material Credit Facility, any fee or other form of consideration (excluding reimbursement of expenses) is given to any holder of Indebtedness under such Material Credit Facility for such release, the holders of the Notes shall receive equivalent consideration substantially concurrently therewith, (V) each holder shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying as to the matters set forth in clauses (I) through (IV), and (VI) in the event of any such release, for purposes of Section 10.2, all Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to have been incurred concurrently with such release.

Section 9.8. Covenant to Secure Notes Equally. The Company will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, if it or any other Note Party shall create or assume any Lien to secure any obligation under any Material Credit Facility upon any of its property or assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, make or cause to be made effective provision whereby the Notes and any Guaranty thereof will be secured by such Lien equally and ratably with any and all other Indebtedness thereby secured; *provided*, that the creation and maintenance of such equal and ratable Lien shall not in any way limit or modify the right of the holders of the Notes to enforce the provisions of Section 10.3.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement or the other Note Documents to the contrary, at the election of the Company and by written notice to each holder of Notes, any Collateral of any Note Party may be released from the any Lien securing the Note Obligations, and the holders of Notes shall direct the Collateral Agent to release such Collateral, *provided*, that (I) after giving effect to such release, the Company has a Material Credit Facility, (II) if such Collateral is subject to a Lien securing any obligation under or in respect of any Material Credit Facility, then such Lien has been released and terminated or will be released and terminated concurrently with the release of such Collateral from the Lien securing the Note Obligations under such Material Credit Facility, (III) at the time of, and after giving effect to, such release and termination, no Default or Event of Default shall be existing, (IV) if in connection with such Collateral being released and terminated under any Material Credit Facility, any fee or other form of consideration is given to any holder of Indebtedness under such Material Credit Facility for such release or termination, the holders of the Notes shall receive equivalent consideration substantially concurrently therewith, (V) such release and termination is not prohibited by the Intercreditor Agreement or any other applicable intercreditor agreement required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and (VI) each holder shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying as to the matters set forth in clauses (I) through (VI).

Section 9.9. Notes and Guaranty Agreements to Rank Pari Passu. All payment obligations arising under this Agreement and the Notes shall be maintained at a rank (a) not less than *pari passu* with all other Notes from time to time issued and outstanding hereunder, without any preference among themselves and (b) not less than *pari passu* with all other Indebtedness of the Company under any Material Credit Facility (actual or contingent). All payment obligations of each Guarantor under any Guaranty Agreement shall be maintained (i) at a rank *pari passu* with all payment obligations of such Guarantor under such Guaranty Agreement and the Notes guaranteed thereby, without any preference among themselves and (ii) not less than *pari passu* in

respect of all other Indebtedness of such Guarantor under any Material Credit Facility (actual or contingent).

Section 9.10. Procedures and Controls. The Company will maintain procedures and controls that are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable law) to ensure that the Company and each Controlled Entity will be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.

Section 9.11. Further Assurances. ~~The~~Subject to the limitations set forth in the Note Documents, the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, execute any and all further documents, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions ~~that may be required under any applicable law, or~~ which the Required Holders may reasonably request, to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Note Documents or to grant, preserve, protect or perfect the Liens created or purported to be created by the Security Documents or the validity or priority of any such lien.

Section 9.12. Leverage Fee. The Company agrees to pay to the holders of the Notes, in addition to the interest accruing on the Notes, (a) if the Consolidated ~~Leverage Ratio as of the end of any fiscal quarter ending after the First Amendment Closing Date but prior to the Fourth Amendment Closing Date is greater than 3.50 to 1.00 for such fiscal quarter, a fee equal to 0.35% per annum on the unpaid principal amount of each such Note (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day) during such fiscal quarter),~~ (b) if the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as of the end of any fiscal quarter ending after the Fourth Amendment Closing Date is greater than 3.50 to 1.00 but not greater than 4.00 to 1.00 for such fiscal quarter, a fee equal to 0.35% per annum on the unpaid principal amount of each such Note (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day) during such fiscal quarter), and ~~(e)~~ (b) if the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as of the end of any fiscal quarter ending after the Fourth Amendment Closing Date is greater than 4.00 to 1.00 for such fiscal quarter, a fee equal to 0.50% per annum on the unpaid principal amount of each such Note (computed on the basis of a year of 360 days and in each case shall be payable for the actual number of days elapsed (including the first day but excluding the last day) during such fiscal quarter) (any such fee in the immediately foregoing clauses (a); or (b) ~~or (e)~~ being referred to as the “Leverage Fee”), in each case payable in arrears on or before the 45th day after the end of such fiscal quarter. The payment of the Leverage Fee shall not constitute a waiver of any Default or Event of Default.

Section 10. Negative Covenants.

The Company covenants that so long as any of the Notes are outstanding:

Section 10.1. Financial Covenants.

(a) Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter to be greater than ~~(x) 4.50 to 1.00 for each~~

~~fiscal quarter ending on and after June 30, 2021 through March 31, 2022, and (y) 4.00 to 1.00 for each fiscal quarter ending on and after June 30, 2022;~~ provided that (i) if the aggregate consideration paid in connection with any Permitted Acquisition, when taken together with the aggregate consideration for any previous Permitted Acquisitions since the ~~Fourth~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date (or, in the case of the second Elevated Ratio Period (as defined below) hereunder, since the end of the first Elevated Ratio Period), is in excess of \$25,000,000, then the Company shall have the right to elect to increase the maximum permitted Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio required to be maintained by this Section 10.1(a) ~~for any fiscal quarter ending on or after September 30, 2022 to 4.50 to 1.00 during to 4.50 to 1.00, which such increase shall be applicable (i) with respect to a Permitted Acquisition that is not a Limited Condition Transaction, for~~ the fiscal quarter in which such acquisition is consummated ~~(and the “Trigger Quarter”) and each of the following three fiscal quarters following the Trigger Quarter (three (3) consecutive quarterly test periods thereafter or (ii) with respect to a Permitted Acquisition that is a Limited Condition Transaction, for purposes of determining compliance with this Section 10.1(a) on the LCT Test Date, for the fiscal quarter in which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated and for the three (3) consecutive quarterly test periods after which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated (each such period, the an “Elevated Ratio Period”)~~ so long as (A) there is at least one fiscal quarter end after the end of each Elevated Ratio Period at which the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00, (B) there shall be no more than one Elevated Ratio Period in effect at any given time, (C) there shall be no more than two Elevated Ratio Periods after the ~~Fourth~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date. Such election shall be made by the delivery of a written notice by the Company to the Purchasers making reference to this Section 10.1(a) and notifying the Purchasers of the Company’s exercise of this right on or prior to the date of the actual or required delivery of the certificate required by Section 7.2 ~~with respect to the Trigger Quarter, for the fiscal quarter in which such acquisition is consummated or, with respect to a Limited Condition Transaction, at the time of election by the Company with respect to such Limited Condition Transaction under Section 10.17.~~

(b) Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. The Company will not permit the Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Company to be less than 1.25 to 1.00.

Section 10.2. Indebtedness. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, create, incur, assume, guarantee or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except the following:

- (a) the Note Obligations;
- (b) any Indebtedness existing on the ~~date hereof~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 10.2 together with any Permitted Refinancings thereof;
- (c) the endorsement of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection or similar transactions in the ordinary course of business;

(d) Indebtedness incurred to make capital expenditures or acquire, construct or improve a fixed or capital asset, so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed ~~\$15,000,000~~22,500,000;

(e) Indebtedness and obligations owing under (i) Swap Contracts entered into in order to manage existing or anticipated interest rate, exchange rate or commodity price risks and not for speculative purposes and (ii) Secured Cash Management Agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(f) Indebtedness of a Note Party owing to another Note Party or, to the extent permitted by Section 10.6, of a Subsidiary of a Note Party owing to a Note Party;

(g) Guarantees by any Note Party of Indebtedness of another Note Party that is otherwise permitted hereunder;

(h) contingent liabilities in respect of any indemnification obligation, adjustment of purchase price, non-compete or similar obligation of any Note Party incurred in connection with the consummation of any Permitted Acquisition or any Disposition permitted hereunder;

(i) Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement, together with any Permitted Refinancings thereof; provided, that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted pursuant to this clause (i) shall at no time exceed the sum of (x) \$500,000,000 plus (y) the Incremental Facilities Limit (as defined in the Credit Agreement as in effect on the Sixth Amendment Closing Date);

(j) unsecured Indebtedness of the Company 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 the Company of its Equity Interests 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 and (ii) the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness outstanding at any one time does not exceed ~~\$5,000,000~~7,500,000;

(k) Indebtedness in respect of:

(i) one or more series of senior or subordinated notes issued by the Company that are either, at the option of the Company, (x) unsecured or (y) secured by Liens on the Collateral ranking junior to or *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Note Obligations and the Credit Agreement Obligations, and

(ii) senior or subordinated loans made to the Company that are either, at the option of the Company, (x) unsecured or (y) secured by Liens on Collateral ranking junior to or *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Note Obligations and the Credit Agreement Obligations (any such Indebtedness described in clause (i) above or this

clause (ii), **“Incremental Equivalent Debt”**) and any Permitted Refinancing of any Incremental Equivalent Debt; *provided that*

(1) no Incremental Equivalent Debt may be incurred unless, after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt, and after giving effect to any Permitted Acquisition, other Investment, or any sale, transaction or other Disposition or any incurrence of Indebtedness or repayment of Indebtedness consummated concurrently therewith, the Company has, on a Pro Forma Basis, a Consolidated [Net](#) Leverage Ratio not greater than 3.25 to 1.00; provided that the maximum Consolidated [Net](#) Leverage Ratio limitation set forth in this clause (1) shall not apply to incurrences of Incremental Equivalent Debt that are used to term out or otherwise refinance then existing Indebtedness (and, in the case of any refinanced Indebtedness that consists of revolving credit Indebtedness, to permanently reduce the available amount of such Indebtedness by the amount so refinanced);

(2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt;

(3) the Company shall be in compliance with Section 10.1 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of such Incremental Equivalent Debt, and after giving effect to any Permitted Acquisition, other Investment, or any sale, transaction or other Disposition or any incurrence of Indebtedness or repayment of Indebtedness consummated concurrently therewith, as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter;

(4) the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of such Incremental Equivalent Debt shall be no shorter than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Note Obligations then outstanding;

(5) all other terms of such Indebtedness not covered in this clause (k) shall be determined by the Company and the investors or lenders of such Incremental Equivalent Debt and to the extent such Incremental Equivalent Debt takes the form of loans or senior notes and the terms and documentation for such loans or senior notes, taken as a whole, are not substantially the same as the Note Obligations (other than, in each case, pricing, amortization and maturity) (as determined by the Company in good faith), such loans shall be reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders (except for covenants and events of default applicable to only periods after the Maturity Date of each Series of Notes in effect at the time such Incremental Equivalent Debt is entered into);

(6) no Incremental Equivalent Debt shall be incurred by or subject to any Guaranty by any Person other than the Company and the Guarantors, respectively, and shall not be secured by any property or assets of any Note Party other than Collateral;

provided, further, if such Incremental Equivalent Debt:

(x) is secured on a pari passu basis with the Note Obligations and the Credit Agreement Obligations,

(1) the holders of such Indebtedness or a representative thereof will join in and become a party to the Intercreditor Agreement, or otherwise enter into an intercreditor agreement with the Required Holders, in each case in a manner or pursuant to such documentation as is reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders and

(2) such Indebtedness shall not require mandatory prepayments (except scheduled amortization permitted by clause (4) to the first proviso above) that are more restrictive than any mandatory prepayments applicable to the Note Obligations and may participate on a pro rata basis or on a less than pro rata basis (but not on a greater than pro rata basis) in any mandatory prepayments applicable to the Note Obligations, or

(y) is secured on a junior basis with the Note Obligations and the Credit Agreement Obligations,

(1) the holders of such Indebtedness or a representative thereof will enter into an intercreditor agreement with the holders of Notes that is reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders and

(2) such Indebtedness shall not have any scheduled principal prepayments or be subject to any mandatory redemption or prepayment provisions (except for customary change of control provisions and customary asset sale provisions that permit application of the applicable proceeds to the payment of the Note Obligations, the Credit Agreement Obligations or other secured Incremental Equivalent Debt prior to application to such Indebtedness) due prior to the date that is 91 days after the latest Maturity Date of all Notes then outstanding, or

(z) is unsecured, such Indebtedness shall not have any scheduled principal prepayments (except scheduled amortization permitted by clause (4) to the first proviso above) or be subject to any mandatory redemption or prepayment provisions (except for customary change of control provisions and customary asset sale provisions that permit application of the applicable proceeds to the payment of the Note Obligations and any Credit Agreement Obligations or other secured Incremental Equivalent Debt prior to application to such Indebtedness)

due prior to the date that is 91 days after the latest Maturity Date of all Notes then outstanding;

(l) Permitted IRB Financings and Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(m) Indebtedness incurred by a Note Party to acquire a new or replacement aircraft for its own use or another Note Party's use so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed \$~~10,000,000~~ 15,000,000;

(n) Indebtedness of a Person existing at the time such Person became a Subsidiary or assets were acquired from such Person in connection with an Investment permitted pursuant to Section 10.6; *provided* that (i) such Indebtedness was not incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such Person becoming a Subsidiary or the acquisition of such assets, (ii) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary thereof (other than such Person or any other Person that such Person merges with or that acquires the assets of such Person) shall have any liability or other obligation with respect to such Indebtedness, and (iii) the Company shall be in compliance with Section 10.1 after giving effect thereto on a Pro Forma Basis as of the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period, and any Permitted Refinancing thereof;

(o) unsecured Indebtedness of a Note Party and any Permitted Refinancing in respect thereof; *provided*, that in the case of each incurrence of such Indebtedness:

(i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would exist immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness;

(ii) after giving effect to the issuance of such Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof on a Pro Forma Basis as of the most recently ended four consecutive fiscal quarter period, the Company shall be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 10.1;

(iii) such Indebtedness does not mature, or require any scheduled principal amortization, mandatory prepayment or redemption, put right or sinking fund obligation prior to the date that is 91 days after the later of (A) the date required for such Indebtedness in Section 8.2(o) of the Credit Agreement (provided that such time period shall not be less than the time period in the Credit Agreement as in effect on the ~~Fourth~~ Sixth Amendment Closing Date) and (B) the date that is five years after the ~~Fourth~~ Sixth Amendment Closing Date; *provided*, that (x) any Indebtedness consisting of a customary bridge facility shall be deemed to satisfy this requirement so long as such Indebtedness automatically converts into long-term debt which satisfies this clause (iii), (y) customary prepayment, redemption, repurchase or defeasance obligations in connection with a change of control, asset sale or the exercise of remedies after an event of default (in each case as determined by the Company in good faith) shall not disqualify such Indebtedness from satisfying the requirements of this clause (iii), and (z) for

purposes of determining whether Permitted Convertible Indebtedness meets the foregoing requirements, neither any settlement upon conversion of such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (whether in cash, stock or other property) nor any required redemption or repurchase thereof upon a “fundamental change” (as customarily defined for such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness) shall disqualify such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness from satisfying such requirements notwithstanding a possible occurrence prior to the then latest scheduled maturity date of the Notes;

(iv) the terms of such Indebtedness reflect market terms (taken as a whole) at the time of issuance and (other than pricing, fees, rate floors, premiums and optional prepayment or redemption provisions), taken as a whole, are not materially more restrictive (as determined by Company in good faith) on the Company and its Subsidiaries than the terms and conditions of this Agreement, taken as a whole; and

(v) such Indebtedness shall not be guaranteed by any Person other than a Note Party hereunder;

(p) other ~~unsecured~~ Indebtedness so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness does not at any time exceed ~~\$10,000,000~~ 15,000,000; provided, that if such Indebtedness is secured, it shall be secured by Liens on Collateral (and no other assets or property) ranking junior to the Liens securing the Note Obligations and shall be subject to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders (including a customary intercreditor agreement reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders);

(q) Acquired Luxco Debt (other than Indebtedness described in clause (a) of the definition thereof); ~~and~~

(r) Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries (including the Acquired Luxco Debt described in clause (a) of the definition thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed ~~\$25,000,000~~ 37,500,000 at any time outstanding (including the Dollar equivalent in the case of Indebtedness that is not denominated in U.S. dollars); ~~and~~

(s) the 2021 Convertible Notes in an aggregate principal amount up to \$201,250,000, together with any Permitted Refinancings thereof.

Section 10.3. Liens. The Company will not and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to directly or indirectly create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any property or asset (including, without limitation, any document or instrument in respect of goods or accounts receivable) of the Company or any such Subsidiary, whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except:

(a) any Lien on the Collateral in favor of the Collateral Agent securing the Note Obligations and the Credit Agreement Obligations permitted pursuant to Section 10.2 (i) that is subject to the Intercreditor Agreement;

(b) any Lien that is existing on the ~~date of this Agreement~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 10.3, including any renewals or replacements thereof; provided that (i) such Lien shall not apply to any other asset of the Company or any Subsidiary and (ii) such Lien shall secure only those obligations which it secures on the date hereof or any renewals or refinancings thereof which do not increase the principal amount of such obligations;

(c) Permitted Encumbrances;

(d) purchase money Liens upon or in any inventory or any fixed or capital asset (in each case including any proceeds thereof) to secure the purchase price thereof or, in the case of any fixed or capital asset, the cost of construction or improvement of such fixed or capital asset (including Liens securing any Capital Lease Obligations and Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 10.2(n)); provided, that (i) such Lien secures Indebtedness permitted by Section 10.2(d) or Section 10.2(n) or, in the case of any Lien on inventory, the purchase price of such inventory and other inventory purchased from such supplier, (ii) such Lien attaches to such asset concurrently or within 90 days after the acquisition, improvement or completion of the construction thereof, (iii) such Lien does not extend to any other asset (except that any Lien securing Indebtedness permitted by Section 10.2(n) may, if the aircraft is leased by one Note Party to another, extend to the lessor's rights under such lease) and (iv) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing or improving such asset;

(e) to the extent constituting a Lien, any lease of Permitted Real Estate;

(f) Liens on property securing Indebtedness permitted to be incurred under Sections 10.2(i) or (k), but only if the priority of such Liens is pari passu with or junior to the Liens securing the Note Obligations on such property pursuant to an intercreditor agreement entered into in accordance with Sections 10.2(k) or, if applicable the Intercreditor Agreement;

(g) Liens securing Permitted IRB Financings, including any Permitted Refinancings thereof; *provided*, that such Liens encumber only the related IRB Property; and

(h) other Liens ~~that 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 the greater of (i) ~~\$85,000,000~~140,000,000 and (ii) 10% of the consolidated total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time such Liens are incurred for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or 7.1(b); provided, that, solely to the extent such Liens secure Indebtedness for borrowed money, such Indebtedness shall be secured by a

Lien on the Collateral (and no other assets or property) on a junior basis with the Note Obligations and shall be subject to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders (including a customary intercreditor agreement reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders);

(i) Liens on property (i) of a Person that becomes a Subsidiary existing at the time that such Person becomes a Subsidiary in connection with an acquisition permitted hereunder and (ii) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries existing at the time such Property is purchased or otherwise acquired by the Company or such Subsidiary pursuant to a transaction permitted hereunder and, in each case any modification, replacement, renewal and extension thereof; *provided* that, with respect to each of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), (A) such Liens are not incurred in connection with, or in anticipation of, such Permitted Acquisition, purchase or other acquisition, (B) such Liens do not encumber any property other than property encumbered at the time of such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary and the proceeds and products thereof and are not all asset Liens, (C) such Liens do not attach to any other property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, and (D) such Liens will secure only those obligations which it secures at the time such acquisition or purchase occurs or any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(j) Acquired Luxco Liens; and

(k) Liens on assets of Foreign Subsidiaries; *provided* that (i) such Liens do not extend to, or encumber, assets that constitute Collateral, and (ii) such Liens extending to the assets of any Foreign Subsidiary secure only Indebtedness incurred by such Foreign Subsidiary pursuant to Section 10.2(r).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company shall not, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to, mortgage, pledge, grant or permit to exist a security interest in, or other Lien upon, any of its real property now owned or hereafter acquired, except (v) Permitted Encumbrances, (w) any Lien that is existing on the ~~date of this Agreement~~ Sixth Amendment Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 10.3, (x) to the extent constituting a Lien, any lease of any Permitted Real Estate, (y) any lease of or Lien upon any IRB Property, in each case in connection with any Permitted IRB Financings or Permitted Refinancings thereof, and (z) any Acquired Luxco Liens or any Liens permitted under Section 10.3(i) and (k).

Section 10.4. Merger, Consolidation, Etc. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, consolidate with or merge with any other Person or Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person, or liquidate or dissolve or enter into any other line of business other than those conducted as of the date of this Agreement or businesses reasonably related thereto, except that, in each of the foregoing cases, if at the time thereof and immediately after giving effect thereto, no Default or Event of Default exists:

(a) any Subsidiary may merge into the Company in a transaction in which the Company is the survivor;

(b) any Subsidiary that is not a Note Party may (i) merge into (A) any other Subsidiary that is not a Note Party or (B) any Note Party (other than the Company) so long as the survivor is a Note Party and (ii) transfer assets to any Note Party and to any other Subsidiary that is not a Note Party;

(c) any Note Party may (i) transfer assets to any other Note Party or (ii) merge with any other Note Party so long as, if the Company is a party to such transaction, the Company is the survivor; and

(d) any Subsidiary may liquidate or dissolve if the Company determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Company and is not disadvantageous to the holders of Notes; and

(e) any Subsidiary may merge into any Person or acquire all or substantially all of the assets of any other Person in a transaction permitted by Section 10.6 in which the survivor in any such merger or the acquirer of such assets is a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary and is a Note Party.

Section 10.5. Transfer of Assets. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, Dispose of any of its assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, including any Equity Interest owned by it, nor will the Company permit any of its Subsidiaries to issue any additional Equity Interest in such Subsidiary other than to a Note Party, except for the following:

(a) the Disposition for fair market value of obsolete or worn out equipment or other fixed assets not necessary for operations Disposed of in the ordinary course of business;

(b) the sale of inventory and Eligible Investments in the ordinary course of business;

(c) Dispositions solely between or among Note Parties;

(d) transfers of assets by any Note Party to any Subsidiary that is not a Note Party, *provided*, that (i) no Default or Event of Default exists at the time of each such transfer or would occur as a result of such transfer, (ii) such transferred assets do not include any Equity Interests of any Note Party and (iii) the aggregate amount transferred to all such Subsidiaries by all Note Parties in any fiscal year does not exceed \$10,000,000 in any fiscal year;

(e) so long as no Default or Event of Default exists or would occur as a result thereof, the sale, lease or other disposition of any Permitted Real Estate;

(f) to the extent constituting Dispositions, transactions permitted by Sections 10.3, 10.4, 10.6 and 10.7 and the expenditure or other transfer or use of cash or cash equivalents in transactions not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement;

(g) ~~the lease of equipment and other transactions described in the ICM Lease, as initially in effect and as it may be subsequently amended with the written consent of the Required Holders;~~ Dispositions of fixed assets, spare inventory and any other asset related to the Company's former distillery located in Atchison, Kansas; provided that the aggregate fair market value of all assets Disposed of in reliance upon this clause (g) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$15,000,000;

(h) the licensing, on a non-exclusive basis, of patents, trademarks, copyrights and other intellectual property in the ordinary course of business or consistent with customary industry practices;

(i) the abandonment of trademarks and other intellectual property which the Company in good faith determines are no longer useful to its or a Subsidiary's business;

(j) any involuntary loss, damage or destruction of property, including the abandonment or other Disposition of stale, spoiled or otherwise nonconforming inventory;

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

(l) any sale, lease or other Disposition of any IRB Property in connection with any Permitted IRB Financings;

(m) Dispositions of non-core assets acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or Investment permitted under this Agreement (including, as necessary to obtain the approval of any applicable antitrust authority) which, within 180 days of the date of the applicable acquisition or Investment are designated in writing to the holders of Notes as being held for potential sale and not for the continued operation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective businesses; and

(n) other Dispositions of assets (other than Equity Interests in a Subsidiary that is a Note Party) that are not permitted by any other clause of this Section; *provided*, that the aggregate fair market value of all assets Disposed of in reliance upon this clause (n) during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed the greater of (i) ~~\$65,000,000~~ 105,000,000 and (ii) 7.5% of the consolidated total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time of each respective Disposition for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or 7.1(b);

provided, further, that all Dispositions permitted by clauses (a), (b), (e), (h), (m) and (n) above shall be made for fair market value.

Section 10.6. Loans, Investments, Acquisitions. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, purchase, hold or acquire (including pursuant to any merger with any Person that was not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary prior to such merger), any Equity Interests,

Indebtedness or other securities (including any option, warrant, or other right to acquire any of the foregoing) of, make or permit to exist any loans or advances to, Guarantee any obligations of, or make or permit to exist any investment or any other interest in, any other Person (all of the foregoing being collectively called “**Investments**”), or make any Acquisition, subject to Section 10.17 in the case of a Limited Condition Transaction, except for the following:

- (a) Investments existing on the ~~date of this Agreement~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 10.6;
- (b) Eligible Investments;
- (c) Investments by a Note Party in another Note Party;
- (d) Guarantees permitted pursuant to Section 10.2, and any Guarantees by a Note Party of any obligations otherwise permitted to be incurred by another Note Party (and without regard to whether the obligations guaranteed constitute Indebtedness);
- (e) accounts receivable arising and trade credit granted in the ordinary course of business and any securities received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof in connection with accounts of financially troubled Persons to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
- (f) loans and advances to employees who are not holders of Equity Interests of the Company in the ordinary course of business for travel, relocation and similar expenses so long as the aggregate outstanding principal amount of such loans and advances does not at any time exceed \$~~1,000,000~~1,500,000;
- (g) Swap Contracts otherwise permitted hereunder;
- (h) Permitted Acquisitions occurring after the date of this Agreement;
- (i) Investments in joint ventures, corporate collaborations and strategic alliances in the ordinary course of the Company’s or a Subsidiary’s business (including the acquisition of non-controlling Equity Interests in a Person); *provided*, that (i) such Investments do not interfere in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company or its Subsidiaries or result in a material diminution in the value of the Collateral as security for the Note Obligations, other than by virtue of any assets invested pursuant to such Investment ceasing to be Collateral, and (ii) the aggregate amount of any Investments made by the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with all such joint ventures, collaborations and alliances shall not exceed \$~~50,000,000~~75,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding (it being understood that (x) for purposes of determining the amount of any Investment outstanding under this clause (i), such amount shall be deemed to be the amount of such Investment when made, purchased or acquired without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment less any amount realized in respect of such Investment upon the sale, collection or return of capital (not to exceed the original amount invested), and (y) if

any subsequent Investment in a Person results in the Acquisition by the Company or a Subsidiary of a Controlling Equity Interest in such Person in a transaction that constitutes a Permitted Acquisition under clause (h) above, the amount of any prior Investment in such acquired Person pursuant to this clause (i) shall be deemed to be no longer outstanding);

(j) equity Investments by any Note Party in any Subsidiary of such Note Party which is required by law to maintain a minimum net capital requirement or as may be otherwise required by applicable law;

(k) promissory notes and other non-cash consideration received in connection with any sale, transfer or other Disposition permitted hereunder;

(l) the purchase of Equity Interests of the Company for distribution to directors, officers or employees of the Consolidated Group in connection with restricted stock units or similar rights issued to such directors, officers or employees pursuant to employee compensation or similar plans consistent with the plans in effect on the Series A Closing Day; and

(m) Investments consisting of bonds or the like issued pursuant to or in connection with Permitted IRB Financings, including any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

(n) any other Investments so long as (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom and (ii) the aggregate amount of Investments made under this clause (n) does not exceed the greater of (A) ~~\$85,000,000~~ 140,000,000 and (B) 10% of the consolidated total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter at the time such Investment is made for which financial statements have been provided pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or 7.1(b);

(o) Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Investments; and

(p) to the extent constituting Investments, any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction and any Permitted Warrant Transaction.

Section 10.7. Restricted Payments. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any Restricted Payment or apply or set apart any of their assets therefor or agree to do any of the foregoing other than:

(a) Restricted Payments made by any Subsidiary to the Company or any other Note Party (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a pro rata basis), (ii) any non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to any other non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a ratable basis) and (ii) any non-Guarantor Subsidiary that is a Foreign Subsidiary may make Restricted

Payments to any other non-Guarantor Subsidiary (and, if applicable, to other holders of its outstanding Equity Interests on a ratable basis);

(b) distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of the Company (or any spouses, ex-spouses, or estates of any of the foregoing) on account of redemptions of Equity Interests of the Company held by such Persons; *provided*, that the aggregate amount of such redemptions made by the Company does not exceed \$~~2,000,000~~3,000,000 in any fiscal year of the Company;

(c) the Company may make distributions to former employees, officers, or directors of the Company (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 the Company on account of repurchases of the Equity Interests of the Company held by such Persons; *provided*, that such Indebtedness was incurred by such Persons solely to acquire Equity Interests of the Company;

(d) other Restricted Payments made in cash by the Company in respect of its Equity Interests; *provided*, that (i) no Default or Event of Default exists or will occur after giving effect thereto on the date thereof and on a Pro Forma Basis as if such Restricted Payment occurred on the last day of the most recently ended four-fiscal quarter period of the Company and (ii) the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio shall not exceed 3.50 to 1.00 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Restricted Payment and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith;

(e) the Company or any of its Subsidiaries may pay dividends in shares of its own Qualified Equity Interests; and

(f) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Company may make additional Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 during the term of this Agreement; *provided*, that Restricted Payments made under this clause (f) shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$~~50,000,000~~60,000,000 in the five year period beginning on the ~~Fourth~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date and ending on the date that is five years after the ~~Fourth~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date.

Any required payment with respect to, or required early unwind or settlement of, any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the agreement governing such Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction shall not constitute a Restricted Payment; *provided*, that to the extent cash is required to be paid under a Permitted Warrant Transaction as a result of the election of “cash settlement” (or substantially equivalent term) as the “settlement method” (or substantially equivalent term) thereunder by the Company (or its Affiliate) (including in connection with the exercise and/or early unwind or settlement thereof), the payment of such cash shall constitute a Restricted Payment notwithstanding this paragraph.

Section 10.8. Transactions with Affiliates. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, Dispose of any asset to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any asset from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates, except (a) in the ordinary course of business at prices and on terms and conditions not less favorable to the Company or such Subsidiary than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties, (b) transactions between or among the Note Parties not involving any other Affiliates, and transactions permitted under Section 10.5(d), and (c) any Restricted Payment permitted by Section 10.7.

Section 10.9. Burdensome Agreements. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into or cause, suffer or permit to exist any agreement with any Person that (a) limits the ability of any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments, (b) limits the ability of any Subsidiary to guarantee the Note Obligations, provided that the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed under any of the Note Documents or, to the extent no more restrictive than the Note Documents, any document or agreement pertaining to any Indebtedness permitted by Section 10.2(i), 10.2(k) or 10.2(o), or (c) restricts the ability of the Company or any Subsidiary to create, incur or permit any Lien upon any of its assets, whether now owned or hereafter acquired; *provided*, that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to restrictions or conditions imposed by applicable Law, under any Note Document or, with respect to IRB Property, pursuant to Permitted IRB Financings or with respect to property acquired in the Luxco Merger that are subject to Acquired Luxco Liens, pursuant to restrictions imposed by the Acquired Luxco Debt, or, to the extent no more restrictive than this Agreement, any document or agreement pertaining to any Indebtedness permitted by Section 10.2(i), 10.2(k), 10.2(o), 10.2(q) or 10.2(r), (ii) clause (c) shall not apply to (A) restrictions or conditions imposed by any agreement relating to secured Indebtedness permitted by this Agreement if such restrictions and conditions apply only to assets the acquisition of which was financed by such Indebtedness, (B) customary restrictions that arise in connection with any Disposition permitted by Section 10.5 and relate solely to the assets or Person subject to such Disposition, (C) customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements applicable to joint ventures permitted under Section 10.6 and applicable solely to such joint venture and its equity entered into in the ordinary course of business, (D) customary provisions restricting subletting, transfer or assignment of any lease, (E) customary provisions in commercial contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business restricting the assignment or transfer thereof, (F) restrictions on cash or other deposits imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, (G) restrictions regarding licensing or sublicensing by the Company or any Subsidiary of intellectual property in the ordinary course of business and (H) restrictions on cash earnest money deposits in favor of sellers in connection with Acquisitions not prohibited hereunder.

Section 10.10. Amendment of Certain Agreements. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, amend or modify, or waive any of its rights under, any of its formation documents, governing documents or other organizational documents, ~~any Material Contract, in any case in a manner material and adverse to the holders of Notes, *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall require any member of the Consolidated Group to maintain or to renew, or shall prohibit any member of the Consolidated Group from terminating, any Material Contract, so long as the failure to maintain or to renew or the termination of such Material~~

~~Contract (and, if applicable, after giving effect to any new contract entered or to be entered into in full or partial replacement of such Material Contract) could not be reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.~~

Section 10.11. Use of Funds. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, use any of the proceeds of the Notes except for the purposes stated in Section 5.14.

Section 10.12. Accounting Changes. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, make any significant change in accounting treatment or reporting practices, except as required by GAAP, or change its fiscal year, except to change the fiscal year of a Subsidiary to conform its fiscal year to that of the Company.

Section 10.13. Sale-Leasebacks. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement, directly or indirectly, whereby it shall sell or transfer any property, real or personal, used or useful in its business, whether now owned or hereinafter acquired, and thereafter rent or lease such property or other property that it intends to use for substantially the same purpose or purposes as the property sold or transferred in each case excluding any sale-leaseback of Permitted Real Estate or property subject to a Disposition pursuant to Sections 10.5(l) or (n).

Section 10.14. Restrictions Pertaining to Certain Debt. The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to, (a) amend or modify any loan agreement, note purchase agreement or other material document governing any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 10.2(k) that is subordinated in right of payment to the Note Obligations or is secured on a junior lien basis to the Liens securing the Note Obligations (collectively, “**Junior Financing**”) in any manner that is adverse to the holders, or (b) prepay, redeem, purchase, defease or otherwise satisfy any Junior Financing prior to the scheduled maturity thereof in any manner except (i) the refinancing thereof with any Indebtedness that constitutes a Permitted Refinancing or is permitted pursuant to Section 10.2(k), and (ii) regularly scheduled payments of interest and other amounts (other than principal) to the extent permitted by the applicable intercreditor or subordination agreement entered into in connection with such Junior Financing.

Section 10.15. Most Favored Lender Status. If the Company or any Subsidiary enters into, assumes or otherwise becomes bound or obligated (including, without limitation, by amendment thereto) under any Material Credit Facility, in any case containing one or more Additional Covenants (other than those in the Credit Agreement on the date of this Agreement) or Additional Defaults (other than those in the Credit Agreement on the date hereof), (a) the Company shall promptly (but in any event within 10 Business Days) provide notice to each holder thereof and (b) the terms of this Agreement shall, without any further action on the part of the Company or any of the holders of Notes, be deemed to be amended automatically to include each Additional Covenant and each Additional Default contained in such Material Credit Facility. The Company further covenants to promptly execute and deliver at its expense (including the fees and expenses of counsel for the holders of Notes) an amendment to this Agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Required Holder(s) evidencing the amendment of this Agreement to include such Additional Covenants and Additional Defaults, provided that the execution and delivery of such amendment shall not be a precondition to the

effectiveness of such amendment as provided for in this Section 10.15, but shall merely be for the convenience of the parties hereto. Any Additional Covenant or Additional Default incorporated pursuant to this Section 10.15 shall be deemed deleted from this Agreement at such time as such Additional Covenant or Additional Default is deleted or otherwise removed from, or is no longer in effect under, or pursuant to, the related Material Credit Facility, or if the related Material Credit Facility has been terminated; *provided*, that (i) in no event shall the terms and provisions of the covenants and defaults contained in this Agreement become less restrictive than the terms and provisions of the covenants and defaults contained in this Agreement on the Series A Closing Day as a result of this Section 10.15 and (ii) in each case that any consideration is paid or provided to any holder of Indebtedness under the related Material Credit Facility in connection with any such deletion, removal, non-effectiveness or termination (other than reimbursement of expenses and repayment in full of the related Material Credit Facility in connection with its termination), the same amount of consideration shall be paid or provided to the holders of Notes.

Section 10.16. Economic Sanctions, Etc.. The Company will not and will not permit any Controlled Entity to (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including, without limitation, any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any holder or any affiliate of such holder to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any law or regulation applicable to such holder or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions.

Section 10.17. Limited Condition Transactions. In the event that the Company notifies the Required Holders in writing that any proposed Acquisition or Investment is a Limited Condition Transaction and that the Company wishes to test the conditions to such Acquisition and the Indebtedness (other than any Indebtedness that consists of an increase in the revolving commitments under the Credit Agreement) that is to be used to finance such Acquisition or Investment in accordance with this Section 10.17, then, so long as agreed to by the Required Holders and the lenders providing such Indebtedness, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) any condition to such Limited Condition Transaction or such Indebtedness that requires ~~that no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such Limited Condition Transaction or the incurrence of such Indebtedness, shall be satisfied if~~ (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the execution of the definitive purchase agreement, merger agreement or other acquisition agreement governing such Limited Condition Transaction (the “LCT Test Date”) and (ii) no Event of Default under any of Section 11(a), 11(b), 11(g) or 11(h) shall have occurred and be continuing both immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such Limited Condition Transaction and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith (including any such additional Indebtedness);

(b) any condition to such Limited Condition Transaction or such Indebtedness that the representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Note Documents shall be

true and correct at the time of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction or the incurrence of such Indebtedness shall be deemed satisfied if (i) all representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Note Documents are true and correct in all material respects (except for any representation and warranty that is qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, which such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects) as of the LCT Test Date, or if such representation speaks as of an earlier date, as of such earlier date and (ii) as of the date of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, (A) the representations and warranties under the relevant definitive agreement governing such Limited Condition Transaction as are material to the lenders providing such Indebtedness shall be true and correct, but only to the extent that the Company or its applicable Subsidiary has the right to terminate its obligations under such agreement or otherwise decline to close such Limited Condition Transaction as a result of a breach of such representations and warranties or the failure of those representations and warranties to be true and correct and (B) certain of the representations and warranties in this Agreement and the other Note Documents which are customary for similar “funds certain” financings and required by the lenders providing such Indebtedness shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for any representation and warranty that is qualified by materiality or reference to Material Adverse Effect, which such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects);

(c) any financial ratio test or condition to be tested in connection with such Limited Condition Transaction and the availability of such Indebtedness will be tested as of the LCT Test Date, in each case, after giving effect to the relevant Limited Condition Transaction and related incurrence of Indebtedness, on a pro forma basis where applicable, and, for the avoidance of doubt, (i) such ratios and baskets shall not be tested at the time of consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction and (ii) if any of such ratios are exceeded or conditions are not met following the LCT Test Date, but prior to the closing of such Limited Condition Transaction, as a result of fluctuations in such ratio or amount (including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA of the Consolidated Group or the Person subject to such Limited Condition Transaction), at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such ratios will not be deemed to have been exceeded and such conditions will not be deemed unmet as a result of such fluctuations solely for purposes of determining whether the relevant transaction or action is permitted to be consummated or taken;

(d) except as provided in the next sentence, in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio or basket on or following the relevant LCT Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Transaction is consummated and the date that the definitive agreement for such Limited Condition Transaction is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Transaction, any such ratio or basket shall be calculated (i) on a pro forma basis assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have been consummated and (ii) assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have not been consummated. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any calculation of a ratio in connection with determining the Leverage Fee and determining whether or not the Company is in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 10.1 shall, in each case be

calculated assuming such Limited Condition Transaction and other transactions in connection therewith (including the incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness) have not been consummated; and

(e) The foregoing provisions shall apply with similar effect during the pendency of multiple Limited Condition Transactions such that each of the possible scenarios is separately tested.

Section 11. Events of Default.

An “**Event of Default**” shall exist if any of the following conditions or events shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment of any principal or Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any Note when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or by declaration or otherwise; or
- (b) the Company defaults in the payment of any interest on, or any Leverage Fee with respect to, any Note for more than five (5) Business Days after the same becomes due and payable; or
- (c) the Company defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained in Sections 7.1(a), 7.1(b), 7.1(d), 7.1(e), 7.1(n), 7.2, 8.3, 9.5 (with respect to the Company’s existence), 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 9.10 or 10 (other than 10.9(b) or (c)); or
- (d) the Company or any Guarantor defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained herein (other than those referred to in Sections 11(a), (b) and (c)) or in any other Note Document and such default is not remedied within 30 days after the earlier of (i) a Responsible Officer obtaining actual knowledge of such default and (ii) the Company receiving written notice of such default from any holder of a Note (any such written notice to be identified as a “notice of default” and to refer specifically to this Section 11(d)); or
- (e) (i) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of the Company or by any officer of the Company in any Note Document or any writing furnished in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made, or (ii) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of any other Note Party or by any officer of such Note Party in any Note Document or any writing furnished in connection with such Note Document proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made; or
- (f) (i) the Company or any Subsidiary is in default (as principal or as guarantor or other surety) in the payment of any principal of or premium or make-whole amount or interest on any Indebtedness that is outstanding in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment)

beyond any period of grace provided with respect thereto, or (ii) the Company or any Subsidiary is in default in the performance of or compliance with any term of any evidence of any Indebtedness in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment) or of any mortgage, indenture or other agreement relating thereto or any other condition exists, and as a consequence of such default or condition such Indebtedness has become, or has been declared (or one or more Persons are entitled to declare such Indebtedness to be), due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment, or (iii) as a consequence of the occurrence or continuation of any event or condition (other than (A) the occurrence of an early termination or cancellation and payment under any Permitted Bond Hedge Transactions or any Permitted Warrant Transaction, (B) any event, including the passage of time, that permits the holders of [the 2021 Convertible Notes](#) or any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness to convert or exchange such Indebtedness into common stock of the Company (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Company), cash or a combination thereof (including any such conversion or exchange right in the nature of a put or similar option in favor of such holders of [the 2021 Convertible Notes](#) or any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness, the exercise of which requires the Company to purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or repay such Indebtedness, except for any event resulting from the Company's failure to pay, perform or observe its obligations under [the 2021 Convertible Notes](#) or such [other](#) Permitted Convertible Indebtedness, or (C) the conversion or exchange of any Indebtedness into common stock of the Company (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Company), cash or a combination thereof, except for any event resulting from the Company's failure to pay, perform or observe its obligations under [the 2021 Convertible Notes](#) or such [other](#) Permitted Convertible Indebtedness), (x) the Company or any Subsidiary has become obligated to purchase or repay Indebtedness before its regular maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment), or (y) one or more Persons have the right to require the Company or any Subsidiary so to purchase or repay such Indebtedness; or

(g) the Company or any Subsidiary (i) is generally not paying, or admits in writing its inability to pay, its debts as they become due, (ii) files, or consents by answer or otherwise to the filing against it of, a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy, for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar law of any jurisdiction, (iii) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (iv) consents to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, (v) is adjudicated as insolvent or to be liquidated, or (vi) takes corporate action for the purpose of any of the foregoing; or

(h) a court or other Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction enters an order appointing, without consent by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, or constituting an order for relief or approving a petition for relief or reorganization or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy or insolvency law of any jurisdiction, or ordering the dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any such petition shall be filed against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and such petition shall not be dismissed within 60 days; or

(i) any event occurs with respect to the Company or any Subsidiary which under the laws of any jurisdiction is analogous to any of the events described in Section 11(g) or Section 11(h), *provided*, that the applicable grace period, if any, which shall apply shall be the one applicable to the relevant proceeding which most closely corresponds to the proceeding described in Section 11(g) or Section 11(h); or

(j) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money aggregating in excess of ~~\$10,000,000~~ 15,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment), including, without limitation, any such final order enforcing a binding arbitration decision, are rendered against one or more of the Company and its Subsidiaries and which judgments are not, within 30 days after entry thereof, bonded, discharged or stayed pending appeal, or are not discharged within 30 days after the expiration of such stay; or

(k) if (i) any Plan shall fail to satisfy the minimum funding standards of ERISA or the Code for any plan year or part thereof or a waiver of such standards or extension of any amortization period is sought or granted under section 412 of the Code, (ii) a notice of intent to terminate any Plan shall have been or is reasonably expected to be filed with the PBGC or the PBGC shall have instituted proceedings under ERISA section 4042 to terminate or appoint a trustee to administer any Plan or the PBGC shall have notified the Company or any ERISA Affiliate that a Plan may become a subject of any such proceedings, (iii) there is any “amount of unfunded benefit liabilities” (within the meaning of section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA) under one or more Plans, determined in accordance with Title IV of ERISA, (iv) the aggregate present value of accrued benefit liabilities under all funded Non-U.S. Plans exceeds the aggregate current value of the assets of such Non-U.S. Plans allocable to such liabilities, (v) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate shall have incurred or is reasonably expected to incur any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans, ~~(vi)~~ the Company or any ERISA Affiliate withdraws from any Multiemployer Plan, ~~or~~ ~~(vii)~~ the Company or any Subsidiary establishes or amends any employee welfare benefit plan that provides post-employment welfare benefits in a manner that would increase the liability of the Company or any Subsidiary thereunder, (viii) the Company or any Subsidiary fails to administer or maintain a Non-U.S. Plan in compliance with the requirements of any and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations or court orders or any Non-U.S. Plan is involuntarily terminated or

wound up, or (ix) the Company or any Subsidiary becomes subject to the imposition of a financial penalty (which for this purpose shall mean any tax, penalty or other liability, whether by way of indemnity or otherwise) with respect to one or more Non-U.S. Plans; and any such event or events described in clauses (i) through ~~(viii)~~ above, either individually or together with any other such event or events, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As used in this Section 11(~~j~~k), the terms “employee benefit plan” and “employee welfare benefit plan” shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in section 3 of ERISA; or

(l) other than as permitted by the last paragraph of Section 9.7, any Guaranty of the Note Obligations shall cease to be in full force and effect or the obligations of any Guarantor under any Guaranty Agreement are not or cease to be legal, valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with the terms of such Guaranty Agreement; or

(m) any material provision of any Note Document shall for any reason cease to be legal, valid and binding obligations of any Note Party party thereto, enforceable in accordance with its terms, or the Company, any Subsidiary or any Person acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary shall contest in any manner the validity, binding nature or enforceability of such Note Document, except pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 9.8; or

(n) any Lien created or purported to be created under any Security Document shall cease to be, or shall be asserted by the Company, any Subsidiary or any Person acting on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary not to be, a valid and perfected Lien on any Collateral, with the priority required by such Security Document, except (i) as a result of the Disposition of the applicable Collateral or the Note Party that owns such Collateral, in each case, in a transaction permitted under the Note Documents~~or~~, (ii) pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 9.8;~~or or (iii) the Collateral Agent no longer maintaining possession of any stock certificates, promissory notes or other instruments delivered to it under the Pledge Agreement or Security Agreement as a result of an act or omission of the Collateral Agent taken in contravention of the Pledge Agreement or Security Agreement.~~

~~(o) any Note Party or any Subsidiary thereof shall default in the payment when due, or in the performance or observance, of any obligation or condition of any Material Contract unless, but only as long as, the existence of any such default is being contested by such Note Party or any such Subsidiary in good faith by appropriate proceedings and adequate reserves in respect thereof have been established on the books of the Company or such Note Party to the extent required by GAAP, provided that no Default or Event of Default shall arise or exist under this clause (o) if the counterparty to such Material Contract has not declared such Material Contract to be in default or has waived in writing such default.~~

Section 12. Remedies on Default, Etc.

Section 12.1. Acceleration. (a) If an Event of Default with respect to the Company described in Section 11(g), (h) or (i) (other than an Event of Default described in clause (i) of Section 11(g) or described in clause (vi) of Section 11(g) by virtue of the fact that such clause encompasses clause (i) of Section 11(g)) has occurred, all the Notes then outstanding shall automatically become immediately due and payable.

(b) If any other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Required Holders may at any time at its or their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare all the Notes then outstanding to be immediately due and payable.

(c) If any Event of Default described in Section 11(a) or (b) has occurred and is continuing, any holder or holders of Notes at the time outstanding affected by such Event of Default may at any time, at its or their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare all the Notes held by it or them to be immediately due and payable.

Upon any Notes becoming due and payable under this Section 12.1, whether automatically or by declaration, such Notes will forthwith mature and the entire unpaid principal amount of such Notes, plus (x) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon (including, but not limited to, interest accrued thereon at the Default Rate) and (y) the Make-Whole Amount determined in respect of such principal amount (to the full extent permitted by applicable law), shall all be immediately due and payable, in each and every case without presentment, demand, protest or further notice, all of which are hereby waived. The Company acknowledges, and the parties hereto agree, that each holder of a Note has the right to maintain its investment in the Notes free from repayment by the Company (except as herein specifically provided for) and that the provision for payment of a Make-Whole Amount by the Company in the event that the Notes are prepaid or are accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, is intended to provide compensation for the deprivation of such right under such circumstances.

Section 12.2. Other Remedies. If any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and irrespective of whether any Notes have become or have been declared immediately due and payable under Section 12.1, the holder of any Note at the time outstanding may proceed to protect and enforce the rights of such holder by an action at law, suit in equity or other appropriate proceeding, whether for the specific performance of any agreement contained herein or in any Note or Subsidiary Guaranty, or for an injunction against a violation of any of the terms hereof or thereof, or in aid of the exercise of any power granted hereby or thereby or by law or otherwise.

Section 12.3. Rescission. At any time after any Notes have been declared due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1(b) or (c), the Required Holders, by written notice to the Company, may rescind and annul any such declaration and its consequences if (a) the Company has paid all overdue interest on the Notes, all principal of and Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any Notes that are due and payable and are unpaid other than by reason of such declaration, and all interest on such overdue principal and Make-Whole Amount, if any, and (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any overdue interest in respect of the Notes, at the Default Rate, (b)

neither the Company nor any other Person shall have paid any amounts which have become due solely by reason of such declaration, (c) all Events of Default and Defaults, other than non-payment of amounts that have become due solely by reason of such declaration, have been cured or have been waived pursuant to Section 17, and (d) no judgment or decree has been entered for the payment of any monies due pursuant hereto or to the Notes. No rescission and annulment under this Section 12.3 will extend to or affect any subsequent Event of Default or Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 12.4. No Waivers or Election of Remedies, Expenses, Etc. No course of dealing and no delay on the part of any holder of any Note in exercising any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver thereof or otherwise prejudice such holder's rights, powers or remedies. No right, power or remedy conferred by this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or any Note upon any holder thereof shall be exclusive of any other right, power or remedy referred to herein or therein or now or hereafter available at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise. Without limiting the obligations of the Company under Section 15, the Company will pay to the holder of each Note on demand such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover all costs and expenses of such holder incurred in any enforcement or collection under this Section 12, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

Section 13. Registration; Exchange; Substitution of Notes.

Section 13.1. Registration of Notes. The Company shall keep at its principal executive office a register for the registration and registration of transfers of Notes. The name and address of each holder of one or more Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be registered in such register. If any holder of one or more Notes is a nominee, then (a) the name and address of the beneficial owner of such Note or Notes shall also be registered in such register as an owner and holder thereof and (b) at any such beneficial owner's option, either such beneficial owner or its nominee may execute any amendment, waiver or consent pursuant to this Agreement. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the Person(s) in whose name any Note(s) shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Company shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. The Company shall give to any holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor promptly upon request therefor, a complete and correct copy of the names and addresses of all registered holders of Notes.

Section 13.2. Transfer and Exchange of Notes. Upon surrender of any Note to the Company at the address and to the attention of the designated officer (all as specified in Section 18(iii)), for registration of transfer or exchange (and in the case of a surrender for registration of transfer accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed by the registered holder of such Note or such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing and accompanied by the relevant name, address and other information for notices of each transferee of such Note or part thereof), within 10 Business Days thereafter, the Company shall execute and deliver, at the Company's expense (except as provided below), one or more new Notes (as requested by the holder thereof) of the same Series as such surrendered Note in exchange therefor, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the surrendered Note. Each such new

Note shall be payable to such Person as such holder may request and shall be substantially in the form of Schedule 1(a), in the case of a Series A Note, or in the form of Schedule 1(b), in the case of a Shelf Note. Each such new Note shall be dated and bear interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on the surrendered Note or dated the date of the surrendered Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp tax or governmental charge imposed in respect of any such transfer of Notes. Notes shall not be transferred in denominations of less than \$100,000, *provided* that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than \$100,000. Any transferee, by its acceptance of a Note registered in its name (or the name of its nominee), shall be deemed to have made the representations set forth in Section 6.

Section 13.3. Replacement of Notes. Upon receipt by the Company at the address and to the attention of the designated officer (all as specified in Section 18(iii)) of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the ownership of and the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of any Note (which evidence shall be, in the case of an Institutional Investor, notice from such Institutional Investor of such ownership and such loss, theft, destruction or mutilation), and

(a) in the case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it (*provided* that if the holder of such Note is, or is a nominee for, an original Purchaser or another holder of a Note with a minimum net worth of at least \$100,000,000 or a Qualified Institutional Buyer, such Person's own unsecured agreement of indemnity shall be deemed to be satisfactory), or

(b) in the case of mutilation, upon surrender and cancellation thereof,

within 10 Business Days thereafter, the Company at its own expense shall execute and deliver, in lieu thereof, a new Note of the same Series as such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note, dated and bearing interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note or dated the date of such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon.

Section 14. Payments on Notes.

Section 14.1. Place of Payment. Subject to Section 14.2, payments of principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, and interest becoming due and payable on the Notes shall be made in New York, New York at the principal office of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in such jurisdiction. The Company may at any time, by notice to each holder of a Note, change the place of payment of the Notes so long as such place of payment shall be either the principal office of the Company in such jurisdiction or the principal office of a bank or trust company in such jurisdiction.

Section 14.2. Home Office Payment. So long as any Purchaser or its nominee shall be the holder of any Note, and notwithstanding anything contained in Section 14.1 or in such Note to the contrary, the Company will pay all sums becoming due on such Note for principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, interest and all other amounts becoming due hereunder by the method and at the address specified for such purpose below such Purchaser's name in Schedule B (in the

case of the Series A Notes) or as specified in such Purchaser's Confirmation of Acceptance (in the case of a Shelf Note), or by such other method or at such other address as such Purchaser shall have from time to time specified to the Company in writing for such purpose, without the presentation or surrender of such Note or the making of any notation thereon, except that upon written request of the Company made concurrently with or reasonably promptly after payment or prepayment in full of any Note, such Purchaser shall surrender such Note for cancellation, reasonably promptly after any such request, to the Company at its principal executive office or at the place of payment most recently designated by the Company pursuant to Section 14.1. Prior to any sale or other disposition of any Note held by a Purchaser or its nominee, such Purchaser will, at its election, either endorse thereon the amount of principal paid thereon and the last date to which interest has been paid thereon or surrender such Note to the Company in exchange for a new Note or Notes pursuant to Section 13.2. The Company will afford the benefits of this Section 14.2 to any Institutional Investor that is the direct or indirect transferee of any Note purchased by a Purchaser under this Agreement and that has made the same agreement relating to such Note as the Purchasers have made in this Section 14.2.

Section 14.3. FATCA Information. By acceptance of any Note, the holder of such Note agrees that such holder will with reasonable promptness duly complete and deliver to the Company, or to such other Person as may be reasonably requested by the Company, from time to time (a) in the case of any such holder that is a United States Person, such holder's United States tax identification number or other Forms reasonably requested by the Company necessary to establish such holder's status as a United States Person under FATCA and as may otherwise be necessary for the Company to comply with its obligations under FATCA and (b) in the case of any such holder that is not a United States Person, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation as may be necessary for the Company to comply with its obligations under FATCA and to determine that such holder has complied with such holder's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount (if any) to deduct and withhold from any such payment made to such holder. Nothing in this Section 14.3 shall require any holder to provide information that is confidential or proprietary to such holder unless the Company is required to obtain such information under FATCA and, in such event, the Company shall treat any such information it receives as confidential.

Section 15. Expenses, Etc.

Section 15.1. Transaction Expenses. Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Company will pay all reasonable and documented costs and expenses (including the reasonable attorneys' fees of a special counsel and documented fees, expenses and charges of (x) one primary counsel for the Purchasers and each other holder of a Note taken as a whole and (y) if reasonably required by the Required Holders, a single local or other counsel law firm (and, if reasonably necessary, an additional law firm advising with respect to each relevant specialty) acting as counsel for the Required Holders taken as a whole in each relevant jurisdiction and with respect to each relevant specialty) incurred by the Purchasers and each other holder of a Note in connection with such transactions and in connection with any amendments, waivers or consents under or in respect of this Agreement, any Subsidiary

Guaranty or the Notes (whether or not such amendment, waiver or consent becomes effective), including, without limitation: (a) the costs and expenses incurred in enforcing or defending (or determining whether or how to enforce or defend) any rights under this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes or in responding to any subpoena or other legal process or informal investigative demand issued in connection with this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes, or by reason of being a holder of any Note, (b) the costs and expenses, including financial advisors' fees, incurred in connection with the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company or any Subsidiary or in connection with any work-out or restructuring of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Notes and any Subsidiary Guaranty and (c) the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the initial filing of this Agreement and all related documents and financial information with the SVO *provided*, that such costs and expenses under this clause (c) shall not exceed \$4,000. If required by the NAIC, the Company shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense a Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).

Section 15.2. Indemnification. The Note Parties will pay, and will indemnify and save each Purchaser and each other holder of a Note, the Collateral Agent and each of their respective Affiliates, officers, directors, representatives, employees, advisors and agents (collectively, the “**Indemnified Parties**”) harmless from, (i) all claims in respect of any fees, costs or expenses, if any, of brokers and finders (other than those, if any, retained by a Purchaser or other holder in connection with its purchase of the Notes) and any judgment, liability, claim, order, decree, cost, fee, expense, loss, action or obligation resulting from the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the use of the proceeds of the Notes by the Company, (ii) any and all wire transfer fees that any bank or other financial institution deducts from any payment under such Note to such holder or otherwise charges to a holder of a Note with respect to a payment under such Note, (iii) any judgment, liability, claim, order, decree, fine, penalty, cost, fee, expense (including ~~the reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses and documented fees, expenses and charges of (x) one primary counsel to all Indemnified Parties taken as a whole, (y) if reasonably necessary, a single additional local counsel for all Indemnified Parties taken as a whole in each relevant jurisdiction and a single additional counsel with respect to each relevant specialty, and (z) in the case of an actual, perceived or potential conflict of interest, an additional set of law firms, acting as counsel in the manner described in clauses (x) and (y) above, in each relevant jurisdiction or with respect to each relevant specialty for each group of Indemnified Parties that are aligned as to such conflict of interest~~) or obligation resulting from the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the use of the proceeds of the Notes by the Company, and (iv) any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, claims, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may at any time be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against any Indemnified Party in any way relating to, arising out of or incurred in respect this Agreement, any other Note Document or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the enforcement of any of the terms hereof or thereof or of any such other documents, including any claims arising in connection with the release, discharge or presence of any Hazardous Material on any property of any Note Party, whether foreseeable or unforeseeable, including all costs of removal and disposal of such Hazardous Material, and reasonable attorneys’ and consultants’ fees and court costs (collectively, the “Indemnified Losses”), except to the extent that any Indemnified Loss is finally determined

by a court of competent jurisdiction to be the direct result from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification.

Section 15.3. Certain Taxes. The Company agrees to pay all stamp, documentary or similar taxes or fees which may be payable in respect of the execution and delivery or the enforcement of any Note Document in the United States or any other jurisdiction where any Note Party has assets or of any amendment of, or waiver or consent under or with respect to, any Note Document, and to pay any value added tax due and payable in respect of reimbursement of costs and expenses by the Company pursuant to this Section 15, and will save each holder of a Note to the extent permitted by applicable law harmless against any loss or liability resulting from nonpayment or delay in payment of any such tax or fee required to be paid by the Company hereunder.

Section 15.4. Survival. The obligations of the Company under this Section 15 will survive the payment or transfer of any Note, the enforcement, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Note Documents, and the termination of this Agreement.

Section 16. Survival of Representations and Warranties; Entire Agreement.

All representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Notes, the purchase or transfer by any Purchaser of any Note or portion thereof or interest therein and the payment of any Note, and may be relied upon by any subsequent holder of a Note, regardless of any investigation made at any time by or on behalf of such Purchaser or any other holder of a Note. All statements contained in any certificate or other instrument delivered by or on behalf of the Company pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed representations and warranties of the Company under this Agreement. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement, the Notes and any Subsidiary Guaranties embody the entire agreement and understanding between each Purchaser and the Company and supersede all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

Section 17. Amendment and Waiver.

Section 17.1. Requirements. This Agreement and the Notes may be amended, and the observance of any term hereof or of the Notes may be waived (either retroactively or prospectively), only with the written consent of the Company and the Required Holders, except that:

- (a) no amendment or waiver (i) of any of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 21 hereof, or any defined term (as it is used therein), (ii) other than pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 9.7, to effect any release of all or substantially all of the Guarantors from their respective liabilities under their respective Guaranties of the Note Obligations, or to limit all or substantially all of the Guarantors' liabilities in respect of such Guaranties (other than as expressly permitted by the applicable Guaranty Agreement), or (iii) other than pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 9.8, to effect the release of all or substantially all

of the Collateral, will be effective as to any holder of a Note unless consented to by such holder in writing;

(b) (i) with the written consent of Prudential (and without the consent of any other holder of Notes), the provisions of Section 2.2 may be amended or waived (except insofar as any such amendment or waiver would affect any rights or obligations with respect to the purchase and sale of Notes which shall have become Accepted Notes prior to such amendment or waiver), and (ii) with the written consent of all of the holders of the Notes which shall have become obligated to purchase Accepted Notes of any Series (and not without the written consent of all such holders), any of the provisions of Sections 2.2 and 4 may be amended or waived insofar as such amendment or waiver would affect only rights or obligations with respect to the purchase and sale of the Accepted Notes of such Series or the terms and provisions of such Accepted Notes;

(c) no such amendment or waiver may, without the written consent of each holder of each Note at the time outstanding, (i) subject to Section 12 relating to acceleration or rescission, change the amount or time of any prepayment or payment of principal of, or reduce the rate or change the time of payment or method of computation of (x) interest on the Notes or (y) the Make-Whole Amount, (ii) change the percentage of the principal amount of the Notes the holders of which are required to consent to any amendment or waiver, (iii) amend any of Sections 8 (except as set forth in the second sentence of Section 8.2 and Section 17.1(c)), 11(a), 11(b), 12, 17 or 20, or (iv)(x) subordinate any of the Note Obligations in right of payment or otherwise adversely affect the priority of payment of any of such Note Obligations or (y) subordinate any of the Liens securing the Note Obligations; and

(d) Section 8.6 may be amended or waived to permit offers to purchase made by the Company or an Affiliate pro rata to the holders of all Notes at the time outstanding upon the same terms and conditions only with the written consent of the Company and the Super-Majority Holders.

Section 17.2. Solicitation of Holders of Notes.

(a) Solicitation. The Company will provide each holder of a Note with sufficient information, sufficiently far in advance of the date a decision is required, to enable such holder to make an informed and considered decision with respect to any proposed amendment, waiver or consent in respect of any of the provisions hereof or of any other Note Document, unless such proposed amendment, waiver or consent relates only to a specific Series of Accepted Notes which have not yet been purchased, in which case such information will only be required to be delivered to the Purchasers which shall have become obligated to purchase Accepted Notes of such Series. The Company will deliver executed or true and correct copies of each amendment, waiver or consent effected pursuant to this Section 17 or any other Note Document to each holder of a Note and any such Purchaser promptly following the date on which it is executed and delivered by, or receives the consent or approval of, the requisite holders of Notes.

(b) Payment. The Company will not directly or indirectly pay or cause to be paid any remuneration, whether by way of supplemental or additional interest, fee or otherwise, or grant any security or provide other credit support, to any holder of a Note or any such Purchaser described in Section 17.2(a) as consideration for or as an inducement to the entering into by such holder or such Purchaser of any waiver or amendment of any of the terms and provisions hereof or of any other Note Document unless such remuneration is concurrently paid, or security is concurrently granted or other credit support concurrently provided, on the same terms, ratably to each holder of a Note and any such Purchaser even if such holder did not consent to such waiver or amendment.

(c) Consent in Contemplation of Transfer. Any consent given pursuant to this Section 17 or any other Note Document by a holder of a Note that has transferred or has agreed to transfer its Note to the Company, any Subsidiary or any Affiliate of the Company (either pursuant to a waiver under Section 17.1(c) or subsequent to Section 8.6 having been amended pursuant to Section 17.1(c)) in connection with such consent shall be void and of no force or effect except solely as to such holder, and any amendments effected or waivers granted or to be effected or granted that would not have been or would not be so effected or granted but for such consent (and the consents of all other holders of Notes that were acquired under the same or similar conditions) shall be void and of no force or effect except solely as to such holder.

Section 17.3. Binding Effect, Etc. Any amendment or waiver consented to as provided in this Section 17 or any other Note Document applies equally to all holders of Notes and is binding upon them and upon each future holder of any Note and upon the Company without regard to whether such Note has been marked to indicate such amendment or waiver. No such amendment or waiver will extend to or affect any obligation, covenant, agreement, Default or Event of Default not expressly amended or waived or impair any right consequent thereon. No course of dealing between the Company and any holder of a Note and no delay in exercising any rights hereunder or under any other Note Document shall operate as a waiver of any rights of any holder of such Note.

Section 17.4. Notes Held by Company, Etc. Solely for the purpose of determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding approved or consented to any amendment, waiver or consent to be given under this Agreement or any other Note Document, or have directed the taking of any action provided herein or in any other Note Document to be taken upon the direction of the holders of a specified percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding, Notes directly or indirectly owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates shall be deemed not to be outstanding.

Section 18. Notices.

Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 7.4, all notices and communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing and sent (a) by telecopy if the sender on the same day sends a confirming copy of such notice by an internationally recognized overnight delivery service (charges prepaid), or (b) by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested

(postage prepaid), or (c) by an internationally recognized overnight delivery service (with charges prepaid). Any such notice must be sent:

(i) if to any Purchaser or its nominee, to such Purchaser or nominee at the address specified for such communications in Schedule B (in the case of the Series A Notes) or as specified by such Purchaser in its Confirmation of Acceptance (in the case of Shelf Notes), or at such other address as such Purchaser or nominee shall have specified to the Company in writing,

(ii) if to any other holder of any Note, to such holder at such address as such other holder shall have specified to the Company in writing, or

(iii) if to the Company, to the Company at its address set forth at the beginning hereof to the attention of Thomas K. Pigott, Chief Financial Officer, or at such other address as the Company shall have specified to the holder of each Note in writing.

Notices under this Section 18 will be deemed given only when actually received.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 18, any communication pursuant to Section 2.2 shall be made by the method specified for such communication in Section 2.2, and shall be effective to create any rights or obligations under this Agreement only if, in the case of a telephone communication, an Authorized Officer of the party conveying the information and of the party receiving the information are parties to the telephone call, and in the case of a telecopier communication, the communication is signed by an Authorized Officer of the party conveying the information, addressed to the attention of an Authorized Officer of the party receiving the information, and in fact received at the telecopier terminal the number of which is listed for the party receiving the communication in Schedule C or at such other telecopier terminal as the party receiving the information shall have specified in writing to the party sending such information.

Section 19. Reproduction of Documents.

This Agreement and all documents relating thereto, including, without limitation, (a) consents, waivers and modifications that may hereafter be executed, (b) documents received by any Purchaser at any Closing (except the Notes themselves), and (c) financial statements, certificates and other information previously or hereafter furnished to any Purchaser, may be reproduced by such Purchaser by any photographic, photostatic, electronic, digital, or other similar process and such Purchaser may destroy any original document so reproduced. The Company agrees and stipulates that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any such reproduction shall be admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding (whether or not the original is in existence and whether or not such reproduction was made by such Purchaser in the regular course of business) and any enlargement, facsimile or further reproduction of such reproduction shall likewise be admissible in evidence. This Section 19 shall not prohibit the Company or any other holder of Notes from contesting any such

reproduction to the same extent that it could contest the original, or from introducing evidence to demonstrate the inaccuracy of any such reproduction.

Section 20. Confidential Information.

For the purposes of this Section 20, **“Confidential Information”** means information delivered to any Purchaser by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement that is proprietary in nature and that (except for information described in Section 7.1) was clearly marked or labeled or otherwise adequately identified when received by such Purchaser as being confidential information of the Company or such Subsidiary, *provided* that such term does not include information that (a) was publicly known or otherwise known to such Purchaser prior to the time of such disclosure, (b) subsequently becomes publicly known through no act or omission by such Purchaser or any Person acting on such Purchaser’s behalf, (c) otherwise becomes known to such Purchaser other than through disclosure by the Company or any Subsidiary or (d) constitutes financial statements delivered to such Purchaser under Section 7.1 that are otherwise publicly available. Each Purchaser will maintain the confidentiality of such Confidential Information and use such Confidential Information in accordance with procedures adopted by such Purchaser in good faith to protect confidential information of third parties delivered to such Purchaser and its use thereof, *provided* that such Purchaser may deliver or disclose Confidential Information to (i) its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, trustees and affiliates (to the extent such disclosure reasonably relates to the administration of the investment represented by its Notes), (ii) its auditors, financial advisors and other professional advisors who agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with this Section 20, (iii) any other holder of any Note, (iv) any Institutional Investor to which it sells or offers to sell such Note or any part thereof or any participation therein (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by this Section 20), (v) any Person from which it offers to purchase any Security of the Company (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by this Section 20), (vi) any federal or state regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Purchaser, (vii) the NAIC or the SVO or, in each case, any similar organization, or any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about such Purchaser’s investment portfolio, or (viii) any other Person to which such delivery or disclosure may be necessary or appropriate (w) to effect compliance with any law, rule, regulation or order applicable to such Purchaser, (x) in response to any subpoena or other legal process, (y) in connection with any litigation to which such Purchaser is a party or (z) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the extent such Purchaser may reasonably determine such delivery and disclosure to be necessary or appropriate in the enforcement or for the protection of the rights and remedies under such Purchaser’s Notes, this Agreement or any other Note Document. Each holder of a Note, by its acceptance of a Note, will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to be entitled to the benefits of this Section 20 as though it were a party to this Agreement. On reasonable request by the Company in connection with the delivery to any holder of a Note of information required to be delivered to such holder under this Agreement or requested by such holder (other than a holder that is a party to this Agreement or its nominee), such holder will enter into an agreement with the Company embodying this Section 20.

In the event that as a condition to receiving access to information relating to the Company or its Subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, any Purchaser or holder of a Note is required to agree to a confidentiality undertaking (whether through IntraLinks, another secure website, a secure virtual workspace or otherwise) which is different from this Section 20, this Section 20 shall not be amended thereby and, as between such Purchaser or such holder and the Company, this Section 20 shall supersede any such other confidentiality undertaking.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing herein prohibits any individual from communicating or disclosing information regarding suspected violations of laws, rules, or regulations to a governmental, regulatory, or self-regulatory authority without any notification to any Person.

Section 21. Substitution of Purchaser.

Each Purchaser shall have the right to substitute any one of its Affiliates or another Purchaser or any one of such other Purchaser's Affiliates (a "**Substitute Purchaser**") as the purchaser of the Notes that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, by written notice to the Company, which notice shall be signed by both such Purchaser and such Substitute Purchaser, shall contain such Substitute Purchaser's agreement to be bound by this Agreement and shall contain a confirmation by such Substitute Purchaser of the accuracy with respect to it of the representations set forth in Section 6. Upon receipt of such notice and recording in the register, any reference to such Purchaser in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), shall be deemed to refer to such Substitute Purchaser in lieu of such original Purchaser. In the event that such Substitute Purchaser is so substituted as a Purchaser hereunder and such Substitute Purchaser thereafter transfers to such original Purchaser all of the Notes then held by such Substitute Purchaser, upon receipt by the Company of notice of such transfer and recording in the register, any reference to such Substitute Purchaser as a "Purchaser" in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), shall no longer be deemed to refer to such Substitute Purchaser, but shall refer to such original Purchaser, and such original Purchaser shall again have all the rights of an original holder of the Notes under this Agreement.

Section 22. Miscellaneous.

Section 22.1. Successors and Assigns. All covenants and other agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns (including, without limitation, any subsequent holder of a Note) whether so expressed or not, except that the Company may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or under the Notes without the prior written consent of each holder. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 22.2. Accounting Terms. All accounting terms used herein which are not expressly defined in this Agreement have the meanings respectively given to them in accordance with GAAP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company notifies the holders of Notes that, in the Company's reasonable opinion, or if the Required Holders notify the Company that, in the

Required Holders' reasonable opinion, as a result of changes in GAAP from time to time ("**Subsequent Changes**"), any of the covenants contained in Sections 10.1 or any of the defined terms used therein, no longer apply as intended such that such covenants are materially more or less restrictive to the Company than are such covenants immediately prior to giving effect to such Subsequent Changes, the Company and the holders of Notes shall negotiate in good faith to reset or amend such covenants or defined terms so as to negate such Subsequent Changes, or to establish alternative covenants or defined terms. Until the Company and the Required Holders so agree to reset, amend or establish alternative covenants or defined terms, the covenants contained in Sections 10.1, together with the relevant defined terms, shall continue to apply and compliance therewith shall be determined assuming that the Subsequent Changes shall not have occurred ("**Static GAAP**"). During any period that compliance with any covenants shall be determined pursuant to Static GAAP, the Company shall include relevant reconciliations in reasonable detail between GAAP and Static GAAP with respect to the applicable covenant compliance calculations contained in each certificate of a Senior Financial Officer delivered pursuant to Section 7.2 during such period. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, (i) all computations made pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in accordance with GAAP, and (ii) all financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP. For purposes of determining compliance with this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 9, Section 10 and the definition of "Indebtedness") (including Additional Covenants contained in, or deemed to be included in, this Agreement), any election by the Company to measure any financial liability using fair value (as permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 825-10-25 – *Fair Value Option*, International Accounting Standard 39 – *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* or any similar accounting standard) shall be disregarded and such determination shall be made as if such election had not been made.

Section 22.3. Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, 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 shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 22.4. Construction, Etc. Each covenant contained herein shall be construed (absent express provision to the contrary) as being independent of each other covenant contained herein, so that compliance with any one covenant shall not (absent such an express contrary provision) be deemed to excuse compliance with any other covenant. Where any provision herein refers to action to be taken by any Person, or which such Person is prohibited from taking, such provision shall be applicable whether such action is taken directly or indirectly by such Person.

Defined terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise (a)

any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein) and, for purposes of the Notes, shall also include any such notes issued in substitution therefor pursuant to Section 13, (b) subject to Section 22.1, any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (c) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to Sections and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Sections of, and Schedules to, this Agreement, and (e) any reference to any law or regulation herein shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

~~Any~~The 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall at all times prior to the repurchase, conversion or payment thereof be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof and shall not include any reduction or appreciation in value of the shares and/or cash deliverable upon conversion thereof.

Section 22.5. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. Each counterpart may consist of a number of copies hereof, each signed by less than all, but together signed by all, of the parties hereto. The words "execute," "execution," "signed," "signature," "delivery" and words of like import in or related to this Agreement, any other Note Document or any document, amendment, approval, consent, waiver, modification, information, notice, certificate, report, statement, disclosure, or authorization to be signed or delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Note Document or the transactions contemplated hereby shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures or execution in the form of an Electronic Record, and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the holders of Notes, deliveries or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any Applicable Law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Each party hereto agrees that any Electronic Signature or execution in the form of an Electronic Record shall be valid and binding on itself and each of the other parties hereto to the same extent as a manual, original signature.

Section 22.6. Governing Law. This Agreement and the Notes shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the law of the State of New York excluding choice-of-law principles of the law of such State that would permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than such State.

Section 22.7. Jurisdiction and Process; Waiver of Jury Trial . (a) The Company and each holder of a Note irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or federal court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, over any suit,

action or proceeding arising out of or relating to any Note Document. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company and each holder of a Note irrevocably waive and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, any claim that it is not subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court and any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

(b) The Company and each holder of a Note agree, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, that a final judgment in any suit, action or proceeding of the nature referred to in Section 22.7(a) brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon it subject to rights of appeal, as the case may be, and may be enforced in the courts of the United States of America or the State of New York (or any other courts to the jurisdiction of which it or any of its assets is or may be subject) by a suit upon such judgment.

(c) The Company consents to process being served by or on behalf of any holder of Notes in any suit, action or proceeding of the nature referred to in Section 22.7(a) by mailing a copy thereof by registered, certified mail, priority or express (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, return receipt or delivery confirmation requested, to it at its address specified in Section 18 or at such other address of which such holder shall then have been notified pursuant to said Section. The Company agrees that such service upon receipt (i) shall be deemed in every respect effective service of process upon it in any such suit, action or proceeding and (ii) shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be taken and held to be valid personal service upon and personal delivery to it. Notices hereunder shall be conclusively presumed received as evidenced by a delivery receipt furnished by the United States Postal Service or any reputable commercial delivery service.

(d) Nothing in this Section 22.7 shall affect the right of any holder of a Note to serve process in any manner permitted by law, or limit any right that the holders of any of the Notes may have to bring proceedings against the Company in the courts of any appropriate jurisdiction or to enforce in any lawful manner a judgment obtained in one jurisdiction in any other jurisdiction.

(e) The parties hereto hereby waive trial by jury in any action brought on or with respect to this Agreement, each other Note Document or any other document executed in connection herewith or therewith.

Section 22.8. Transaction References. The Company agrees that Prudential may (i) refer to its role in originating the purchase of the Notes from the Company and establishing the Facility, as well as the identity of the Company and the aggregate principal amount and issue date of the Notes and the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Shelf Notes and the date on which the Facility was established, on its internet site or in marketing materials, press releases, published “tombstone” announcements or any other print or electronic medium and (ii) display the Company’s corporate logo in conjunction with any such reference.

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If you are in agreement with the foregoing, please sign the form of agreement on a counterpart of this Agreement and return it to the Company, whereupon this Agreement shall become a binding agreement between you and the Company.

Very truly yours,

MGP Ingredients, Inc.

By: _____

Name:

Title:

Signature Page to Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement

This Agreement is hereby
accepted and agreed to as
of the date hereof.

PGIM, Inc.

By: _____
Vice President

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: _____
Vice President

THE PRUDENTIAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

By: Prudential Investment Management Japan Co., Ltd., as Investment Manager

By: PGIM, Inc., as Sub-Adviser

By: _____
Vice President

PRUDENTIAL RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

By: PGIM, Inc., as investment manager

By: _____
Vice President

DEFINED TERMS

As used herein, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below or set forth in the Section hereof following such term:

“2021 Convertible Notes” means the unsecured 1.875% Convertible Senior Notes due 2041 issued by the Company under that certain Indenture, dated as of November 16, 2021, among the Company, as issuer, Luxco, Inc., MGPI Processing and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, as subsidiary guarantors, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee.

“Acceptance” is defined in Section 2.2(f).

“Acceptance Day” is defined in Section 2.2(f).

“Acceptance Window” means, with respect to any interest rate quotes provided by Prudential pursuant to Section 2.2(e), the time period designated by Prudential during which the Company may elect to accept such interest rate quotes as to not less than \$10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Shelf Notes specified in the related Request for Purchase.

“Accepted Note” is defined in Section 2.2(f).

“Acquired Luxco Debt” means the following:

(a)(i) up to 8,000,000 British Pounds Sterling in aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness of Niche Drinks Co., Ltd. due the Bank of Ireland (UK) Plc and/or The Governor and Company of the Bank of Ireland under financing agreements in effect on the ~~Luxco Merger~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date or amended from time to time, and (ii) any guaranty, comfort letter or similar assurance of payment or performance provided by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company in connection with such Indebtedness of Niche Drinks Co. Ltd., provided that any such guaranty, comfort letter or assurance of payment or performance is unsecured;

~~(b) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, (i) Indebtedness of Luxco, Inc. to BMO Harris Bank National Association in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,422,200 at any time outstanding in the form of a U.S. Small Business Administration paycheck protection loan, and (ii) Indebtedness of Lux Row Distillers LLC to BMO Harris Bank National Association in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$324,250 at any time outstanding in the form of a similar paycheck protection loan, so long as (A) to the Company’s knowledge, the makers of such paycheck protection loans have applied for forgiveness thereof in accordance with applicable governmental regulations and (B) on the Luxco Merger Date, the Company will cause an amount equal to not less than the then outstanding principal balance of each such paycheck protection loan to be deposited in deposit accounts (one for each such paycheck protection loan) in the name of Luxco, Inc. (or Lux Row Distillers LLC, as applicable) with BMO Harris Bank National Association (each, a “PPP Deposit Account”) pursuant to~~

~~agreements (one for each such paycheck protection loan) to be entered into among Luxco, Inc. (or Lux Row Distillers LLC, as applicable), BMO Harris Bank National Association and the Sellers' Representative referred to in the definition of Luxco Merger herein, whereby, with respect to each such PPP Deposit Account, (I) Luxco, Inc. (or Lux Row Distillers LLC, as applicable) shall grant to BMO Harris Bank National Association a security interest in such PPP Deposit Account as security for Luxco, Inc.'s (or Lux Row Distillers LLC's, as applicable) obligations to BMO Harris Bank National Association with respect to the related paycheck protection loan, (II) BMO Harris Bank National Association may at any time transfer the balance in such PPP Deposit Account into the name of BMO Harris Bank National Association or its nominee or nominees, (III) if the related paycheck protection loan is forgiven in accordance with applicable governmental regulations (as evidenced by the U.S. Small Business Administration remitting funds to BMO Harris Bank National Association in full satisfaction of the related paycheck protection loan), the balance in such PPP Deposit Account is to be remitted as directed by such Sellers' Representative, and (IV) if the applicable paycheck protection loan is not so forgiven, BMO Harris Bank National Association is to apply the balance in such PPP Deposit Account to the extent necessary to repay the related paycheck protection loan in its entirety;~~

~~(e) the following Indebtedness: (i) Indebtedness of Limestone Branch Distillery, LLC to the Marion County Industrial Foundation, Inc., or its assigns, pursuant to agreements as in effect on the Luxco Merger Date or as amended from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$252,000 at any time outstanding, relating to the acquisition of certain equipment; and (ii) Indebtedness of Limestone Branch Distillery, LLC to the Lincoln Trail Area Development District, or its assigns, pursuant to agreements as in effect on the Luxco Merger Date or as amended from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$37,859 at any time outstanding, relating to the acquisition of certain equipment;~~

~~(db) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations existing on the Luxco MergerSixth Amendment Closing Date that are arising under any operating leases, finance leases or similar arrangements relating to any equipment or other assets acquired in connection with the Luxco Merger, provided that such leases or similar arrangements were not entered into in contemplation of the Luxco Merger;~~

~~(e) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, amounts owing by Luxco Drinks Limited or its affiliates in connection with its acquisition of the assets or equity interests of Niche Drinks Co., Ltd. in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed 1,801,322 British Pounds Sterling at any time outstanding;~~

~~(fc) to the extent the same does not constitute a Permitted IRB Financing, amounts payable by Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC) in connection with the issuance of industrial revenue bonds by the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$35,000,000, which industrial revenue bonds have been purchased in their entirety by Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings LLC), as bond purchaser, and which payment~~

obligations of Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC) are evidenced or secured by a lease agreement between the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer and lessor, and Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LFL LLC), as lessee, and a mortgage from the County of Nelson, Kentucky, as issuer and mortgagor, to Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings, LLC), as bond purchaser and mortgagee, provided that such industrial revenue bonds continue to be owned in their entirety by a Note Party; and

~~(g) an amount, not to exceed \$630,049, due New Hope Spirits, LLC or its assigns in connection with the purchase of the remaining Equity Interests of Limestone Branch Distillery, LLC not owned by the Company or its Subsidiaries on the Luxco Merger Date; and~~

~~(hd)~~ Permitted Refinancings of Indebtedness outstanding pursuant to clauses (a), ~~(e)~~, ~~(d)~~, ~~(e)~~, ~~(fb)~~ or ~~(gc)~~ of this definition.

“Acquired Luxco Liens” means the following:

(a) Liens on assets of Niche Drinks Co., Ltd. to the extent such Liens secure Indebtedness or other obligations described in clause (a) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt or any Permitted Refinancings thereof;

~~(b) to the extent constituting Liens, any security interest or other rights of BMO Harris Bank National Association as escrow agent and/or the Sellers’ Representative referred to in clause (b) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt with respect to the PPP Deposit Accounts described in such clause (b);~~

~~(e) Liens on equipment or other assets of Limestone Branch Distillery, LLC to the extent such Liens secure Indebtedness or other obligations described in clause (e) of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt or any Permitted Refinancings thereof; provided that such Liens encumber only the equipment or other assets originally encumbered by such Indebtedness or other obligations;~~

~~(db)~~ to the extent constituting Liens, the rights of the lessors or equipment financiers or their respective assigns with respect to the equipment or other assets leased or financed pursuant to the Indebtedness or other obligations described in clause ~~(db)~~ of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt; *provided* that such Liens do not extend to any other assets; and

~~(ec)~~ to the extent constituting Liens, the rights of the County of Nelson, Kentucky and/or Luxco, Inc. (as successor to LRD Holdings LLC) with respect to the real property or other assets leased and/or mortgaged in connection with the industrial revenue bonds described in clause ~~(fc)~~ of the definition of Acquired Luxco Debt.

“Acquisition” means (a) the acquisition of a Controlling Equity Interest in another Person, whether by purchase of such Equity Interest, the exercise of an option or warrant for, or conversion of securities into, such Equity Interest, or otherwise, in each case causing any Person to become a Subsidiary, (b) the acquisition of assets of another Person (other than the Company or a Subsidiary) which constitute all or substantially all of the assets of such Person or of a line

or lines of business conducted by such Person, or (c) a merger or consolidation or any other combination with another Person (other than the Company or a Subsidiary); *provided* that the Company or a Subsidiary (after giving effect to such merger, consolidation or other combination) is the survivor.

“Additional Covenants” means any affirmative or negative covenant or any mandatory prepayment provision or any similar restriction or provision applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary (regardless of whether such provision is labeled or otherwise characterized as a covenant) the subject matter of which either (a) is similar to that of any covenant in Section 7, 9 or 10 of this Agreement, or related definitions in Schedule A of this Agreement, but contains one or more percentages, amounts or formulas that is more restrictive than those set forth herein or more beneficial to the holder or holders of the Indebtedness created or evidenced by the document in which such covenant or similar restriction is contained (and such covenant or similar restriction shall be deemed an Additional Covenant only to the extent that it is more restrictive or more beneficial) or (b) is different from the subject matter of any covenant in Section 7, 9 or 10 of this Agreement, or related definitions in Schedule A of this Agreement or is different from the subject matter of any prepayment provision in Section 8.3.

“Additional Defaults” means any provision contained in any document or instrument creating or evidencing Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary which permits the holder or holders of Indebtedness to accelerate (with the passage of time or giving of notice or both) the maturity thereof or otherwise requires the Company or any Subsidiary to purchase such Indebtedness prior to the stated maturity thereof and which either (i) is similar to any Default or Event of Default contained in Section 11 of this Agreement, or related definitions in Schedule A of this Agreement, but contains one or more percentages, amounts or formulas that is more restrictive or has a shorter grace period than those set forth herein or is more beneficial to the holders of such other Indebtedness (and such provision shall be deemed an Additional Default only to the extent that it is more restrictive, has a shorter grace period or is more beneficial) or (ii) is different from the subject matter of any Default or Event of Default contained in Section 11 of this Agreement, or related definitions in Schedule A of this Agreement.

“Affiliate” means, at any time, (a) with respect to any Person, any other Person that at such time directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, or is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, such first Person, (b) with respect to the Company, shall include any Person beneficially owning or holding, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of any class of voting or equity interests of the Company or any Subsidiary or any Person of which the Company and its Subsidiaries beneficially own or hold, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of any class of voting or equity interests and (c) with respect to Prudential, shall include any managed account, investment fund or other vehicle for which Prudential or any Prudential Affiliate acts as investment advisor or portfolio manager. As used in this definition, **“Control”** means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to an **“Affiliate”** is a reference to an Affiliate of the Company.

“Agreement” means this Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement, including all Schedules attached hereto.

“Anti-Corruption Laws” means any law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“Anti-Money Laundering Laws” means any law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“Authorized Officer” means (i) in the case of the Company, its chief executive officer, its chief financial officer, any other Person authorized by the Company to act on behalf of the Company and designated as an “Authorized Officer” of the Company in Schedule C attached hereto or any other Person authorized by the Company to act on behalf of the Company and designated as an “Authorized Officer” of the Company for the purpose of this Agreement in an Officer’s Certificate executed by the Company’s chief executive officer or chief financial officer and delivered to Prudential, and (ii) in the case of Prudential, any officer of Prudential designated as its “Authorized Officer” in Schedule C or any officer of Prudential designated as its “Authorized Officer” for the purpose of this Agreement in a certificate executed by one of its Authorized Officers or a lawyer in its law department. Any action taken under this Agreement on behalf of the Company by any individual who on or after the date of this Agreement shall have been an Authorized Officer of the Company and whom Prudential in good faith believes to be an Authorized Officer of the Company at the time of such action shall be binding on the Company even though such individual shall have ceased to be an Authorized Officer of the Company, and any action taken under this Agreement on behalf of Prudential by any individual who on or after the date of this Agreement shall have been an Authorized Officer of Prudential and whom the Company in good faith believes to be an Authorized Officer of Prudential at the time of such action shall be binding on Prudential even though such individual shall have ceased to be an Authorized Officer of Prudential.

“Available Facility Amount” is defined in Section 2.2(a).

“Blocked Person” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is itself blocked or ~~otherwise the subject or~~ target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned 50% or more (whether individually or in the aggregate), by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any ~~Person, entity, organization, country or regime~~ Persons, entities, organizations, countries or regimes described in clause (a) or (b).

“Bunge Agreements” means, collectively, ~~(a) that certain Grain Supply Agreement dated as of January 1, 2015, by and between MGPI of Indiana, LLC and Consolidated Grain and Barge and (b) that certain Grain Supply Agreement dated as of December 22, 2014, by and~~

~~between MGPI Processing and Bunge Milling, Inc., in each case as amended from time to time and together with any replacements thereof.~~

“Business Day” means (a) for the purposes of Section 8.7 only, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banks in New York City are required or authorized to be closed, (b) for the purpose of Section 2.2 only, a day on which Prudential is open for business, and (c) for the purposes of any other provision of this Agreement, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banks in New York, New York or Dallas, Texas are required or authorized to be closed.

“Cancellation Date” is defined in Section 2.2(h)(iv).

“Cancellation Fee” is defined in Section 2.2(h)(iv).

“Capital Lease” means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

“Capital Lease Obligations” of any Person means all obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any Capital Lease, and the amount of such obligations shall be the capitalized amount thereof determined in accordance with GAAP.

“Cash Management Agreement” means any agreement to provide cash management services, including treasury, depository, overdraft, credit or debit card (including non-card electronic payables and purchasing cards), electronic funds transfer and other cash management arrangements (including any Treasury Management Agreement).

“Cash Management Bank” means any Person that, (a) at the time it (or its Affiliate) becomes a Credit Agreement Lender on the ~~First~~^{Sixth} Amendment Closing Date, is party to a Cash Management Agreement with a Note Party, or (b) at the time it enters into a Cash Management Agreement with a Note Party, is a Credit Agreement Lender, an Affiliate of a Credit Agreement Lender, the administrative agent under the Credit Agreement or an Affiliate of such administrative agent, in each case in its capacity as a party to such Cash Management Agreement.

“Change of Control” means any event or series of events by which:

(a) (i) any “person” or “group” (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its Subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) other than the Permitted Investors becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that a “person” or “group” shall be deemed to have “beneficial ownership” of all Equity Interests that such “person” or “group” has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (such right, an “option right”)), directly or indirectly, of more than 40% of the Equity Interests of the Company entitled to vote in the election of members of the board of directors (or

equivalent governing body) of the Company or (ii) during any period of 12 consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the Company cease to be composed of individuals (x) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (y) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clause (x) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (z) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clauses (x) and (y) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body; or

(b) there shall have occurred under any indenture or other instrument evidencing any Indebtedness of any Note Party in excess of \$25,000,000 any “change in control” or similar provision (as set forth in the indenture, agreement or other evidence of such Indebtedness) obligating the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or repay all or any part of the Indebtedness provided for therein.

~~“CISADA” is defined in Section 5.16(a).~~

“Closing” is defined in Section 3.1.

“Closing Day” means, with respect to the Series A Notes, the Series A Closing Day and, with respect to any Accepted Note, the Business Day specified for the closing of the purchase and sale of such Accepted Note in the Confirmation of Acceptance for such Accepted Note, *provided* that (a) if the Company and the Purchaser which is obligated to purchase such Accepted Note agree on an earlier Business Day for such closing, the “Closing Day” for such Accepted Note shall be such earlier Business Day, and (b) if the closing of the purchase and sale of such Accepted Note is rescheduled pursuant to Section 3.3, the Closing Day for such Accepted Note, for all purposes of this Agreement except references to “original Closing Day” in Section 2.2(h)(iii), shall mean the Rescheduled Closing Day with respect to such Accepted Note.

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time.

“Collateral” means, collectively, all property of any Note Party or any other Person on which a Lien has been granted as security for all or any portion of the Note Obligations.

“Collateral Agent” means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in its capacity as collateral agent for the benefit of the holders of Notes, and its successors and assigns in such capacity as provided under the Intercreditor Agreement.

“Commitment Letter” means the letter agreement dated as of July 6, 2017, between the Company and Prudential.

“Company” is defined in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Confidential Information” is defined in Section 20.

“Confirmation of Acceptance” is defined in Section 2.2(f).

“Consolidated EBITDA” means, for the Consolidated Group for any period, the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period, plus (b) to the extent deducted in arriving at Consolidated Net Income for such period, (i) income taxes (whether federal, state, local or otherwise), (ii) Consolidated Interest Expense, (iii) depreciation and amortization determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP for such period ~~and~~, (iv) non-cash charges for earn-outs and other similar contingent consideration payments in connection with Acquisitions and (v) other non-cash charges (except to the extent that such non-cash charges are reserved for cash charges to be taken in the future), minus (c) to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period, non-cash gains or non-cash items increasing Consolidated Net Income.

“Consolidated Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio” means, for any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company, the ratio of (a) the remainder of (i) Consolidated EBITDA for such period minus (ii) dividends and distributions by the Company to its shareholders during such period, minus (iii) income taxes (whether federal, state, local or otherwise) paid in cash during such period, minus (iv) Maintenance Capital Expenditures during such period, minus (v) share repurchases or other acquisition or retirement of any of the Company’s Equity Interests or any security convertible into or exchangeable for any of the Company’s Equity Interests (other than Permitted Convertible Indebtedness and any early redemption of the 2021 Convertible Notes) (provided that ~~(x) up to \$25,000,000 in the aggregate of share repurchases occurring during the period commencing February 27, 2019 and ending on February 27, 2022 and (y)~~ share repurchases and other acquisitions of stock of the Company or securities convertible therefor ~~required to be purchased pursuant to employee stock compensation plans consistent with the plans in effect on the Series A Closing Day~~ in an aggregate amount not to exceed ~~(1) \$7,500,000 in any period other than the 2019 fiscal year, or (2) \$14,200,000 in the 2019 fiscal year, in each case of clauses (x) and (y),~~ 25,000,000 in any four consecutive fiscal quarter period shall be excluded from the amounts deducted in clause (a)(v) of this definition) to (b) Consolidated Fixed Charges for such period.

“Consolidated Fixed Charges” means for the Consolidated Group for any period, the sum (without duplication) of (a) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, and (b) scheduled principal payments of Consolidated Funded Indebtedness (other than the loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement and any early redemption of the 2021 Convertible Notes) during such period.

“Consolidated Funded Indebtedness” means, as of any date of determination, all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money and other interest-bearing liabilities of the Consolidated Group outstanding on such date, including, without limitation, (a) all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, loan agreements, notes or other similar agreements or instruments (including ~~any~~ the 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness), (b) all Capital Lease Obligations and purchase money indebtedness, (c) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, in respect of drawn letters of credit, acceptances or similar

extensions of credit, (d) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, to purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Equity Interests of such Person (other than stock of the Company required to be purchased pursuant to employee stock compensation plans consistent with the plans in effect on the Series A Closing Day) and (e) Guarantees of Indebtedness of any of the foregoing types described in clauses (a) through (d) of this definition, after eliminating all off-setting debits and credits between members of the Consolidated Group and all other items required to be eliminated in the course of the preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Consolidated Group in accordance with GAAP.

“Consolidated Group” means, collectively, the Company and its Subsidiaries.

“Consolidated Interest Expense” means, for the Consolidated Group for any period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, total interest expense (including the interest component of any payments in respect of Capital Lease Obligations and the net payment obligations pursuant to Swap Contracts pertaining to interest rate transactions) during such period. Interest expense (as used in this definition) for any period shall include any Leverage Fee with respect to such period.

“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income (or loss) of the Consolidated Group for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, but excluding therefrom (to the extent otherwise included therein) (a) any extraordinary gains or losses, (b) any gains attributable to a sale of assets (other than inventory sold in the ordinary course of business) or the write-up of assets and non-cash losses attributable to the impairment of any intangible asset, (c) any Equity Interest of any member of the Consolidated Group in the unremitted earnings of any Person that is not a Subsidiary and (d) except to the extent included pursuant to the last sentence in the definition of “Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio”, any income (or loss) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of or is merged into or consolidated with a member of the Consolidated Group or the date that such Person’s assets are acquired by a member of the Consolidated Group.

“Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio” means, as of the date of computation thereof, the ratio of (a) (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness (determined as at such date) minus (ii) Unrestricted Cash on such date in an aggregate not to exceed \$50,000,000 to (b) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Company most recently ended on or prior to such date; *provided*, that, during any period that includes any Material Acquisition or a Material Disposition, the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA shall be made on a historical Pro Forma Basis with respect to that portion of the applicable measurement period that occurred prior to the consummation of such transaction in accordance with the following sentence. For each period of four fiscal quarters ending next following the date of any Material Acquisition or Material Disposition consummated after the date of this Agreement, for purposes of determining the Consolidated Net Leverage Ratio, the consolidated results of operations of the Consolidated Group shall include the results of operations of the Person or assets subject to such Material Acquisition or exclude the results of operations of the Person or assets subject to such Material Disposition, as the case may be, on a historical Pro Forma Basis to the extent information in sufficient detail concerning such historical results of such Person or assets is reasonably

available, and which amounts shall include only adjustments reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders.

~~“Consolidated Net Income” means, for any period, the net income (or loss) of the Consolidated Group for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, but excluding therefrom (to the extent otherwise included therein) (a) any extraordinary gains or losses, (b) any gains attributable to a sale of assets (other than inventory sold in the ordinary course of business) or the write-up of assets and non-cash losses attributable to the impairment of any intangible asset, (c) any Equity Interest of any member of the Consolidated Group in the unremitted earnings of any Person that is not a Subsidiary and (d) except to the extent included pursuant to the last sentence in the definition of “Consolidated Leverage Ratio”, any income (or loss) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of or is merged into or consolidated with a member of the Consolidated Group or the date that such Person’s assets are acquired by a member of the Consolidated Group.~~

“Control Event” means:

(a) the execution by any Note Party or their respective Affiliates of any agreement or letter of intent with respect to any proposed transaction or event or series of transactions or events which, individually or in the aggregate, may reasonably be expected to result in a Change of Control,

(b) the execution of any written agreement which, when fully performed by the parties thereto, would result in a Change of Control, or

(c) the making of any written offer by any person (as such term is used in section 13(d) and section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act as in effect on the date of this Agreement) or related persons constituting a group (as such term is used in Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act as in effect on the date of this Agreement) to the holders of the Equity Interests of the Company, which offer, if accepted by the requisite number of holders, would result in a Change of Control.

“Controlled Entity” means (i) any of the Subsidiaries of the Company and any of their or the Company’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (ii) if the Company has a parent company, such parent company and its Controlled Affiliates. As used in this definition, **“Control”** means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

“Credit Agreement” means the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated ~~as of on or about~~ the ~~First~~Sixth Amendment Closing Date, among the Company, as borrower, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the Credit Agreement Lenders, as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented, replaced, refinanced or otherwise modified from time to time.

“Credit Agreement Lenders” means the lenders from time to time party to the Credit Agreement.

“Credit Agreement Obligations” means the “Obligations” as defined in the Credit Agreement.

“Credit Documents” means the Credit Agreement, the Security Documents, the Intercreditor Agreement and all documents, instruments and agreements delivered in connection with the foregoing.

“Customer Owned Inventory” means inventory owned by a customer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and with respect to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is acting as a bailee or the like or is otherwise storing or disposing of such inventory at the request of or for the benefit of such customer or its assignee, including any lender to such customer, in each case so long as such inventory is owned by such customer.

“Default” means an event or condition the occurrence or existence of which would, with the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both, become an Event of Default.

“Default Rate” means that rate of interest per annum that is the greater of (a) 2.00% above the rate of interest stated in clause (a) of the first paragraph of the Notes or (b) 2.00% over the rate of interest publicly announced by JPMorgan Chase Bank in New York, New York as its “base” or “prime” rate.

“Delayed Delivery Fee” is defined in Section 2.2(h)(iii).

“Disclosure Documents” is defined in Section 5.3.

“Disposition” or **“Dispose”** means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition of any property (including any sale and leaseback transaction, division, merger or disposition of Equity Interests), whether in a single transaction or series of related transactions, by any Person, including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any note or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) none of (w) the issuance or sale of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness by the Company, (x) the sale of any Permitted Warrant Transaction by the Company, (y) the purchase of any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction nor (z) the performance by the Company of its obligations under any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (including any Person’s issuance of any Equity Interests of such Person in connection with its obligations under [the 2021 Convertible Notes](#), any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness), any Permitted Warrant Transaction or any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction shall constitute a “Disposition”, and (ii) no issuance by the Company of Equity Interests shall constitute a Disposition.

“Disqualified Equity Interests” means, with respect to any Person, any Equity Interests of such Person that, by their terms (or by the terms of any security or other Equity Interest into which they are convertible or for which they are exchangeable) or upon the happening of any event or condition, (a) mature or are 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 in cash of the Notes and all other Note Obligations (other than any expense reimbursement or contingent indemnification [or similar obligations not then due and for which no claim has been submitted](#)), (b) are redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Equity Interests) (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 in cash of the Notes and all other Note Obligations (other than any expense reimbursement or contingent indemnification [or similar obligations not then due and for which no claim has been submitted](#)), in whole or in part, (c) provide for the scheduled payment of dividends in cash or (d) are or become convertible into, or exchangeable for, Indebtedness or any other Equity Interests that would constitute Disqualified Equity Interests, in each case of clauses (a) through (d), prior to the date that is 91 days after the latest scheduled maturity date of the Notes and all other Note Obligations; *provided*, that if such Equity Interests are issued pursuant to a plan for the benefit of the Company or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such officers or employees, such Equity Interests shall not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests solely because they may be required to be repurchased by the Company or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations.

“Domestic Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary organized under the laws of any political subdivision of the United States.

“EDGAR” means the SEC’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System or any successor SEC electronic filing system for such purposes.

“Electronic Record” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 15 U.S.C. 7006.

“Electronic Signature” has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 15 U.S.C. 7006.

“Eligible Investments” means:

(a) direct obligations of, or obligations the timely payment of principal or interest of which are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America or any agency thereof;

(b) obligations of any corporation organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America or under the laws of any other nation, payable in the United States of America, expressed to mature not later than 270 days following the date of issuance thereof and having one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global, Inc. (**“S&P”**), or Moody’s Investor’s Services, Inc. (**“Moody’s”**);

(c) interest bearing demand or time deposits or certificates of deposit maturing within one year from the date of issuance thereof and issued by a bank or trust

company organized under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof having capital surplus and undivided profits aggregating at least \$1,000,000,000 and being rated “A” or better by S&P or “A” or better by Moody’s;

(d) deposit accounts maintained with any bank that satisfies the criteria in clause (c) above or 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 bank is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and

(e) any other investments expressly approved in writing by the Required Holders.

“Environmental Laws” means any and all federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of the environment or the release of any materials into the environment, including but not limited to those related to Hazardous Materials.

“Environmental Liability” means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental investigation and remediation, costs of administrative oversight, fines, natural resource damages, penalties or indemnities), of the Company or any Subsidiary directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) any actual or alleged violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) any actual or alleged exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

“Equity Interests” means as to any Person, all capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests, beneficial interests in a trust or other indicia of equity rights issued by such Person from time to time, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest. For the avoidance of doubt, none of (x) the [2021 Convertible Notes or any other](#) Permitted Convertible Indebtedness nor (y) any Permitted Warrant Transactions, in either case, shall constitute Equity Interests of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries prior to settlement, conversion, exchange or exercise thereof.

“ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“ERISA Affiliate” means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Company under section 414 of the Code.

“Event of Default” is defined in Section 11.

“Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“Existing Credit Agreement” means that certain Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 21, 2016, by and among the Company, certain Subsidiaries party thereto, as borrowers, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto.

~~**“Existing Supply Agreements”** means, collectively, (a) each Bunge Agreement, (b) that certain Supply Agreement dated July 10, 2015, by and between Ardent Mills, LLC and MGPI Processing, and (c) that certain Distillate Supply Agreement, dated July 1, 2019, between Diageo Americas Supply, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC, as amended from time to time and together with any replacements thereof.~~

“Facility” is defined in Section 2.2(a).

“Family Trust” means, in respect of any individual, any trust for the primary benefit of such individual, his/her spouse ~~and~~ or his/her lineal descendants, so long as such individual, during his or her lifetime, has the exclusive right to control such trust.

“FATCA” means (a) sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), together with any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, (b) any treaty, law or regulation of any other jurisdiction, or relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States of America and any other jurisdiction, which (in either case) facilitates the implementation of the foregoing clause (a), and (c) any agreements entered into pursuant to section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

~~**“First Amendment Closing Date”** means February 14, 2020.~~

“Foreign Subsidiary” means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

“Form 10-K” is defined in Section 7.1(b).

“Form 10-Q” is defined in Section 7.1(a).

“Fourth Amendment Closing Date” means May 14, 2020.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States of America. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any lease that would have been accounted for as an operating lease on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in conformity with GAAP as in effect on the date of this Agreement shall be deemed not to be a Capital Lease.

“Governmental Authority” means

- (a) the government of
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(i) the United States of America or any state or other political subdivision thereof, or

(ii) any other jurisdiction in which the Company or any Subsidiary conducts all or any part of its business, or which asserts jurisdiction over any properties of the Company or any Subsidiary, or

(b) any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of, or pertaining to, any such government.

“Governmental Official” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“Guarantor” means each Subsidiary that is a party to the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement and any other Person that Guarantees the Note Obligations.

“Guaranty” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including (without limitation) obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

“Guaranty Agreements” means, collectively, the Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement and all other agreements pursuant to which any other Person guarantees all or any portion of the Note Obligations.

“Hazardous Materials” means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable law including, but not limited to, asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

“Hedge Treasury Note(s)” means, with respect to any Accepted Note, the United States Treasury Note or Notes whose duration (as determined by Prudential) most closely matches the duration of such Accepted Note.

“holder” means, with respect to any Note, the Person in whose name such Note is registered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 13.1, *provided, however*, that if such Person is a nominee, then for the purposes of Sections 7, 12, 17.2 and 18 and any related definitions in this Schedule A, “holder” shall mean the beneficial owner of such Note whose name and address appears in such register.

“Hostile Tender Offer” means, with respect to the use of proceeds of any Note, any offer to purchase, or any purchase of, shares of capital stock of any corporation or equity interests in any other entity, or securities convertible into or representing the beneficial ownership of, or rights to acquire, any such shares or equity interests, if such shares, equity interests, securities or rights are of a class which is publicly traded on any securities exchange or in any over-the-counter market, other than purchases of such shares, equity interests, securities or rights representing less than 5% of the equity interests or beneficial ownership of such corporation or other entity for portfolio investment purposes, and such offer or purchase has not been duly approved by the board of directors of such corporation or the equivalent governing body of such other entity prior to the date on which the Company makes the Request for Purchase of such Note.

“ICM Lease” means that certain Equipment Lease Agreement dated as of August 16, 2017, between MGPI Processing, as lessor, and ICM, Inc., as lessee.

“ICP” means Illinois Corn Processing, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“INHAM Exemption” is defined in Section 6.2(e).

“Incremental Equivalent Debt” is defined in Section 10.2(k).

“Indebtedness” with respect to any Person means, at any time, without duplication,

(a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money;

(b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, loan agreements, notes or other similar agreements or instruments;

(c) all obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than (i) current trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business and (ii) any purchase price adjustment or earnout incurred in connection with an Acquisition, except to the extent that the amount thereof becomes fixed and determinable and is not paid within fifteen days of becoming due and payable);

(d) all obligations of such Person under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement(s) relating to property acquired by such Person;

(e) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;

(f) all obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of letters of credit, acceptances or similar extensions of credit;

(g) all Guarantees of such Person of the type of Indebtedness described in clauses (a) through (f) above;

(h) all Indebtedness of a third party secured by any Lien on property owned by such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness has been assumed by such Person;

(i) all obligations of such Person, contingent or otherwise, to purchase, redeem, retire or otherwise acquire for value any Equity Interests of such Person;

(j) all Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities; and

(k) the Swap Termination Value under any Swap Contract of such Person.

The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, except to the extent that the terms of such Indebtedness or applicable law provide that such Person is not liable therefor. Further, notwithstanding anything in this definition to the contrary, no obligation of the Company under any Permitted Warrant Transaction or Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction shall constitute Indebtedness, except to the extent accounted for as a liability in accordance with GAAP. For purposes hereof, the amount of ~~any~~ the 2021 Convertible Notes and any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall be the aggregate stated principal amount thereof without giving effect to any obligation to pay cash or deliver shares with value in excess of such principal amount, and without giving effect to any integration thereof with any Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction pursuant to U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.1275-6.

“Institutional Investor” means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than 5.00% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes of any Series then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

“Intercreditor Agreement” means the Collateral Agency and Intercreditor Agreement dated as of ~~the date of this Agreement~~February 14, 2020 (as amended by the First Amendment to Amended and Restated Collateral Agency and Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of the Sixth Amendment Closing Date), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchasers, by and among the Senior Lenders, the holders of Notes and the Collateral Agent, and acknowledged by the Note Parties.

“Investment” is defined in Section 10.6.

“IRB Property” has the meaning given to such term in the definition of Permitted IRB Financings.

“Issuance Period” is defined in Section 2.2(b).

“LCT Test Date” has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 10.17.

“Leverage Fee” is defined in Section 9.12. All references in this Agreement to “interest on” (or words of similar import) with respect to the Notes shall include the Leverage Fee applicable thereto, if any.

“Lien” means any mortgage, pledge, security interest, lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, encumbrance, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, or other arrangement having the practical effect of the foregoing or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any capital lease having the same economic effect as any of the foregoing). For the avoidance of doubt, a Lien shall not include any owner’s, bailor’s or similar interest with respect to any Customer Owned Inventory.

“Limited Condition Transaction” means any Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted under this Agreement that, in each case, is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third-party financing.

“Luxco Companies” means (a) Luxco Group Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (b) LRD Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (c) LDL Holdings DE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and (d) KY Limestone Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“Luxco Merger” means the Company’s acquisition of the equity interests of the Luxco Companies in accordance with the Agreement and Plan of Merger ~~to be entered into among, dated as of January 22, 2021,~~ (a) the Company, (b) the Luxco Companies, (c) Donn Lux, as Sellers’ Representative; and (d) ~~a Delaware corporation to be formed by one or more of the Luxco Sellers, and (e) upon signing a joinder agreement, the Luxco Sellers~~the other parties party thereto.

~~**“Luxco Merger Date”** means the date on which the Luxco Merger is consummated.~~

~~“Luxeo Sellers” means Luxeo 2017 Irrevocable Trust dated June 19, 2017, Ann S. Lux 2005 Irrevocable Trust FBO Donn S. Lux dated September 16, 2017 Andrew Broddon Lux Luxeo Irrevocable Trust dated July 30, 2012, Philip Donn Lux Luxeo Irrevocable Trust dated July 30, 2012, Caroline L. Kaplan Revocable Trust dated December 16, 2009, Ann S. Lux 2005 Irrevocable Trust FBO Caroline Lux Kaplan dated September 16, 2005, Ann S. Lux 2005 Irrevocable Trust FBO Catherine N. Lux dated September 16, 2005, CNL 2013 Irrevocable Trust dated April 2, 2013, Ann S. Lux 2005 Irrevocable Trust FBO Paul S. Lux dated September 16, 2005, and Lux Children Irrevocable Trust dated May 24, 2012.”~~

“**Make-Whole Amount**” is defined in Section 8.7.

“**Maintenance Capital Expenditures**” means capital expenditures (as defined by GAAP, subject to any modifications thereof set forth in the definition of GAAP herein) made in connection with the replacement, substitution, restoration or repair of existing assets. For the avoidance of doubt, Maintenance Capital Expenditures shall not include (a) capital expenditures made in connection with an acquisition of new assets that seeks to expand existing operational capacities as opposed to any such acquisition that seeks to replace or substitute existing assets to maintain existing operational capacities, (b) the purchase price of equipment that is purchased simultaneously with the trade-in of existing equipment but only to the extent that the gross amount of such purchase price is reduced by the credit granted by the seller of such equipment for the equipment being traded in at such time or (c) expenditures made in connection with the replacement, substitution, restoration or repair of assets to the extent financed with (x) insurance proceeds paid on account of the loss or damage to the assets being replaced, restored or repaired or (y) awards of compensation arising from the taking by eminent domain or condemnation of the assets being replaced.

“**Material**” means material in relation to the business, results of operations, affairs, financial condition, assets, ~~properties, or prospects~~ or liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

“**Material Acquisition**” means any Acquisition or series of related Acquisitions consummated after the date of this Agreement involving aggregate consideration with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 (or such lesser amount as may be approved by the Required Holders in writing).

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, results of operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or ~~properties~~liabilities of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of any Note Party to perform any of its obligations under any of the Note Documents, (c) any rights and remedies of any holder of a Note or the Collateral Agent under any Note Document, or (d) the legality, validity or enforceability of any of the Note Documents.

~~“**Material Contracts**” means (any contract or other agreement (other than the Note Documents and any documents or agreements pertaining to any Indebtedness permitted by Sections 10.2(i) or (k), whether written or oral, to which any Note 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, (b) as of the Series A Closing Day, (i) each Existing Supply Agreement and (ii) that certain Distillate Supply Agreement dated as of July 1, 2013 between Diageo Americas Supply, Inc. and MGPI of Indiana, LLC and (c) after the Series A Closing Day, each agreement described in clause (b) above, if then in effect, together with any amendments, restatements or other modifications thereof entered into after the Series A Closing Day.~~

“Material Credit Facility” means, as to the Company and its Subsidiaries,

(a) the Credit Agreement, including any renewals, extensions, amendments, supplements, restatements, replacements or refinancing thereof; and

(b) any other agreement(s) creating or evidencing indebtedness for borrowed money entered into on or after the date of this Agreement by the Company or any Subsidiary, or in respect of which the Company or any Subsidiary is an obligor or otherwise provides a Guaranty or other credit support (**“Credit Facility”**), in a principal amount outstanding or available for borrowing equal to or greater than \$25,000,000 (or the equivalent of such amount in the relevant currency of payment, determined as of the date of the closing of such facility based on the exchange rate of such other currency); and if no Credit Facility or Credit Facilities equal or exceed such amounts, then the largest Credit Facility shall be deemed to be a Material Credit Facility.

“Maturity Date” is defined in the first paragraph of each Note.

“Material Disposition” means any Disposition (or series of related Dispositions) consummated after the date of this Agreement involving aggregate consideration with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 (or such lesser amount as may be approved by the Required Holders in writing).

“MGPI Processing” means MGPI Processing, Inc., a Kansas corporation.

“Multiemployer Plan” means any Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“NAIC” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any successor thereto.

“Non-U.S. Plan” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by the Company or any Subsidiary primarily for the benefit of employees of the Company or one or more Subsidiaries residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“Note Documents” means this Agreement, the Notes, the Guaranty Agreements, the Intercreditor Agreement, the Security Documents and all other documents now or hereafter

executed and delivered by or on behalf of a Note Party pursuant to or in connection with any of the foregoing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, and any and all amendments, supplements and other modifications to any of the foregoing.

“Note Obligations” means, collectively, all Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes and all present and future Indebtedness, liabilities and obligations (including indemnities), and renewals, increases and extensions thereof, or any part thereof, now or in the future owed to any Purchaser or any holder of any Note by any Note Party under any Note Document, together with all interest accruing thereon (including any interest accruing after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy or the commencement of any insolvency, reorganization or like proceeding relating to any Note Party, whether or not a claim for post-filing or post-petition interest is allowed in such proceeding), the Make-Whole Amount with respect to any Note, fees, costs and expenses (including all attorney’s fees and expenses incurred in the enforcement or collection thereof) payable under and in accordance with the Note Documents or in connection with the protection of rights or exercise of remedies under the Note Documents.

“Note Parties” means, collectively, the Company and the Guarantors.

“Notes” is defined in Section 1.2.

“OFAC” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“OFAC Sanctions Program” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities” of any Person means (a) any repurchase obligation or liability of such Person with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person, (b) any liability of such Person under any sale and leaseback transactions which do not create a liability on the balance sheet of such Person, (c) any liability of such Person under any so-called “synthetic” lease transaction or (d) any obligation arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional equivalent of or takes the place of borrowing but which does not constitute a liability on the balance sheet of such Person.

“Officer’s Certificate” means a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer or of any other officer of the Company whose responsibilities extend to the subject matter of such certificate.

“PBGC” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA or any successor thereto.

“Permitted Acquisition” means any Acquisition by any Note Party or any Subsidiary; *provided*, that:

(a) subject to Section 10.17, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either immediately before or immediately after giving effect to such Acquisition and any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith;

~~(b) [Reserved];~~

~~(c)~~ such Acquisition is not a “hostile” acquisition and, if required by applicable law, has been approved by the board of directors and/or shareholders (or comparable persons or groups) of the applicable Note Party and the Person to be (or whose assets are to be) acquired;

~~(d)~~ the lines of business of the Person to be so acquired are permitted pursuant to Section 10.4 or, in the case of an Acquisition of assets, the assets acquired are useful in the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries as conducted immediately prior to such Acquisition;

~~(e)~~ all of the requirements set forth in Section 9.7 are satisfied or will be satisfied within the time periods set forth therein;

~~(f)~~ subject to Section 10.17, the Company shall be in compliance with Section 10.1 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Acquisition and the incurrence of any Indebtedness in connection therewith (as of the closing date of the Acquisition); ~~and~~

~~(g)~~ in the case of a Material Acquisition, at least five Business Days before the date on which any such Acquisition is to be consummated (or such later date as the Required Holders shall reasonably agree), the Company has delivered to each holder of a Note (i) a certificate from a Responsible Officer of the Company, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders, (A) certifying that all of the requirements set forth in clauses (a) through ~~(f)~~ have been satisfied or will be satisfied on or prior to the consummation of such Acquisition (and, with respect to clause (d), will be satisfied within the time periods required under Section 9.7) and (B) certifying and attaching copies of Permitted Acquisition Documents, ~~which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders;~~ and (ii) if requested by the Required Holders and to the extent available, a 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 one 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 the Required Holders; ~~and~~

(g) the sum of all consideration paid or payable in connection with Permitted Acquisitions of any assets or property that do not become assets or property of a Note Party or of any Person or entity that does not become a Note Party shall not exceed \$25,000,000 in the aggregate during the term of this Agreement.

“Permitted Acquisition Documents” means with respect to any Acquisition proposed by any Note Party, final copies or substantially final drafts if not executed at the required time of

delivery of the purchase agreement, sale agreement, merger agreement or other agreement evidencing such Acquisition and each other [material](#) document executed, delivered, contemplated by or prepared in connection therewith and any amendment, modification or supplement to any of the foregoing.

“Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction” means any bond hedge, call or capped call option (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Company’s common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Company) purchased by the Company in connection with the issuance of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness and settled in common stock of the Company (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Company’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Company; *provided*, that the purchase of any such Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction is made with, and the purchase price thereof less the proceeds received from the Company from the sale of any substantially concurrently executed Permitted Warrant Transaction, does not exceed, the net proceeds received by the Company in connection with the issuance of any Permitted Convertible Indebtedness; *provided, further* that the other terms, conditions and covenants of each such transaction shall be such as are customary for transactions of such type (as determined by the Company in good faith).

“Permitted Convertible Indebtedness” means (a) unsecured Indebtedness of any of the Note Parties that (i) as of the date of issuance thereof contains customary conversion or exchange rights and customary offer to repurchase rights for transactions of such type (in each case, as determined by the Company in good faith) and (ii) is convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of common stock of the Company (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Company), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Company’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Company and (b) any guarantee by any Note Party of Indebtedness described in clause (a); *provided*, that ~~that~~ such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred under Section 10.2(o).

“Permitted Encumbrances” means, collectively, (a) Liens imposed by law for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on property not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP, (b) statutory Liens of landlords and Liens of carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen and other Liens imposed by law created in the ordinary course of business for amounts not yet due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are being maintained in accordance with GAAP, (c) pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers’ compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations, (d) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business, (e) judgment and attachment liens not giving rise to an Event of Default, (f) customary Liens and rights of setoff upon deposits in favor of depository

institutions and Liens of a collecting bank on payment items in the course of collection, in each case except to the extent required to be waived or subordinated pursuant to a control agreement or subordination agreement in favor of the Collateral Agent required to be executed and delivered pursuant to this Agreement, (g) any interest of title of a lessor under, and Liens arising from precautionary Uniform Commercial Code financing statements (or equivalent filings, registrations or agreements) relating to, leases permitted by this Agreement, and (h) easements, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of the Company or any Subsidiary; *provided*, that the term “Permitted Encumbrances” shall not include any Lien securing Indebtedness for borrowed money or any leasing or subleasing of real property that is not approved in advance in writing by the Required Holders.

“**Permitted Foreign Subsidiary Investments**” means Investments in any Foreign Subsidiary that is not a Note Party; *provided* that (a) no Event of Default exists at the time of such Investment or would immediately result therefrom, and (b) the aggregate amount of such Investments in Foreign Subsidiaries does not exceed \$~~50,000,000~~75,000,000 at any time outstanding.

“**Permitted Investors**” means any of (a) Karen Seaberg, (b) Lori L.S. Mingus and (c) Donn S. Lux, or any Family Trust of such Persons.

“**Permitted IRB Financings**” means financings incurred by a Note Party or any of its Subsidiaries in the nature of industrial revenue bonds or the like issued by a state, county, municipality or similar political subdivision or an industrial revenue authority or similar issuer in connection with the acquisition, construction, installation and/or equipping of land or real property improvements and/or personal property located thereon to be used in the manufacture or storage of whiskey, including but not limited to whiskey maturation warehouses or similar facilities and barrels to fill such warehouses or similar facilities, but excluding whiskey distillate stored in such barrels (collectively, “**IRB Property**”), and whereby the Company or one of its Subsidiaries may transfer all or a portion of such IRB Property to the issuer of such bonds (whether pursuant to a sale or a lease) and whereby, in such event, the Company or such Subsidiary, as applicable, shall lease back or otherwise acquire from such issuer a leasehold or similar interest in such IRB Property; *provided* that all Permitted IRB Financings (excluding any Permitted IRB Financing if the related bonds or similar debt instruments are held solely by a Note Party) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$~~15,000,000~~22,500,000 outstanding at any time.

“**Permitted Real Estate**” means real estate owned by the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries and located at or near: ~~16 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas; 10 Berger Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas; 101 Commercial Street, Atchison, Kansas; and 68, 72, 84, 102 and 108 Ridge Avenue, Greendale, Indiana~~ the addresses listed on Schedule 1.1.

“**Permitted Refinancing**” means, with respect to any Person, any modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension of any Indebtedness of

such Person (whether with the same or different lenders); *provided*, that (a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) thereof does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness so modified, refinanced, restructured, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended except by an amount equal to unpaid accrued interest and premium thereon, fees and reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension, (b) such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension has a final maturity date equal to or later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended, (c) other than with respect to any modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, restructuring, replacement or extension of Permitted Convertible Indebtedness or Indebtedness permitted pursuant to Section 10.2(i), at the time thereof, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (d) if such Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended is secured, the terms and conditions relating to collateral of any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness, taken as a whole, are not materially less favorable (as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith) to the Note Parties or the holders of the Notes than the terms and conditions with respect to the collateral for the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended, taken as a whole (and the Liens on any Collateral securing any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness shall have the same (or lesser) priority relative to the Liens on the Collateral securing the Note Obligations), (e) the terms and conditions (excluding any amortization, collateral, subordination, pricing, fees, rate floors, discounts, premiums and optional prepayment or redemption terms) of any such modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended Indebtedness, taken as a whole, shall not be materially less favorable (as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith) to the Note Parties than the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended, except for covenants or other provisions applicable only to periods after the Maturity Date of all Notes then outstanding (f) such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension is incurred by the Person who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended and shall not be guaranteed by or otherwise recourse to any Person other than the Person(s) to whom the refinanced Indebtedness is recourse or by whom it is guaranteed, and (g) if such Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended is subordinated in right of payment to the Note Obligations (or is secured by Liens subordinated to the Liens securing the Collateral), such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension is subordinated in right of payment (or the Liens securing such Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Liens securing the Collateral) to the Note Obligations on terms (i) at least as favorable (taken as a whole) (as reasonably determined by the Company in good faith) to the holders of Notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended, and such modification, refinancing, refunding, renewal, replacement or extension is incurred by one or more Persons who is an obligor of the Indebtedness being modified, refinanced, refunded, renewed, replaced or extended or (ii) otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining whether Permitted Convertible Indebtedness meets the foregoing requirements, (i) neither any settlement upon conversion of such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness (whether in cash, stock or other

property) nor any required redemption or repurchase upon a “fundamental change” (customarily defined for such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness) or upon the passage of time or other regularly-scheduled event (with such passage of time or other regularly-scheduled event being customary in the market for similar convertible indebtedness) shall disqualify such Permitted Convertible Indebtedness from constituting Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness.

“Permitted Warrant Transaction” means any call option, warrant or right to purchase (or substantively equivalent derivative transaction) relating to the Company’s common stock (or other securities or property following a merger event, reclassification or other change of the common stock of the Company) sold by the Company substantially concurrently with any purchase by the Company of a Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction and settled in common stock of the Company (or such other securities or property), cash or a combination thereof (such amount of cash determined by reference to the price of the Company’s common stock or such other securities or property), and cash in lieu of fractional shares of common stock of the Company; *provided*, that the terms, conditions and covenants of each such transaction shall be such as are customary for transactions of such type (as determined by the Company in good faith).

“Person” means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, business entity or Governmental Authority.

“Plan” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made, by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

“Pledge Agreement” means the [Second](#) Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement dated as of the ~~First~~[Sixth](#) Amendment Closing Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchasers, executed by each Note Party in favor of the Collateral Agent.

“Pro Forma Basis” means, with respect to compliance with any test hereunder for an applicable period of measurement, for any Investment, Disposition, incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness, Restricted Payment, discontinuance of operations or any other event or action requiring or permitting such test to be calculated on a “Pro Forma Basis”, the following shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement (as of the last date in the case of a balance sheet item) in such test, in each case on a basis consistent with Article 11 of Regulation S-X of the Exchange Act, as interpreted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise as approved by the Required Holders: (i) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property or person subject to such transaction, event or action (A) in the case of a Disposition of all or substantially all Equity Interests in any Subsidiary of the Company or any division, product line, or facility used for operations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, shall be excluded, and (B) in the case of a Permitted Acquisition or Investment, shall be included, (ii) any Indebtedness which is retired shall be excluded and shall be deemed to have been retired as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement, and (iii) any Indebtedness incurred or assumed by the Company and its

Subsidiaries and if such indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate which is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination.

“property” or “properties” means, unless otherwise specifically limited, real or personal property of any kind, tangible or intangible, choate or inchoate.

“Prudential” is defined in the addressee line to this Agreement.

“Prudential Affiliate” means any Affiliate of Prudential.

“PTE” is defined in Section 6.2(a).

“Purchaser” is defined in the addressee line to this Agreement.

“Qualified Equity Interests” means any Equity Interests that are not Disqualified Equity Interests.

“Qualified Institutional Buyer” means any Person who is a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of such term as set forth in Rule 144A(a)(1) under the Securities Act.

“QPAM Exemption” is defined in Section 6.2(d).

“Rate Lock Cancellation Fee” is defined in the Commitment Letter.

“Rate Lock Delayed Delivery Fee” is defined in the Commitment Letter.

“Related Fund” means, with respect to any holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (i) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (ii) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

“Request for Purchase” is defined in Section 2.2(d).

“Required Holders” means, at any time on or after the Closing, the holders of at least 50.1% in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding (exclusive of Notes then owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates).

“Rescheduled Closing Day” is defined in Section 3.3.

“Responsible Officer” means any Senior Financial Officer and any other officer of the Company with responsibility for the administration of the relevant portion of this Agreement.

“Restricted Payment” means (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any Equity Interest of any member of the Consolidated Group now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, conversion, exchange, retirement or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any Equity Interest of any member of the

Consolidated Group now or hereafter outstanding, and (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire Equity Interest of any member of the Consolidated Group now or hereafter outstanding; *provided*, that the payment of principal, interest or other amounts on (and including the settlement of any conversions or redemptions of) ~~any~~ the 2021 Convertible Notes or any other Permitted Convertible Indebtedness shall not constitute a “Restricted Payment”.

“SEC” means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States, or any successor thereto.

“Secured Cash Management Agreement” means any Cash Management Agreement between or among any Note Party and any Cash Management Bank.

“Security Agreement” means the Second Amended and Restated Security Agreement dated as of the ~~First~~ Sixth Amendment Closing Date, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchasers, made by each Note Party (including, without limitation, by any joinder to the Security Agreement (in the form contemplated thereby)) in favor of the Collateral Agent.

“Security Documents” means, collectively, the Security Agreement, the Pledge Agreement, each control agreement and any other agreement or instrument pursuant to which any Note Party or any other Person grants or purports to grant a Lien to secure all or any portion of the Note Obligations.

“Securities” or “Security” shall have the meaning specified in section 2(1) of the Securities Act.

“Securities Act” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“Senior Financial Officer” means the president, chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller of the Company.

“Series” is defined in Section 1.2.

“Series A Closing” is defined in Section 3.1.

“Series A Closing Day” is defined in Section 3.1.

“Series A Notes” is defined in Section 1.1.

“Series A Purchaser” is defined in the addressee line to this Agreement.

“Shelf Closing” means, with respect to any Series of Shelf Notes, the closing of the sale and purchase of such Series of Shelf Notes.

“Shelf Notes” is defined in Section 1.2.

“Sixth Amendment Closing Date” means April 24, 2025.

“Source” is defined in Section 6.2.

“Structuring Fee” is defined in Section 2.2(h)(i).

“State Sanctions List” means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Authority within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

“Subsidiary” means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a 50% interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries). Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Company.

“Subsidiary Guarantor” means such Subsidiary that has executed and delivered a Subsidiary Guaranty.

“Subsidiary Guaranty” is defined in Section 9.7(a).

“Subsidiary Guaranty Agreement” means the Guaranty Agreement, dated as of the date of this Agreement, made by each Subsidiary Guarantor in favor of the holders of Notes.

“Substitute Purchaser” is defined in Section 21.

“Super-Majority Holders” means at any time on or after the Closing, the holders of at least 66-2/3% in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding (exclusive of Notes then owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates).

“SVO” means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC or any successor to such Office.

“Swap Contract” means (a) any and all interest rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing),

whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a **“Master Agreement”**), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Permitted Bond Hedge Transaction or Permitted Warrant Transaction shall be considered a Swap Contract.

“Swap Termination Value” means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts).

“Treasury Management Agreement” means any treasury management services, cash management agreement, autoborrow, sweep or similar agreement entered into between the Company and the swingline lender under the Credit Agreement.

“United States Person” has the meaning set forth in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

“Unrestricted Cash” means, as of any date of determination, all cash and Eligible Investments of the Note Parties that are (a) held in an account of a Note Party either (i) with the Collateral Agent or (ii) subject to a deposit account control agreement or securities account control agreement (in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent) in favor of the Collateral Agent, (b) unrestricted and do not appear or would not appear as “restricted” on the financial statements of the Company (unless related to the Note Documents or Liens created thereunder), and (c) not subject to any Liens in favor of any Person other than Liens in favor of the Collateral Agent under the Note Documents and Liens constituting Permitted Liens in favor of any depositary bank in connection with statutory, common law and contractual rights of set-off and recoupment with respect to any deposit account; provided that the proceeds of any Indebtedness incurred substantially concurrently with the determination of such amount shall be excluded.

“USA PATRIOT Act” means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001, as amended from time to time, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“U.S. Economic Sanctions” means those laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran

Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“Weighted Average Life to Maturity” means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing: (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

“Wholly-Owned Subsidiary” means, at any time, any Subsidiary all of the equity interests (except directors’ qualifying shares) and voting interests of which are owned by any one or more of the Company and the Company’s other Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries at such time.