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# 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): August 7, 2013

# Carter's, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (States or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-31829 (Commission File Number) 13-3912933 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30309 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(404) 745-2700 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

#### Indenture and Senior Notes

On August 12, 2013, The William Carter Company (the "Company"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Carter's, Inc. ("Carter's"), issued \$400 million of senior notes due 2021 (the "senior notes") pursuant to an indenture dated August 12, 2013 (the "Indenture") by and among the Company, certain guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The senior notes were sold pursuant to a Purchase Agreement, dated August 7, 2013, (the "Purchase Agreement") between the Company, Carter's, certain of the Company's subsidiaries, as guarantors, and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated on behalf of itself and the other initial purchasers identified therein (the "Representative").

The Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements by the Company and Carter's and indemnification provisions whereby the Company and the guarantors, on one hand, and the initial purchasers, on the other, have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities. The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text thereof filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The senior notes were issued at par, bear interest at a rate of 5.250% per annum and mature on August 15, 2021. The senior notes were sold through a private placement to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A (and outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The senior notes have not been registered under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws and may not be offered or sold absent registration under the Securities Act or applicable state securities laws or applicable exemptions from registration requirements. For more information regarding the Company's obligation to register the senior notes, see "Registration Rights Agreement" below.

The Company estimates that the net proceeds from the offering of the senior notes will be approximately \$393 million, after deducting related fees and expenses. The net proceeds will be used for share repurchases and/or dividends and for general corporate purposes.

The senior notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Carter's and by each of the Company's current and, subject to certain exceptions, future restricted subsidiaries that guarantee the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility or certain other debt of the Company or the subsidiary guarantors. However, Carter's will not be subject to the restrictive covenants to which the other guarantors are subject.

The senior notes are the Company's general unsecured senior obligations and rank senior in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior notes; rank equally in right of payment with all of the Company's existing and future unsecured debt and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior notes; are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the Company's existing and future secured debt (including obligations under the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility), to the extent of the value of the Company's assets securing such debt; and are structurally subordinated to all liabilities of each of the Company's subsidiaries that is not a guarantor of the senior notes.

Similarly, the senior note guarantees are the general unsecured senior obligations of the guarantors and rank senior in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future debt and other obligations that are, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior notes; rank equally in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future unsecured debt and other obligations that are not, by their terms, expressly subordinated in right of payment to the senior notes; and are effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the applicable guarantor's existing and future secured debt (including such guarantor's guarantee under the Company's senior secured revolving credit facility), to the extent of the value of such guarantor's assets securing such debt.

At any time prior to August 15, 2017, the Company may redeem all or part of the senior notes, upon notice as required pursuant to the Indenture, at 100% of the principal amount redeemed plus the Applicable Premium (as defined in the Indenture), plus accrued and unpaid interest to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date, subject to the rights of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date.

On and after August 15, 2017, the Company may redeem the senior notes, in whole or in part, upon notice as required pursuant to the Indenture, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount of the senior notes to be redeemed) set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date, subject to the rights of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on August 15 of each of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
<u>Year</u> 2017	102.625%
2018	101.313%
2019 and thereafter	100.000%

In addition, until August 15, 2016, the Company may at its option, on one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the senior notes (including the aggregate principal amount of senior notes, if any, issued after the issue date) at a redemption price equal to 105.250% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon to, but excluding, the applicable redemption date, subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest due on the relevant interest payment date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings (as defined in the Indenture); provided that at least 65% of the sum of the aggregate principal amount of the senior notes originally issued under the Indenture and any senior notes that are issued under the Indenture after the issue date remains outstanding immediately after the occurrence of each such redemption; provided further that each such redemption occurs within 90 days of the date of closing of each such Equity Offering.

Upon the occurrence of specific kinds of changes of control, unless a redemption notice with respect to all the outstanding senior notes has previously or concurrently been mailed or delivered, the Company will be required to make an offer to purchase the senior notes at 101% of their principal amount. In addition, if the Company or any of its restricted subsidiaries engages in certain asset sales, under certain circumstances the Company will be required to use the net proceeds to make an offer to purchase the senior notes at 100% of their principal amount.

The Indenture contains a number of covenants, that, among other things and subject to certain exceptions, restrict the Company's ability and the ability of certain of its subsidiaries to: (a) incur, assume or guarantee additional indebtedness; (b) issue disqualified stock and preferred stock; (c) pay dividends or make distributions or other restricted payments; (d) prepay, redeem or repurchase certain debt; (e) make loans and investments (including joint ventures); (f) incur liens; (g) create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to the Company from restricted subsidiaries that are not guarantors of the notes; (h) sell or otherwise dispose of assets, including capital stock of subsidiaries; (i) consolidate or merge with or into, or sell substantially all of the issuer's assets to, another person; (j) designate subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries; and (k) enter into transactions with affiliates. It also contains customary affirmative covenants and provides for events of default which, if certain of them occur, would permit the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then total outstanding senior notes to declare all amounts owning under the notes to be due and payable.

The foregoing descriptions of the indenture governing the senior notes and the senior notes do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text thereof filed as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Registration Rights Agreement**

Pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement among the Company, the guarantors party thereto and the Representative, dated August 12, 2013 (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), the Company agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to file an exchange offer registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission by May 9, 2014, with respect to a new issue of notes with terms substantially identical to those of the senior notes, except that the new notes will generally be freely transferrable under the Securities Act.

In addition, the Company agreed, in accordance with the terms of the registration rights agreement, to file, under certain circumstances, a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the senior notes.

If the Company fails to complete the registered exchange offer or the shelf registration statement has not been declared effective within specified time periods, the Company will be required to pay additional interest on the senior notes.

The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text thereof filed as Exhibit 4.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K under the heading "Indenture and Senior Notes" is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

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

- (d) Exhibits:
  - 4.1 Indenture, dated August 12, 2013, by and among The William Carter Company, certain guarantors from time to time party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee
  - 4.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 12, 2013, by and among The William Carter Company, the guarantors party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
  - 10.1 Purchase Agreement, dated August 7, 2013, by and among The William Carter Company, certain guarantors from time to time party thereto and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

SIGNATURE

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.

## CARTER'S, INC.

By: /s/ Irina Braude

Name: Irina Braude Title: Secretary

August 12, 2013

## INDENTURE

Dated as of August 12, 2013

## Between

## THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY,

## THE GUARANTORS NAMED ON THE SIGNATURE PAGES HERETO

And

## WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Trustee

## 5.250% SENIOR NOTES DUE 2021

## CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE\*

Trust Indenture Act Section	Indenture Section
310(a)(1)	7.10
(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	N.A.
(a)(4)	N.A.
(a)(5)	7.10
(b)	7.03;7.10
(c)	N.A.
311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
(c)	N.A.
312(a)	2.05
(b)	12.03
(c)	12.03
313(a)	7.06
(b)(1)	N.A.
(b)(2)	7.06;7.07
(c)	7.06;12.02
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(b)	N.A.
(c)(1)	12.04
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(c)(3)	N.A.
(d)	N.A.
(e)	12.05
(f)	N.A.
315(a)	7.01
(b)	7.05;12.02
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318(a)	12.01
(b)	N.A.
(c)	12.01

N.A. means not applicable.

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INDENTURE, dated as of August 12, 2013, between The William Carter Company, a Massachusetts corporation (together with any successor hereunder, the "<u>Company</u>"), Carter's Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with any successor hereunder, "<u>Carter's</u>") and the other Guarantors (as defined herein) listed on the signature pages hereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, as Trustee.

#### $\underline{W\,I\,T\,N\,E\,S\,S\,E\,T\,H}$

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the creation of an issue of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.250% senior notes due 2021 (the "<u>Notes</u>");

WHEREAS, the Company, Carter's and the other Guarantors listed on the signature pages hereto have duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Initial Notes are being issued for share repurchases and/or dividends by the Company and for general corporate purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company, Carter's, the other Guarantors listed on the signature pages hereto and the Trustee agree as follows for the benefit of each other and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders.

#### ARTICLE I

#### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

SECTION 1.01. Definitions.

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

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

(1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or became a Restricted Subsidiary of, such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging, amalgamating or consolidating with or into, or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and

(2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Additional Interest" means all additional interest then owing pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement.

"<u>Additional Notes</u>" means additional Notes (other than the Initial Notes and other than Exchange Notes issued in exchange for such Initial Notes) issued under this Indenture in accordance with Sections 2.02 and 4.09 hereof, as part of the same series as the Initial Notes.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"<u>Affiliated Charitable Organization</u>" means any charitable organization that is an Affiliate of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that meets the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code to the extent, and only for so long as, such organization is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Section 170 of the Code.

"Agent" means any Registrar, co-registrar, Transfer Agent, Paying Agent or additional paying agent.

"<u>Agent's Message</u>" means a message transmitted by DTC to, and received by, the Depositary and forming a part of the book-entry confirmation, which states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from each participant in DTC tendering the Notes and that such participants have received the Letter of Transmittal and agree to be bound by the terms of the Letter of Transmittal and the Company may enforce such agreement against such participants.

"<u>Applicable Premium</u>" means, with respect to a Note at any redemption date, the greater of (i) 1.0% of the principal amount of such Note and (ii) the excess, if any, of (A) the present value at such time of (1) the redemption price of such Note at August 15, 2017 (such redemption price being set forth in the table appearing in Section 3.07(d) hereof) *plus* (2) all required interest payments due on such Note (excluding accrued and unpaid interest to such redemption date) through August 15, 2017, computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate *plus* 50 basis points, over (B) the then outstanding principal amount of such Note on such redemption date.

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

"Asset Sale" means:

(1) the sale, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or property of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, including by means of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction, but other than sales, leases or licenses of inventory (or other assets, including intellectual property and Cash Equivalents) in the ordinary course of business (each, a "*disposition*"); and

(2) the issuance of Equity Interests by any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries issued in compliance with Section 4.09 hereof).

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

(1) any disposition of property or assets or issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary in any transaction or series of related transactions with an aggregate fair market value of less than \$30.0 million;

(2) any disposition of property or assets, or the issuance of securities, by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to a Restricted Subsidiary;

(3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Restricted Subsidiary to the Company or to a Restricted Subsidiary;

(4) any Permitted Investment, or any Restricted Payment that is permitted by Section 4.07 hereof;

(5) (i) any disposition of Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities, (ii) any disposition of inventory or goods (or other assets) in the ordinary course of business, (iii) any disposition of obsolete, damaged, or worn out equipment or inventory that is no longer useful in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and that is disposed of in the ordinary course of business (or in the case of leased or subleased property, dispositions of properties which are no longer useful or necessary in the Company's and its Restricted Subsidiaries' business), (iv) dispositions to landlords of improvements made to leased real property pursuant to customary terms of leases entered into in the ordinary course of business and (v) any disposition of equipment, inventory or goods (or other assets) held for sale in the ordinary

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course of business (it being understood that the sale of equipment, inventory or goods (or other assets) in bulk in connection with the closing of any number of retail locations in the ordinary course of business shall be considered a sale in the ordinary course of business);

(6) the sale, lease, conveyance, disposition or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company governed by, and made in accordance with, Article V hereof or any disposition that constitutes a Change of Control hereunder;

(7) the grant of Liens permitted by Section 4.12 hereof and foreclosures, condemnation, expropriation or any similar action with respect to assets not prohibited hereunder;

(8) the surrender or waiver of contractual rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract, tort or other claims of any kind;

(9) any restructuring, regardless of whether accomplished by liquidation, contribution, distribution, merger or any other technique, whereby the ownership of Excluded Subsidiaries is changed, so long as each such Excluded Subsidiary that is a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company prior to such restructuring remains, directly or indirectly, a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company after such restructuring;

(10) any issuance or sale of Equity Interests in, or assets, Indebtedness or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(11) dispositions of property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property or (ii) the proceeds of such disposition are promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;

(12) to the extent allowable under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, any exchange of like property (excluding any boot thereon) for use in a Related Business;

(13) (i) the lease, assignment, sublease, license or sublicense (including the provision of software under an open source license) of any real or personal property in the ordinary course of business and (ii) the exercise of termination rights with respect to any lease, sublease, license or sublicense or other agreement;

(14) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, or Securitization Assets or related assets in connection with any Qualified Securitization Facility or the disposition of an account receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof in the ordinary course of business or in bankruptcy or similar proceedings;

(15) any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, including Sale and Lease-Back Transactions and asset securitizations permitted hereunder;

(16) the sale or discount of inventory, accounts receivable or notes receivable in the ordinary course of business or in connection with the collection or compromise thereof, or the conversion of accounts receivable to notes receivable;

(17) the licensing or sublicensing of intellectual property or other general intangibles in the ordinary course of business;

(18) any surrender or waiver of contract rights or the settlement, release or surrender of contract rights or other litigation claims in the ordinary course of business;

(19) the unwinding of any Hedging Obligations;

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(20) sales, transfers and other dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture arrangements and similar binding arrangements;

(21) the abandonment of intellectual property rights in the ordinary course of business or which in the reasonable good faith determination of the Company are not material to the conduct of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole and the abandonment of intellectual property rights which are no longer economically practicable or commercially reasonable to maintain;

(22) the issuance of directors' qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required by applicable law; and

(23) sales, transfers or other dispositions of assets in connection with customary factoring arrangements for the sale, assignment or transfer of accounts receivable and related rights for fair market value as determined in good faith by the Company; <u>provided</u> that such transaction shall not involve any recourse (other than customary representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities) to the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor.

"<u>Attributable Indebtedness</u>" means, on any date, in respect of any Capitalized Lease of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code, as amended, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

"<u>Beneficial Owner</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such "person" shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition.

"<u>Board of Directors</u>" means, for any Person, the board of directors or other governing body of such Person or, if such Person does not have such a board of directors or other governing body and is owned or managed by a single entity, the Board of Directors of such entity, or, in either case, any committee thereof duly authorized to act on behalf of such Board of Directors. Unless otherwise provided, "*Board of Directors*" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"<u>Board Resolution</u>" means, with respect to any Person, a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, or the Clerk or an Assistant Clerk, of such Person to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"<u>Borrowing Base</u>" means, as of any date, an amount equal to: (1) 85.0% of the book value of all accounts receivable owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter preceding such date; *plus* (2) 85.0% of the book value of all inventory owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter preceding such date.

"Business Day" means each day which is not a Legal Holiday.

"<u>Canadian Reorganization Documents</u>" means the Forward Subscription Agreement, the Contribution Agreement, the documentation relating to the Northstar Loan, including the Northstar Security Agreement and the Northstar Note, and the organization documents of Carter's Canadian Holdings, LLC.

"Capital Stock" means:

(1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock or shares in the capital of such corporation;

(2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

(3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and

(4) any other ownership interest that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"<u>Capitalized Leases</u>" means all leases that have been or are required to be, in accordance with GAAP, recorded as capitalized leases; <u>provided</u> that for all purposes hereunder the amount of obligations under any Capitalized Lease shall be the amount thereof accounted for as a liability in accordance with GAAP.

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

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

"Captive Insurance Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is subject to regulation as an insurance company (or any Subsidiary thereof).

"Carter's" has the meaning assigned to it in the recitals to this Indenture.

#### "Cash Equivalents" means:

(a) (i) United States Dollars, Pounds Sterling, Canadian Dollars or Euros or any national currency of any Participating Member State of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) and (ii) in the case of any Foreign Subsidiary or any jurisdiction in which the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries conducts business, such local currencies held by it from time to time in the ordinary course of business and not for speculation;

(b) securities issued, or directly, unconditionally and fully guaranteed or insured, by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof having maturities of not more than two years from the date of acquisition by such Person; <u>provided</u> the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof;

(c) time deposits, certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances of any lender under the Credit Agreement or any commercial bank, or which is the principal banking subsidiary of a bank holding company, in each case, organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia having, capital and surplus aggregating in excess of \$250.0 million with maturities of not more than one year from the date of acquisition by such Person;

(d) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than 30 days for underlying securities of the types described in clause (a) above entered into with any bank meeting the qualifications specified in clause (b) above, which repurchase obligations are secured by a valid perfected security interest in the underlying securities;

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(e) commercial paper issued by any Person rated at least A-2 or the equivalent thereof by S&P or at least P-2 or the equivalent thereof by Moody's and in each case maturing not more than two years after the date of acquisition by such Person;

(f) direct obligations issued by any state of the United States or any political subdivision thereof having one of the two highest rating categories obtainable from either S&P or Moody's with maturities of not more than two years from the date of acquisition thereof;

(g) demand deposit accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business with any domestic or foreign commercial bank, or which is the principal banking subsidiary of a bank holding company, having capital and surplus of not less than \$250.0 million in the case of U.S. banks and \$100.0 million (or the U.S. dollar equivalent as of the date of determination) in the case of non-U.S. banks;

(h) investments in funds substantially all of whose assets comprise securities of the types described in clauses (a) through (f) above;

(i) instruments equivalent to those referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above denominated in euros or any other foreign currency comparable in credit quality and tenor to those referred to above and customarily used by corporations for cash management purposes in any jurisdiction outside the United States to the extent reasonably required in connection with any business conducted by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or

(j) in the case of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, Investments made locally of a type comparable to those described in clauses (a) through (b) of this definition.

"CFC" means a controlled foreign corporation within the meaning of Section 957 of the Code.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following after the Issue Date:

(1) the sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger, amalgamation or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act);

(2) Carter's shall cease to be the Beneficial Owner of 100.0% of the Equity Interests of the Company;

(3) except in a transaction permitted by Article V hereof, the adoption by the Company of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(4) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the Beneficial Owner of 50.0% or more of the Voting Stock of Carter's, measured by voting power rather than number of shares.

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, Société Anonyme and its successors.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"<u>Common Stock</u>" means with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests or other participations in, and other equivalents (however designated and whether voting or nonvoting) of such Person's common stock whether or not outstanding on the Issue Date, and includes, without limitation, all series and classes of such common stock.

"Company" has the meaning assigned to such term in the recitals to this Indenture.

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"<u>Company's Order</u>" means a written request or order signed on behalf of the Company by an Officer, who must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer of the Company, and delivered to the Trustee.

"<u>Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense</u>" means with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, including the amortization of intangible assets, deferred financing fees, debt issuance costs, commissions, fees and expenses and amortization of Capitalized Software Expenditures of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

"<u>Consolidated EBITDA</u>" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period:

- (1) *increased*, without duplication, by the following, in each case (other than in the case of clauses (vi) and (viii) below) to the extent deducted (and not added back) in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period with respect to such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries:
  - (i) total interest expense determined in accordance with GAAP (including, to the extent deducted and not added back in computing Consolidated Net Income, (A) amortization of original issue discount resulting from the issuance of Indebtedness at less than par, (B) all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit or bankers acceptances, (C) non-cash interest payments, (D) the interest component of Capitalized Leases, (E) amortization of deferred financing fees, debt issuance costs, commissions and fees, (F) the interest component of any pension or other post-employment benefit expense and (G) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees (including related interest expenses) related to any Qualified Securitization Facility or any receivables facility) and to the extent not reflected in such total interest expense, any losses on hedging obligations or other derivative instruments entered into for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk, net of interest income and gains on such hedging obligations or other derivative instruments, and costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities (whether amortized or immediately expensed), *plus*
  - (ii) provision for taxes based on income, profits or capital gains, including, without limitation, federal, state, local, franchise, property and similar taxes and foreign withholding taxes and any state single business unitary or similar tax (including any future taxes or other levies which replace or are intended to be in lieu of such taxes and any penalties and interest related to such taxes or arising from any tax examinations) paid or accrued during such period, *plus*
  - (iii) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense for such period, plus
  - (iv) the amount of any non-controlling interest or minority interest expense consisting of Subsidiary income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-wholly-owned Subsidiaries, *plus*
  - (v) any costs or expenses incurred pursuant to any management equity plan, stock option plan or any other management, director or employee benefit plan, agreement or any stock subscription or stockholders agreement, to the extent that such costs or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of such Person or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Equity Interests of such Person (other than Disqualified Stock) solely, in each case, to the extent that such cash proceeds are excluded from the calculation set forth in Section 4.07(a)(C) and shall not be, and have not been, designated an Excluded Contribution, *plus*
  - (vi) the amount of "run-rate" cost savings, synergies and operating expense reductions projected by such Person in good faith to result from actions taken, committed to be taken or with respect to which substantial steps have been taken or are expected in good faith to be taken no later than eighteen
     (18) months after the end of such period (calculated on a *pro forma* basis as though such

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cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies had been realized on the first day of such period for which Consolidated EBITDA is being determined and if such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies were realized during the entirety of such period), net of the amount of actual benefits realized during such period from such actions; <u>provided</u>, that such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies are reasonably identifiable and factually supportable in the good faith judgment of the Company; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, it is understood and agreed that "*run-rate*" means the full recurring benefit for a period that is associated with any action taken, committed to be taken or with respect to which substantial steps have been taken or are expected to be taken; *plus* 

- (vii) any net loss from disposed, abandoned or discontinued operations or product lines; plus
- (viii) cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenditures) not representing Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Net Income in any period to the extent non-cash gains relating to such income were deducted in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to clause (2) below for any previous period and not added back, *plus*
- (ix) any other non-cash charges, including (a) any write offs or write downs, (b) equity-based awards compensation expense, (c) losses on sales, disposals or abandonment of, or any impairment charges or asset write off related to, intangible assets, long-lived assets and investments in debt and equity securities, (d) all losses from investments recorded using the equity method, and (e) other non-cash charges, non-cash expenses or non-cash losses reducing Consolidated Net Income for such period (provided that if any such non-cash charges referred to in this clause (ix) represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be subtracted from Consolidated EBITDA to such extent, and excluding amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period), *plus*
- (x) the amount of loss on sales of Securitization Assets and related assets to any Securitization Subsidiary in connection with a Qualified Securitization Facility, *plus*
- (xi) any fees (including finder's fees, broker's fees, rating agency fees or any other fees), expenses or charges incurred during such period (including, without limitation, any premiums, make-whole or penalty payments), or any amortization thereof for such period, in connection with any Investment, Permitted Acquisition or any other acquisition (other than any such other acquisition in the ordinary course of business) permitted under this Indenture, disposition (other than in the ordinary course of business), or other transfer (other than any such transfer in the ordinary course of business), incurrence or repayment of indebtedness (including such fees, expenses or charges related to the offering and issuance of the Notes and the syndication and incurrence of any securities or credit facilities), issuance of Equity Interests, recapitalization, refinancing transaction or amendment or modification of any debt instrument (including any amendment or other modification of the Notes and other securities, any credit facilities or any other debt instrument) and including, in each case, any such transaction whether consummated on, after or prior to the Issue Date and any such transaction undertaken but not completed, and
- (2) *decreased*, without duplication, by the following, in each case to the extent included in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period:
  - (i) any non-cash gains increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period, excluding any non-cash gains to the extent they represent the reversal of an accrual or reserve for a potential cash item that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period and any non-cash gains with respect to cash actually received in a prior period so long as such cash did not increase Consolidated EBITDA in such prior period, *plus*
  - (ii) any net income from disposed, abandoned or discontinued operations.

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

(1) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income, including (a) amortization of original issue discount resulting from the issuance of Indebtedness at less than par, (b) all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit or bankers acceptances, (c) non-cash interest payments (but excluding any non-cash interest expense attributable to the movement in the mark to market valuation of Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments pursuant to GAAP), (d) the interest component of Capitalized Lease Obligations, and (e) net payments, if any, made (less net payments, if any, received), pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations with respect to Indebtedness, and excluding (q) any prepayment premium or penalty, (r) annual agency fees paid to any administrative agent and collateral agent under any Credit Facilities, (s) costs associated with obtaining Hedging Obligations and breakage costs in respect of Hedging Obligations related to interest rates, (t) any expense resulting from the discounting of any indebtedness in connection with the application of recapitalization accounting or, if applicable, purchase accounting in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or any other acquisition (or purchase of assets), (u) penalties and interest relating to taxes, (v) any "additional interest" or "liquidated damages" with respect to other securities for failure to comply with registration right obligations, (w) amortization or expensing of deferred financing fees, amendment and consent fees, debt issuance costs, commissions, fees and expenses and discounted liabilities, (x) any amortization or expensing of bridge, commitment and other financing fees and any other fees related to Permitted Acquisitions or any other acquisitions (or purchases of assets) after the Issue Date, (y) commissions, discounts, yield and other fees and charges (including any interest expense) related to any Qualified Securitization Facility and (z) any accretion of accrued interest on discounted liabilities (other than Indebtedness except to the extent arising from the application of purchase accounting); plus

(2) consolidated capitalized interest of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued; less

(3) interest income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period.

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

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

- (1) any net after-tax effect of extraordinary, non-recurring or unusual gains or losses, charges or expenses (including all fees and expenses related thereto) and Transaction Expenses, in all cases above for such period, shall be excluded;
- (2) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles and changes as a result of the adoption or modification of accounting policies during such period whether effected through a cumulative effect adjustment or a retroactive application, in each case in accordance with GAAP, shall be excluded;
- (3) any net after-tax effect of gains or losses on disposal, abandonment (including asset retirement costs) or discontinuance of disposed, abandoned or discontinued operations, as applicable, in each case, other than in the ordinary course of business, as determined in good faith by such Person shall be excluded;
- (4) any net after-tax effect of gains or losses (less all fees, expenses and charges relating thereto) attributable to asset dispositions or abandonments or the sale or other disposition of any Equity Interests of any Person, in each case, other than in the ordinary course of business, as determined in good faith by such Person, shall be excluded;

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- (5) the Net Income for such period of any Person that is an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be excluded, and the Net Income for such period of any Person that is not a Subsidiary or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting shall be excluded; <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income of such Person shall be increased by the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments that are actually paid in cash or Cash Equivalents (or to the extent subsequently converted into cash or Cash Equivalents) to such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period;
- (6) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under Section 4.07(a)(C)(i) hereof, the Net Income for such period of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Guarantor) shall be excluded to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of its Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (which has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by the operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule, or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders (other than restrictions that have been waived or otherwise released); provided that the Consolidated Net Income of such Person will be increased by the amount of dividends or other distributions or other payments actually paid in cash or Cash Equivalents (or to the extent converted into cash or Cash Equivalents), or, without duplication, the amount that could have been paid in cash without violating any such restriction or requiring any such approval, to such Person in respect of such period, to the extent not already included therein;
- (7) effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries) in such Person's consolidated financial statements pursuant to GAAP attributable to the application of recapitalization accounting or purchase accounting, as the case may be, in relation to any consummated Permitted Acquisition or any other acquisition (other than any acquisition in the ordinary course of business) consummated prior to or after the Issue Date or the amortization or write-off or write-down of any amounts thereof pursuant to GAAP, net of taxes, shall be excluded;
- (8) any net after-tax effect of income (loss) from the early extinguishment or conversion of (a) Indebtedness, (b) Hedging Obligations or (c) other derivative instruments shall be excluded;
- (9) any impairment charge or asset write-off or write-down (other than write-offs, write-downs or impairments with respect to accounts receivable in the normal course or inventory), including impairment charges or asset write-offs or write-downs related to intangible assets, long-lived assets, investments in debt and equity securities or as a result of a change in law or regulation or in connection with any disposition of assets, in each case, pursuant to GAAP, and the amortization of intangibles arising pursuant to GAAP shall be excluded;
- (10) any equity-based or non-cash compensation charge or expense, including any such charge or expense arising from grants of stock appreciation rights, equity incentive programs or similar rights, stock options, restricted stock or other rights shall be excluded;
- (11) any expenses, charges or losses to the extent covered by insurance or indemnity and actually reimbursed, or, so long as such Person has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer or indemnifying party and only to the extent that such amount is in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of such determination (with a deduction to be applied to Consolidated Net Income in the applicable future period for any amount so added back in any prior period to the extent not so reimbursed within the applicable 365-day period), shall be excluded;
- (12) any net pension or other post-employment benefit costs representing amortization of unrecognized prior service costs, actuarial losses, including amortization of such amounts arising in prior periods,

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amortization of the unrecognized net obligation (and loss or cost) existing at the date of initial application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Nos. 87, 106 and 112, and any other items of a similar nature, shall be excluded; and

- (13) the following items shall be excluded:
  - (a) any net unrealized gain or loss (after any offset) resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations and the application of Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 815, Derivatives and Hedging;
  - (b) any net unrealized gain or loss (after any offset) resulting in such period from currency transaction or translation gains or losses including those related to currency remeasurements of Indebtedness (including any net loss or gain resulting from (A) Hedging Obligations for currency exchange risk and (B) resulting from intercompany indebtedness) and any other foreign currency transaction or translation gains and losses, to the extent such gain or losses are non-cash items;
  - (c) any non-cash adjustments resulting from the application of Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 460, Guarantees, or any comparable regulation; and
  - (d) earn-out obligations and other contingent consideration obligations (including to the extent accounted for as bonuses or otherwise) and adjustments thereof and purchase price adjustments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the purpose of Section 4.07 hereof only (other than clause (a)(C)(iv) thereof), there shall be excluded from Consolidated Net Income any income arising from any sale or other disposition of, or other returns on Investments from, Restricted Investments made by such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any repurchases and redemptions of Restricted Investments from such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, any repayments of loans and advances and releases of guarantees which constitute Restricted Investments by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, any sale of the stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or any distribution or dividend from an Unrestricted Subsidiary, in each case only to the extent such amounts increase the amount of Restricted Payments permitted under Section 4.07(a)(C)(iv) hereof.

"<u>Consolidated Total Assets</u>" of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as of any date means all amounts that would, in accordance with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total assets" (or any like caption) on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries on the last day of the fiscal quarter immediately preceding such date for which internal financial statements are available at the time of calculation, after giving *pro forma* effect to all transactions occurring subsequent to the end of such fiscal quarter and on or prior to such date of calculation which gave or gives rise to the need to calculate Consolidated Total Assets.

"<u>Consolidated Total Indebtedness</u>" means, as of any date of determination, the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries outstanding on such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP (but excluding the effects of any discounting of Indebtedness resulting from the application of purchase accounting in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or any other acquisition permitted under this Indenture), consisting only of Indebtedness for borrowed money and Capitalized Lease Obligations; provided that Consolidated Total Indebtedness shall not include Indebtedness in respect of (i) any letter of credit, except to the extent of obligations in respect of drawn standby letters of credit which have not been reimbursed within three (3) Business Days, (ii) Hedging Obligations and (iii) any Indebtedness issued under a Qualified Securitization Facility. The U.S. dollarequivalent principal amount of any Indebtedness denominated in a foreign currency will reflect the currency translation effects, determined in accordance with GAAP, of Hedging Obligations for currency exchange risks with respect to the applicable currency in effect on the date of determination of the U.S. dollarequivalent principal amount of such Indebtedness.

"<u>Contingent Obligations</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any leases, dividends or other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness ("*primary obligations*") of any other Person (the "*primary obligor*") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including, without limitation, any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent;

(1) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor;

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(2) to advance or supply funds,

- (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation; or
- (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor; or
- (3) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

"<u>Contribution Agreement</u>" means that certain contribution agreement dated December 22, 2011 pursuant to which the Company agreed to contribute capital to Carter's Canadian Holdings, LLC.

"<u>Controlled Investment Affiliate</u>" means, as to any Person, any other Person, which directly or indirectly is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Person and is organized by such Person (or any Person controlling such Person) primarily for making direct or indirect equity or debt investments in the Company, Carter's and/or other companies.

"<u>Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee</u>" shall be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 12.02 hereof or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Holders and the Company.

"<u>Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 31, 2012, by and among the Company, Canadian borrower party thereto and the banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto as agents and lenders, and any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced from time to time.

"Credit Facility" means, with respect to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries:

- (1) the Credit Agreement; and
- (2) one or more debt facilities (which may be outstanding at the same time) or other financing arrangements (including, without limitation, commercial paper facilities or indentures) providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, letters of credit or other long-term indebtedness, including any notes, mortgages, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and, in each case, any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, extensions, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof and any indentures or credit facilities or commercial paper facilities that replace, refund or refinance any part of the loans, notes, other credit facilities, accordion facilities or commitments thereunder, including any such replacement, refunding or refinancing facility or indenture that increases the amount permitted to be borrowed thereunder or alters the maturity thereof or adds Restricted Subsidiaries as additional borrowers or guarantors thereunder and whether by the same or any other agent, lender or group of lenders.

"<u>Currency Protection Agreement</u>" means any currency protection agreement entered into with one or more financial institutions in the ordinary course of business that is designed to protect the Person or entity entering into the agreement against fluctuations in currency exchange rates with respect to Indebtedness incurred and not for purposes of speculation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Disqualified Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which, by its terms, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is redeemable or exchangeable, or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely as a result of a change of control or asset sale) pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely as a result of a change of control or asset sale), in whole or in part, in each case prior to the date that is 91 days after the earlier of the maturity date of the Notes or the date the Notes are no longer outstanding; <u>provided</u>, that any Capital Stock held by any future, current or former employee, director, officer, member of management or consultant (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members) of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, any of its direct or indirect parent companies or any other entity in which the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary has an Investment and is designated in good faith as an "affiliate" by the Board of Directors (or the compensation committee thereof), in each case pursuant to any co-invest agreement, equity subscription or shareholders' agreement, shareholder, director or employee equity plan, any stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by the Company (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) or its Subsidiaries or in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's, director's, officer's, member of management's or consultant's termination of employment or service, as applicable, death or disability.

"<u>Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary</u>" shall mean any Domestic Restricted Subsidiary that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that has no material assets other than Equity Interests of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs.

"Domestic Restricted Subsidiary" means, with respect to the Company, any Restricted Subsidiary that was formed under the laws of the United States of America or any State thereof.

"<u>EMU Legislation</u>" means the legislative measures of the European Council for the introduction of, changeover to or operation of a single or unified European currency.

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"<u>Equity Interests</u>" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"<u>Equity Offering</u>" means any private or public sale for cash by Carter's or any other direct or indirect parent company of the Company of its Common Stock or Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock), or options, warrants or rights with respect to its Common Stock or Preferred Stock to the extent that the proceeds therefrom are contributed to the Company, other than public offerings with respect to Carter's Common Stock, or options, warrants or rights, registered on Form S-4 or S-8.

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear system, and its successors.

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

"Exchange Notes" means the Notes issued in an Exchange Offer pursuant to Section 2.06(f) hereof.

"Exchange Offer" has the meaning set forth in the applicable Registration Rights Agreement.

"Exchange Offer Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in the applicable Registration Rights Agreement.

"Excluded Contribution" means net cash proceeds or marketable securities received by or contributed to the Company from:

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

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

"Excluded Subsidiary" means all Foreign Subsidiaries, Securitization Subsidiaries, CFCs and Disregarded Domestic Subsidiaries.

"<u>Existing Indebtedness</u>" means, without duplication, all Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (in each case, other than Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement) in existence on the Issue Date.

"<u>fair market value</u>" means, with respect to any asset or property, the price which could be negotiated in an arm's-length, free market transaction, for cash, between a willing seller and a willing and able buyer, neither of whom is under undue pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction. Fair market value shall, in each case under this Indenture, be determined in the good faith judgment of the Company or the senior management of the Company.

"Financial Officer" means the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer or other financial officer of the Company, as appropriate.

"<u>Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</u>" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for such period to the Fixed Charges of such Person for such period. In the event that the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary incurs, assumes, guarantees, redeems, repays, retires, discharges or extinguishes

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any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness incurred or repaid under any revolving credit facility in the ordinary course of business for working capital purposes) or issues, repurchases or redeems Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, in each case, subsequent to the commencement of the period for which the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is being calculated but prior to or simultaneously with the event for which the calculation of the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is made (the *"Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculation Date"*), then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving *pro forma* effect to such incurrence, assumption, guarantee, redemption, repayment, retirement, discharge or extinguishment of Indebtedness or such issuance, repurchase or redemption of Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable Test Period (and for the purposes of the numerator of the Leverage Ratio and Secured Leverage Ratio, as if the same had occurred on the last day of the applicable Test Period).

For purposes of making the computation referred to above (and the Leverage Ratio and Secured Leverage Ratio), any Specified Transaction that has been made by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries during any Test Period or subsequent to such Test Period and on or prior to or simultaneously with the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculation Date shall be calculated on a *pro forma* basis assuming that all such Specified Transactions (and any increase or decrease in Consolidated EBITDA) had occurred on the first day of the applicable Test Period. If since the beginning of such Test Period any Person that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries since the beginning of such Test Period shall have made any Specified Transaction that would have required adjustment pursuant to this definition, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving *pro forma* effect thereto for such Test Period as if such Specified Transaction had occurred at the beginning of the applicable Test Period.

For purposes of this definition (and the Leverage Ratio and Secured Leverage Ratio), whenever *pro forma* effect is to be given to any Specified Transaction (including the Transactions), the *pro forma* calculations shall be made in good faith by a Financial Officer of the Company and may include, for the avoidance of doubt, the amount of "run-rate" cost savings, synergies and operating expense reductions and synergies projected by the Company in good faith to be realized as a result of specified actions taken, committed to be taken or with respect to which substantial steps have been taken or are expected to be taken no later than 18 months after the date of any such Specified Transaction (in each case as though such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies were realized for the entirety of such period); provided, that such cost savings, operating expense reductions and synergies are reasonably identifiable and factually supportable in the good faith judgment of the Company. For the purposes of this Indenture, "*run-rate*" means the full recurring benefit for a period that is associated with any action taken, committed to be taken or are expected to be taken, net of the amount of actual benefits realized during such period from such actions.

If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given *pro forma* effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio Calculation Date had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account any Hedging Obligations applicable to such Indebtedness). Interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by a Financial Officer of the Company to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP. Interest on Indebtedness that may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Company may designate.

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

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

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"Foreign Subsidiary" means, with respect to the Company, any Subsidiary that was not formed under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof.

"<u>Forward Subscription Agreement</u>" means that certain forward subscription agreement dated as of December 22, 2011 pursuant to which Carter's Canadian Holdings, LLC agreed to purchase Equity Interests of The Genuine Canadian Corp., an Ontario corporation and the successor by amalgamation to Northstar Canadian Operations Corp.

"Foreign Restricted Subsidiary" means any Foreign Subsidiary that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect on the Issue Date.

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

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

"<u>Guarantee</u>" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness.

"Guarantors" means Carter's and the Subsidiary Guarantors, collectively.

"<u>Hedging Obligations</u>" of any Person means the obligations of such Person under swap, cap, collar, forward purchase or similar agreements or arrangements dealing with interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices, either generally or under specific contingencies.

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

"IAI" means an institutional "accredited investor" as described in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act.

"<u>IAI Global Note</u>" means a Global Note substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto, bearing the Global Note Legend and the Private Placement Legend, numbered IAI-1 and deposited with or on behalf of, and registered in the name of, the Depositary or its nominee.

"<u>Immediate Family Members</u>" means with respect to any individual, such individual's child, stepchild, grandchild or more remote descendant, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, former spouse, qualified domestic partner, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law and daughter-in-law (including adoptive relationships) and any trust, partnership or other *bona fide* estate-planning vehicle the only beneficiaries of which are any of the foregoing individuals or any private foundation or fund that is controlled by any of the foregoing individuals or any donor-advised fund of which any such individual is the donor.

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

- (1) any indebtedness (including principal and premium) of such Person, whether or not contingent:
  - (a) in respect of borrowed money;
  - (b) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances (or, without duplication, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);

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- (c) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (including Capitalized Lease Obligations) due more than twelve months after such property is acquired, except (i) any such balance that constitutes an obligation in respect of a commercial letter of credit, a trade payable or similar obligation to a trade creditor, in each case accrued in the ordinary course of business and (ii) any earn-out obligations, including deferred or other contingent purchase price obligations, until such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP and is not paid after becoming due and payable; or
- (d) representing the net obligations under any Hedging Obligations;

if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than obligations in respect of letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP; <u>provided</u>, that Indebtedness of any direct or indirect parent of the Company appearing upon the balance sheet of the Company solely by reason of push-down accounting under GAAP shall be excluded;

- (2) to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation by such Person to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, on the obligations of the type referred to in clause (1) of a third Person (whether or not such items would appear upon the balance sheet of such obligor or guarantor), other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business; and
- (3) to the extent not otherwise included, the obligations of the type referred to in clause (1) of a third Person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such first Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such first Person; <u>provided</u> that the amount of such Indebtedness that is not recourse to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or limited recourse (limited solely to such specified asset securing such Indebtedness) will be the lesser of (i) the fair market value of such asset at such date of determination, and (ii) the amount of such Indebtedness of such other Person;

provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall be deemed not to include (a) Contingent Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (b) reimbursement obligations under commercial letters of credit (provided that unreimbursed amounts under letters of credit shall be counted as Indebtedness three (3) Business Days after such amount is drawn), (c) obligations under or in respect of Qualified Securitization Facilities; provided, further, that Indebtedness shall be calculated without giving effect to the effects of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 815 and related interpretations to the extent such effects would otherwise increase or decrease an amount of Indebtedness for any purpose under this Indenture as a result of accounting for any embedded derivatives created by the terms of such Indebtedness or (d) deferred or prepaid revenues.

"<u>Independent Financial Advisor</u>" means an accounting, appraisal, investment banking firm or consultant of nationally recognized standing that is, in the good faith judgment of the Company, qualified to perform the task for which it has been engaged.

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

"Initial Notes" means the first \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of Notes issued under this Indenture on the Issue Date.

"Initial Purchasers" means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC, BMO Capital Markets Corp., Fifth Third Securities, Inc., HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC, SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc. and U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.

"interest" means, with respect to the Notes, interest and Additional Interest, if any, on the Notes.

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"Interest Payment Date" means February 15 and August 15 of each year to stated maturity, beginning February 15, 2014.

"Investment Grade Rating" means a debt rating of the Notes of BBB- or higher by S&P and Baa3 or higher by Moody's or the equivalent of such ratings by S&P and Moody's or in the event S&P or Moody's shall cease rating the Notes and the Company shall select any other Rating Agency, the equivalent of such ratings by such other Rating Agency.

"Investment Grade Securities" means:

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

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of loans (including guarantees), advances or capital contributions (excluding accounts receivable, credit card and debit card receivables, trade credit, advances to customers, commission, travel and similar advances to employees, directors, officers, members of management and consultants, in each case made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities issued by any other Person and the purchase or other acquisition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the property and assets or business of another Person or assets constituting a business unit, line of business or division of such Person (excluding, in the case of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, intercompany advances or indebtedness made in the ordinary course of business having a term not exceeding 364 days (inclusive of any roll over or extensions of terms) made in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice). For purposes of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" and Section 4.07 hereof:

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

(a) the Company's "Investment" in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; less

(b) the portion (proportionate to the Company's Equity Interest in such Subsidiary) of the fair market value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; and

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

The amount of any Investment shall be the original cost of such Investment as reduced by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount (including in respect of dispositions) received in cash by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such Investment; <u>provided</u> that the aggregate amount of such dividend, distribution, interest payment, return of capital, repayment or other amount shall not exceed the original amount of such Investment.

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"Issue Date" means the date of original issuance of the Notes under this Indenture.

"joint venture" means any joint venture which is, directly or indirectly, engaged primarily in a Related Business, and the Equity Interests of which are owned by the Company and/or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and/or one or more Persons other than the Company and/or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"<u>Legal Holiday</u>" means a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banking institutions in New York, New York are authorized or required by law to close. If a payment date is on a Legal Holiday, payment will be made on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday and no interest shall accrue in the intervening period.

"Letter of Transmittal" means the letter of transmittal to be prepared by the Company and sent to all Holders for use by such Holders in connection with an Exchange Offer.

"<u>Leverage Ratio</u>" means, with respect to any Test Period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Total Indebtedness outstanding on the last day of such Test Period (other than property or assets held in a defeasance or similar trust or arrangement for the benefit of the Indebtedness secured thereby), to (b) Consolidated EBITDA of the Company for such Test Period, in each case on a *pro forma* basis with such *pro forma* adjustments as are appropriate and consistent with the *pro forma* provisions set forth in the definition of "Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio."

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

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor rating agency.

"<u>Net Cash Proceeds</u>" with respect to any issuance or sale of Capital Stock, means the cash proceeds of such issuance or sale net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, initial purchasers' or placement agents' fees, listing fees, discounts or commissions and brokerage, consultant and other fees and charges actually incurred in connection with such issuance or sale and net of taxes paid or payable as a result of such issuance or sale (after taking into account any available tax credit or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements).

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

"<u>Net Proceeds</u>" means the aggregate cash and Cash Equivalent proceeds received by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale, including any Cash Equivalents received upon the sale or other disposition of any Designated Non-cash Consideration received in any Asset Sale, net of (i) the costs relating to such Asset Sale and the sale or disposition of such Designated Non-cash Consideration, including legal, accounting and investment banking fees, payments made in order to obtain a necessary consent or required by applicable law, and brokerage and sales commissions, all dividends, distributions or other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries as a result of any such Asset Sale by a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) the amount of any purchase price or similar adjustment claimed by any Person to be owed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary until such time as such claim shall have been settled or otherwise finally resolved, or paid or payable by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, in either case in respect of such Asset Sale, (iii) any relocation expenses incurred as a result thereof, (iv) other fees and expenses, including title and recordation expenses, (v) in the case of any disposition by a non-Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary, the *pro rata* portion of the Net Proceeds thereof (calculated without regard to this clause) attributable to minority interests and not available for distribution to or for the account of a Company or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary as a result thereof, (vi) taxes (or tax distributions made pursuant to Section 4.07(b)(7) hereof) paid or payable as a result thereof (including taxes that are or would be imposed on the distribution or repatriation of any such proceeds) or any transactions occurring or deemed to occur to effectuate a payment under this Indenture, (vii) amounts required to be applied to the repayment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on Indebtedness that is not Subordinated

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amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien on such assets and required (other than required by Section 4.10(b)(1) hereof) to be paid as a result of such transaction and (viii) any deduction of appropriate amounts to be provided by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as a reserve in accordance with GAAP against any liabilities associated with the asset disposed of in such transaction and retained by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries after such sale or other disposition thereof, including pension and other post-employment benefit liabilities and liabilities related to environmental matters or against any indemnification obligations associated with such transaction.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

- (1) as to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender;
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the Notes) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its Stated Maturity; and
- (3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the stock or assets of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

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

"<u>Northstar Loan</u>" means that certain loan from the Company to The Genuine Canadian Corp., an Ontario corporation and Subsidiary of the Company, as successor by amalgamation to Northstar Canadian Operations Corp., in an aggregate principal amount of C\$40.0 million Canadian Dollars, which is evidenced by a note in the amount of C\$40,000,000 Canadian Dollars (the "<u>Northstar Note</u>").

"Northstar Note" has the meaning given to such term in the definition of "Northstar Loan."

"<u>Northstar Security Agreement</u>" means that certain security agreement, dated as of December 22, 2011, entered into in connection with the Northstar Loan by the Company and The Genuine Canadian Corp., an Ontario corporation and Subsidiary of the Company, as successor by amalgamation to Northstar Canadian Operations Corp., as from time to time amended or otherwise modified.

"<u>Notes</u>" has the meaning assigned to it in the recitals to this Indenture. The Initial Notes, the Exchange Notes issued in exchange for the Initial Notes, the Additional Notes and the Exchange Notes issued in exchange for any Additional Notes shall be treated as a single class for all purposes under this Indenture, and unless the context otherwise requires, all references to the Notes shall include the Initial Notes, the Exchange Notes and any Additional Notes.

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

"Offering Memorandum" means the confidential offering memorandum, dated August 7, 2013, relating to the sale of the Initial Notes.

"<u>Officer</u>" means the Chairman of the Board, any Manager or Member, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the President, any Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or Vice President, the Treasurer, the Controller, the Secretary or Assistant Secretary or the Clerk or Assistant Clerk of the Company or any other Person, as the case may be.

"<u>Officer's Certificate</u>" means a certificate signed by an Officer of the Company that meets the requirements set forth in this Indenture. Unless otherwise indicated, Officer shall refer to an Officer of the Company.

"<u>Opinion of Counsel</u>" means a written opinion from legal counsel, who may be internal counsel for the Company, or who is otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, that meets the requirements set forth in this Indenture.

"Parent Guarantee" means, individually, the Guarantee of payment of the Notes by Carter's pursuant to the terms hereof and in the form prescribed hereby.

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

"Participating Member State" means each state so described in any EMU Legislation.

"<u>Permitted Acquisition</u>" means any Investment of the type described in clause (3) of the definition of "*Permitted Investments*," any Investment or other acquisition of assets constituting a business unit, line of business or division of, or all or substantially all of the Equity Interests or assets of, another Person, in each case to the extent constituting a Permitted Investment or permitted under Section 4.07 hereof.

"<u>Permitted Additional Restricted Payment</u>" means additional Restricted Payments made by the Company, if after giving *pro forma* effect to such Restricted Payment, the Leverage Ratio of the Company as of the end of the most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available is less than 2.50:1.00.

"Permitted Investments" means:

- (1) any Investment in the Company or in a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company;
- (2) any Investment in cash or Cash Equivalents, or in Investment Grade Securities (with the determination of a security being an Investment Grade Security made solely at the time of the Investment);
- (3) any Investment by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in a Person (including, to the extent constituting an Investment, in assets of a Person that represent substantially all of its assets or business or a division, business unit, line of business or product line of such Person) that is engaged (directly or through entities that will be Restricted Subsidiaries) in a Related Business if as a result of such Investment:
  - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company; or
  - (b) such Person, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, is amalgamated, merged or consolidated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets or business (or such division, line of business, business unit or product line) to, or is liquidated into, the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;

and, in each of the cases of clause (3)(a) and (3)(b), any Investment held by such acquired Person at the time of the acquisition; <u>provided</u> such Investment was not acquired in contemplation of such Person's acquisition;

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- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with Section 4.10 hereof or any other disposition of assets not constituting an Asset Sale;
- (5) any Investment in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company, Carter's or any other direct or indirect parent company of the Company;
- (6) investments in accounts or notes receivable acquired in the ordinary course of business;
- (7) (i) loans and advances to employees, directors, officers, members of management and consultants of Carter's, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries made in the ordinary course of business for business-related travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes; and (ii) loans and advances to past, present and future employees, directors, officers, members of management and consultants of Carter's, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries (and, in each case, such Person's Controlled Investment Affiliates and Immediate Family Members ) made in connection with such Person's purchase of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Capital Stock) of Carter's, so long as, in the case of this clause (ii), if such loan or advance is made to purchase Equity Interests, such purchase price is immediately contributed to the Company;
- (8) Investments (including debt obligations and Equity Interests) received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers and customers and in settlement of delinquent obligations of, and other disputes with, customers and suppliers arising in the ordinary course of business and upon the foreclosure with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment;
- (9) Investments in the ordinary course of business consisting of (i) endorsements for collection or deposit, (ii) customary trade arrangements with customers consistent with past practices and (iii) advances, loans or extensions of trade credit by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (10) reclassification of any Investment initially made in the form of equity as a loan or advance, and reclassification of any Investment initially made in the form of a loan or advance as equity; provided in each case that the amount of such Investment is not increased thereby;
- (11) Investments in Affiliated Charitable Organizations not exceeding \$10.0 million in the aggregate during the term of this Indenture;
- (12) advances of payroll payments to employees, directors, officers, members of management and consultants of Carter's, the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
- (13) Investments consisting of the contribution of Equity Interests of any other Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or any Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary held directly by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in exchange for Indebtedness, Equity Interests or a combination thereof of the Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary to which such contribution is made or the exchange of Equity Interests in any Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary for Indebtedness of such Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary for Indebtedness of such Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary for Indebtedness of such Foreign Restricted Subsidiary or Disregarded Domestic Subsidiary, as applicable;
- (14) Guarantees by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary of leases (other than Capitalized Lease Obligations) or other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness, in each case entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (15) Investments in Treasury Management Agreements with Treasury Management Banks;

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- (16) other Investments in any Person having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (16) that are at any time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$150.0 million and 9.0% of Consolidated Total Assets;
- (17) any Investment existing on the Issue Date or made pursuant to binding commitments in effect on the Issue Date or an Investment consisting of any extension, modification, replacement, renewal or reinvestment of any such Investment or binding commitment existing on the Issue Date; <u>provided</u>, that the amount of any such Investment or binding commitment may be increased only (a) as required by the terms of such Investment or binding commitment as in existence on the Issue Date (including as a result of the accrual or accretion of interest or original issue discount or the issuance of pay-in-kind securities) or (b) as otherwise permitted under this Indenture;
- (18) Hedging Obligations permitted under Section 4.09(b)(7) hereof;
- (19) distributions or payments of Securitization Fees;
- (20) guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under Section 4.09 hereof, performance guarantees and Contingent Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business and the creation of liens on the assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in compliance with Section 4.12 hereof;
- (21) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted by and made in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.11(b) hereof (except transactions described in clauses (2), (6), (8), (9), (11) and (15) thereof);
- (22) Investments in or relating to a Securitization Subsidiary that, in the good faith determination of the Company are necessary or advisable to effect any Qualified Securitization Facility or any repurchase obligation in connection therewith;
- (23) Investments consisting of purchases and acquisitions of assets or services in the ordinary course of business;
- (24) Investments in prepaid expenses, negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and workers compensation, performance and similar deposits entered into as a result of the operations of the business in the ordinary course of business;
- (25) repurchases of Notes;
- (26) loans and advances to any direct or indirect parent of the Company in lieu of and not in excess of the amount of (after giving effect to any other loans, advances or Restricted Payments in respect thereof) Restricted Payments to the extent permitted to be made in cash to such parent in accordance with clauses (4), (5) or (7) of Section 4.07(b) hereof, such Investment being treated for purposes of the applicable clause of such covenant, including any limitations, as if a Restricted Payment made pursuant to such clause;
- (27) any Investment by any Captive Insurance Subsidiary in connection with its provision of insurance to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, which Investment is made in the ordinary course of business of such Captive Insurance Subsidiary, or by reason of applicable law, rule, regulation or order, or that is required or approved by any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Captive Insurance Subsidiary or its business, as applicable; and
- (28) any Investment made in connection with the Canadian Reorganization Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby.

"Permitted Liens" means:

(1) Liens securing Indebtedness and related Obligations under Credit Facilities incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(1) hereof;

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- (2) Liens in favor of the Company or the Guarantors;
- (3) Liens existing on property at the time of its acquisition or existing on the property of any Person at the time such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case after the Issue Date (including Liens on the Equity Interests of any Person that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary); provided that (i) such Lien was not created in contemplation of such acquisition or such Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) such Lien does not extend to or cover any other assets or property (other than the proceeds or products thereof and other than after-acquired property subjected to a Lien securing Indebtedness and other obligations incurred prior to such time and which Indebtedness and other obligations are permitted hereunder that require, pursuant to their terms at such time, a pledge of after-acquired property, it being understood that such requirements shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition) and (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby is permitted under Section 4.09(b) hereof;
- (4) Liens securing Indebtedness or obligations permitted pursuant to clauses (4), (5) and (9) of Section 4.09(b) hereof; provided, that (a) Liens securing obligations relating to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(5) relate only to obligations relating to Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness that is secured by Liens on the same assets as the assets securing the Refinanced Debt, *plus* improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof and after acquired property, (b) Liens securing obligations relating to Indebtedness permitted to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(9) extend only to the assets of Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that are not Guarantors, and (c) Liens securing obligations relating to any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(4) extend only to the assets so purchased, replaced, leased or improved and proceeds and products thereof;
- (5) Liens for taxes or governmental charges (i) not yet due or not more than 30 days overdue or (ii) which are being contested in good faith by appropriate actions promptly instituted and diligently conducted;
- (6) Liens on property subject to Sale and Leaseback Transactions permitted under this Indenture and general intangibles related thereto;
- (7) Liens imposed by law, such as landlord's, sublandlord's, carrier's, warehousemen's, materialmen's, construction, repairmen's and mechanic's Liens, or other customary Liens (other than in respect of Indebtedness) and, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business for amounts not yet overdue or for amounts that are overdue and that (in the case of any such amounts overdue for a period in excess of thirty days) are being contested in good faith by appropriate actions, so long as such reserves or other appropriate provisions, if any, as shall be required by GAAP shall have been made for any such contested amounts and;
- (8) Liens incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security or insurance (or self-insurance arrangements), or to secure the performance of tenders, statutory obligations, surety bonds and appeal bonds, bids, leases, government contracts, trade contracts, performance and return-of-money bonds and other similar obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (exclusive of obligations for the payment of borrowed money or other Indebtedness) and pledges and deposits in the ordinary course of business securing liability for reimbursement or indemnification obligations of (including obligations in respect of letters of credit or bank guarantees for the benefit of) insurance carriers providing property, casualty or liability insurance to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or in respect of self-insurance arrangements;
- (9) judgment Liens for the payment of money not giving rise to an Event of Default;

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- (10) survey exceptions, covenants, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, encroachments, other minor defects or irregularities in title, and leases or subleases, in each case which do not and will not interfere in any material respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- (11) (i) any interest or title of a lessor or sublessor under any lease of real estate permitted under this Indenture entered into by the Company or any Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business covering only the assets so leased of real estate permitted under this Indenture and (ii) deposits of cash with the owner or lessor of premises leased and operated by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to secure the performance of the Company's or such Subsidiary's obligations under the terms of the lease for such premises;
- (12) Liens (i) of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the UCC on items in the course of collection, (ii) attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodities brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and (iii) in favor of a banking institution arising as a matter of law encumbering deposits or accounts (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry;
- (13) (x) Liens on property of any Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, which Liens secure Indebtedness and related Obligations of such non-Guarantor Subsidiary permitted by the covenant set forth in Section 4.09 hereof and (y) Liens on the Equity Interests of Unrestricted Subsidiaries that secure Indebtedness or other Obligations of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries;
- (14) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment or similar arrangements for sale of goods entered into by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business permitted under this Indenture;
- (15) any interest or title of a lessor or sublessor under any lease of real estate permitted under this Indenture entered into by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of its business covering only the assets so leased of real estate permitted under this Indenture;
- (16) leases, licenses, subleases or sublicenses and, in each case, terminations thereof granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not interfere in any material respect with the business of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (17) Liens on assets securing obligations in an aggregate amount, together with all other Liens on assets securing obligations pursuant to this clause (17), not to exceed the greater of (x) \$75.0 million and (y) 4.5% of Consolidated Total Assets at any time outstanding (in each case, determined as of the date of such incurrence);
- (18) Liens (i) on cash advances in favor of the seller of any property to be acquired in a Permitted Investment or Permitted Acquisition to be applied against the purchase price for such Investment or Permitted Acquisition and (ii) consisting of an agreement to dispose of any property in an Asset Sale or any disposition not constituting an Asset Sale permitted under this Indenture, in each case, solely to the extent such Investment, acquisition, Asset Sale or other disposition, as the case may be, would have been permitted on the date of the creation of such Lien;
- (19) Liens securing Indebtedness and related Obligations of any Foreign Restricted Subsidiary on any assets of any Foreign Restricted Subsidiary;
- (20) Liens solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted by this Indenture;

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- (21) (i) Liens arising from UCC or similar financing statement filings regarding operating leases, consignments or accounts entered into by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business, (ii) purported Liens evidenced by the filing of precautionary UCC or similar financing statements or similar public filings and (iii) any UCC or similar financing statement filed against the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries not authorized by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (22) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with the importation of goods;
- (23) any zoning or similar law or right reserved to or vested in any governmental office or agency to control or regulate the use of any real property and ground leases in respect of real property on which facilities owned or leased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are located;
- (24) licenses and sublicenses of patents, trademarks and other intellectual property rights granted by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and not interfering in any respect with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (25) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under Section 4.07 hereof and the definition of "*Permitted Investments*";
- (26) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;
- (27) Liens to secure any modification, refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement (or successive modification, refinancing, refunding, extensions, renewals or replacements) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness or Obligations secured by any Lien referred to in clauses (3), (4), (6), (28) and (38) of this definition; provided, that (a) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property (plus improvements, accessions, proceeds or dividends or distributions in respect thereof and after acquired property) that secured the original Lien (plus improvements and accessions on such property) and proceeds and products thereof, and (b) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (i) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness described under clauses (3), (4) and (28) of this definition at the time the original Lien became a Permitted Lien under this Indenture, and (ii) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses (including original issue discount, upfront fees or similar fees) and premiums (including tender premiums and accrued and unpaid interest), related to such modification, refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal or replacement;
- (28) Liens existing on the Issue Date;
- (29) Liens securing (x) Hedging Obligations and (y) obligations in respect of Treasury Management Agreements;
- (30) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's accounts payable or similar trade obligations or obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances or letters of credit issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment or storage of such inventory or other goods;
- (31) Liens on equipment of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries granted in the ordinary course of business to the clients of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries;

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- (32) Liens on accounts receivable, Securitization Assets and related assets incurred in connection with a Qualified Securitization Facility;
- (33) security given to a public utility or any municipality or governmental authority when required by such utility or authority in connection with the operations of that Person in the ordinary course of business;
- (34) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under Section 4.09 hereof; <u>provided</u>, that such Liens do not extend to any assets other than those that are the subject of such repurchase agreement;
- (35) any encumbrance or restriction (including put and call arrangements, tag, drag, right of first refusal and similar rights) with respect to capital stock of any joint venture or similar arrangement pursuant to any joint venture or similar agreement;
- (36) Liens on insurance policies and the proceeds thereof securing the financing of the premiums with respect thereto;
- (37) Liens securing obligations in respect of the Notes and the related Guarantees;
- (38) Liens securing Indebtedness and related Obligations permitted to be incurred under Section 4.09 hereof; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to Liens securing any such Indebtedness and related Obligations, at the time of incurrence and after giving *pro forma* effect thereto and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, the Secured Leverage Ratio for the Test Period immediately preceding the incurrence of such Lien would be no greater than 2.25 to 1.00;
- (39) Liens arising by operation of law in the United States under Article 2 of the UCC in favor of a reclaiming seller of goods or buyer of goods; and
- (40) any Lien created under the Canadian Reorganization Documents and any replacement, restatement, amendment or modification thereof; <u>provided</u> any such replacement, amendment or modification does not contain terms materially more restrictive or adverse to the Holders than the terms contained in the Canadian Reorganization Documents on the Issue Date.

During any Suspension Period, the relevant clauses of Section 4.09 hereof shall be deemed to be in effect solely for purposes of determining the amount available under clauses (1) and (4) of this definition.

"<u>Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness</u>" means (x) Indebtedness incurred by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, (y) Disqualified Stock issued by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or (z) Preferred Stock issued by any Restricted Subsidiary which, in each case, serves to extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, including Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, so long as:

(1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such new Indebtedness, the amount of such new Preferred Stock or the liquidation preference of such new Disqualified Stock does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), *plus* any accrued and unpaid interest on, the Indebtedness, the amount of, *plus* any accrued and unpaid dividends on, the Preferred Stock or the liquidation preference of, *plus* any accrued and unpaid dividends on, the Preferred Stock or the liquidation preference of, *plus* any accrued and unpaid dividends on, the Disqualified Stock being so extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased (such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, the "<u>Refinanced Debt</u>"), *plus* an amount equal to any existing commitments unutilized under such Refinanced Debt, *plus* the amount of any tender premium or penalty or premium required to be paid under the terms of the instrument or documents governing such Refinanced Debt and any defeasance costs and any fees and expenses (including original issue discount, upfront fees or similar fees) incurred in connection with the issuance of such new Indebtedness, Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock or the extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance of such Refinanced Debt;

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- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity at the time such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is incurred that is not less than the remaining Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock being extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased;
- (3) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final scheduled maturity date equal to or later than the final scheduled maturity date of the Indebtedness, Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock being so extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased (or, if earlier, the date that is 91 days after the maturity date of the Notes);
- (4) solely for the purposes of Section 4.07(b)(3) hereof, to the extent such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness extends, replaces, refunds, refinances, renews or defeases (i) Subordinated Indebtedness (other than Subordinated Indebtedness assumed or acquired in a Permitted Acquisition or any other acquisition and not created in contemplation thereof), such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated to the Notes or the Guarantee thereof at least to the same extent as the Indebtedness being extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased or (ii) Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness must be Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, respectively.

Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness shall not include:

- Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Company;
- (b) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Subsidiary of the Company that is not a Subsidiary Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Subsidiary Guarantor; or
- (c) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Company or Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

and, <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that clauses (2) and (3) of this definition will not apply to any extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance of any Indebtedness other than Indebtedness incurred under Section 4.09(b)(2) and (3), any Subordinated Indebtedness (other than Subordinated Indebtedness assumed or acquired in an acquisition and not created in contemplation thereof), Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock.

"<u>Person</u>" means any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, estate or unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof or any other entity (including any subdivision or ongoing business of any such entity, or substantially all of the assets of any such entity, subdivision or business).

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

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

"<u>QIB</u>" means a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Securitization Facility" means any Securitization Facility (1) constituting a securitization financing facility that meets the following conditions: (a) the Board of Directors shall have determined in good faith that such Securitization Facility (including financing terms, covenants, termination events and other provisions) is in the aggregate economically fair and reasonable to the Company and the applicable Restricted Subsidiary or Securitization Subsidiary and (b) all sales and/or contributions of Securitization Assets and related assets to the applicable Person or Securitization Subsidiary are made at fair market value (as determined in good faith by the Company) or (2) constituting a receivables financing facility or factoring facility.

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"<u>Rating Agency</u>" means each of S&P and Moody's, or if S&P or Moody's or both shall not make a rating on the Notes publicly available (for reasons outside the control of the Company), a statistical rating agency or agencies, as the case may be, nationally recognized in the United States and selected by the Company (as certified by a resolution of the Board of Directors) which shall be substituted for S&P's or Moody's, or both, as the case may be.

"<u>Record Date</u>" for the interest payable on any applicable Interest Payment Date means the February 1 and August 1 (whether or not a Business Day) immediately preceding such Interest Payment Date.

"Refinanced Debt" has the meaning given such term in the definition of "Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness."

"<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>" means the Registration Rights Agreement related to the Notes, dated as of the Issue Date, among the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers, as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time, and any similar agreement entered into in connection with the issuance of any Additional Notes.

"Regulation S romulgated under the Securities Act.

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

"<u>Related Business</u>" means (1) any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries on the Issue Date and any reasonable extension thereof and (2) any business or other activities reasonably related, complementary, similar, incidental or ancillary thereto (including related, complementary, similar, incidental or ancillary technologies) or reasonable extensions, developments or expansions thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"<u>Restricted Subsidiary</u>" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Unless otherwise specified, references to "Restricted Subsidiary" or "Restricted Subsidiaries" shall be construed as references to the Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company.

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

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

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

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

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of McGraw Hill, Inc., a New York corporation, or any successor rating agency.

"<u>Sale and Leaseback Transactions</u>" means with respect to any Person an arrangement with any bank, insurance company or other lender or investor or to which such lender or investor is a party, providing for the leasing by such Person of any asset of such Person which has been or is being sold or transferred by such Person to such lender or investor or to any Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such lender or investor on the security of such asset.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Secured Leverage Ratio" means, with respect to any Test Period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Total Indebtedness that is secured by a Lien (other than any Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary which is not a Guarantor which is not secured by any assets of the Company or a Guarantor) outstanding on the last day of such Test Period (other than property or assets held in a defeasance or similar trust or arrangement for the benefit of the Indebtedness secured thereby) to (b) Consolidated EBITDA of the Company for such Test Period, in each case on a *pro forma* basis with such *pro forma* adjustments as are appropriate and consistent with the *pro forma* provisions set forth in the definition of "*Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio*."

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

"<u>Securitization Assets</u>" means (a) the accounts receivable, royalty or other revenue streams and other rights to payment and other assets related thereto subject to a Qualified Securitization Facility and the proceeds thereof and (b) contract rights, lockbox accounts and records with respect to such accounts receivable and any other assets customarily transferred together with accounts receivable in a securitization financing or factoring facility.

"<u>Securitization Facility</u>" means any of one or more receivables, securitization financing facilities or factoring facilities, as amended, supplemented, modified, extended, renewed, restated or refunded from time to time, the Obligations of which are non-recourse (except for customary representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities made in connection with such facilities) to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Securitization Subsidiary) pursuant to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries sells or grants a security interest in its accounts receivable or Securitization Assets or assets related thereto to either (a) a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or (b) a Securitization Subsidiary that in turn sells its accounts receivable to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary.

"<u>Securitization Fees</u>" means distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel) paid to a Person that is not a Securitization Subsidiary in connection with, any Qualified Securitization Facility.

"<u>Securitization Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary formed for the purpose of, and that solely engages only in one or more Qualified Securitization Facilities and other activities reasonably related thereto.

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"Shelf Registration Statement" has the meaning ascribed to it in the applicable Registration Rights Agreement.

"<u>Significant Subsidiary</u>" means any Restricted Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Exchange Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the Issue Date.

"<u>Specified Transaction</u>" means (a) solely for the purposes of determining the applicable cash balance, any contribution of capital, including as a result of an Equity Offering, to the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, (b) any designation of operations or assets of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary as discontinued operations (as defined under GAAP), (c) any Investment that results in a Person becoming a Restricted Subsidiary, (d) any designation of a Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or an Unrestricted Subsidiary in compliance with this Indenture, (e) any Permitted Acquisition or (f) any asset sale that results in a Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Subsidiary of the Company or any asset sale of a business unit, line of business or division of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case whether by merger, consolidation, amalgamation or otherwise.

"<u>Stated Maturity</u>" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"<u>Subordinated Indebtedness</u>" means any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor that is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantee of the Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity (other than a partnership) of which more than 50.0% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person (or a combination thereto); and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or of one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereto);

provided, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Affiliated Charitable Organization shall be considered a Subsidiary.

"<u>Subsidiary Guarantee</u>" means, individually, any Guarantee of payment of the Notes by a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to the terms of this Indenture and any supplemental indenture hereto, and, collectively, all such Guarantees. Each such Subsidiary Guarantee will be in the form prescribed by this Indenture.

#### "Subsidiary Guarantor" means:

- (1) each Restricted Subsidiary of the Company on the date hereof that guarantees Indebtedness of the Company under the Credit Agreement, except for Excluded Subsidiaries; and
- (2) any other Subsidiary of the Company that executes a Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture;

and their respective successors and assigns, in each case, until such Person is released from its Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

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"Test Period" in effect at any time means the Company's most recently ended four fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available (as determined in good faith by the Company).

"<u>Transaction Expenses</u>" means any fees or expenses incurred or paid by any direct or indirect parent of the Company, the Company or any of its (or their) Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with the Transactions.

"<u>Transactions</u>" shall mean the issuance of the Notes on the Issue Date and the use of proceeds thereof by the Company for general corporate purposes, including without limitation, the dividend or distribution of such proceeds to Carter's for the repurchase or other acquisition or retirement for value of Capital Stock of Carter's.

"Treasury Rate" means the yield to maturity at the time of computation of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15(519) which has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the Redemption Date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to August 15, 2017; provided, however, that if the period from the redemption date to August 15, 2017 is not equal to the constant maturity of a United States Treasury security for which a weekly average yield is given, the Treasury Rate shall be obtained by linear interpolation (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth of a year) from the weekly average yields of United States Treasury securities are given, except that if the period from the redemption date to August 15, 2017 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used.

"<u>Treasury Management Agreement</u>" means any agreement governing the provision of treasury or cash management services, including netting services, deposit accounts, debit, purchase or credit cards, funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, zero balance accounts, returned check concentration, controlled disbursement, lockbox, account reconciliation and reporting and trade finance services.

"Treasury Management Bank" means each counterparty to a Treasury Management Agreement with the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor.

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

"<u>Trustee</u>" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee, until a successor replaces it in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor serving hereunder.

"<u>Uniform Commercial Code</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code or any successor provision thereof as the same may from time to time be in effect in the State of New York.

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

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

"<u>Unrestricted Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary of the Company that is designated by the Board of Directors as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has, at the time of such designation, no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that would be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of the Company;

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- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither the Company nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified of operating results; and
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of the Company as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the Trustee by filing with the Trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by Section 4.07 hereof. If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of this Indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under Section 4.09 hereof, the Company shall be in default of such covenant. The Board of Directors of the Company may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under Section 4.09 hereof, calculated on a *pro forma* basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the most recently ended Test Period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

If a Subsidiary Guarantor is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the Subsidiary Guarantee of that Guarantor shall be released. If an Unrestricted Subsidiary becomes a Restricted Subsidiary and is not an Excluded Subsidiary, such Restricted Subsidiary shall become a Subsidiary Guarantor in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Subsidiary of the Company shall be designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary during any Suspension Period.

"<u>U.S. Dollar Equivalent</u>" means, with respect to any monetary amount in a currency other than U.S. dollars, at any time for determination thereof, the amount of U.S. dollars obtained by converting such foreign currency involved in such computation into U.S. dollars at the spot rate for the purpose of U.S. dollars with the applicable foreign currency as published in The Wall Street Journal in the "Exchange Rates" column under the heading "Currency Trading" on the date two Business Days prior to such determination.

"<u>U.S. Government Obligations</u>" means direct non-callable obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America for the payment of which guarantee or obligations the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged.

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

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

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) 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 (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
- (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

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<u>provided</u>, that for purposes of determining the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Indebtedness that is being extended, replaced, refunded, refinanced, renewed or defeased (the "*Applicable Indebtedness*"), the effects of any amortization or prepayments made on such Applicable Indebtedness prior to the date of the applicable extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance shall be disregarded.

"<u>Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary</u>" of any Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required under applicable law) shall at the time be owned by such Person and/or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

### SECTION 1.02. Other Definitions.

<u>Term</u>	Defined in Section
"Affiliate Transaction"	4.11
"Applicable Premium Deficit"	8.04
"Authentication Order"	2.02
"Change of Control Offer"	4.14
"Change of Control Payment"	4.14
"Change of Control Payment Date"	4.14
"Covenant Defeasance"	8.03
"Covenant Suspension Event"	4.17
"DTC"	2.03
"Event of Default"	6.01
"incur"	4.09
"Legal Defeasance"	8.02
"Net Proceeds Offer"	4.10
"Net Proceeds Offer Amount"	4.10
"Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date"	4.10
"Net Proceeds Offer Period"	3.09
"Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date"	4.10
"Note Register"	2.03
"Pari Passu Indebtedness"	4.10
"Paying Agent"	2.03
"Permitted Debt"	4.07
"Redemption Date"	3.01
"Refunding Capital Stock"	4.07
"Registrar"	2.03
"Restricted Payments"	4.07
"Reversion Date"	4.17
"Successor Person"	5.01
"Surviving Entity"	5.01
"Suspended Covenants"	4.17
"Suspension Date"	4.17
"Suspension Period"	4.17
"Tax Group"	4.07
"Transfer Agent"	2.03
"Treasury Capital Stock"	4.07

SECTION 1.03. <u>Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act</u>. At all times after the effectiveness of a registration statement under the Registration Rights Agreement, this Indenture will be subject to the mandatory provisions of the Trust Indenture Act, which unless otherwise indicated are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture effective upon the effectiveness of any such registration statement. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the Trust Indenture Act, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture refers to a provision of the Trust Indenture.

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The following Trust Indenture Act terms, if used in this Indenture, have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Notes and the Guarantees;

"indenture security Holder" means a Holder of a Note;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and "obligor" on the Notes and the Guarantees means the Company and the Guarantors, respectively, and any successor obligor upon the Notes and the Guarantees, respectively.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the Trust Indenture Act, defined by Trust Indenture Act reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the Trust Indenture Act have the meanings so assigned to them.

SECTION 1.04. Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;

(b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;

(c) "or" is not exclusive;

(d) the words "including," "includes" and similar words shall be deemed to be followed by without limitation;

(e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;

(f) "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;

(g) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;

(h) references to sections of, or rules under, the Securities Act or the Exchange Act shall be deemed to include substitute, replacement or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time;

(i) unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to an "Article," "Section" or "clause" refers to an Article, Section or clause, as the case may be, of this Indenture;

(j) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not any particular Article, Section, clause or other subdivision;

(k) all references to any interest or other amount payable on or with respect to the Notes shall be deemed to include any Additional Interest;

(1) the principal amount of any Preferred Stock at any time shall be (i) the maximum liquidation value of such Preferred Stock at such time or (ii) the maximum mandatory redemption or mandatory repurchase price with respect to such Preferred Stock at such time, whichever is greater;

(m) words used herein implying any gender shall apply to both genders;

(n) 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"; and

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(o) the principal amount of any non-interest bearing Indebtedness or other discount security constituting Indebtedness at any date shall be the principal amount thereof that would be shown on a balance sheet of the Company dated such date prepared in accordance with GAAP.

### SECTION 1.05. Acts of Holders.

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or the holding by any Person of a Note, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and (subject to Section 7.01 hereof) conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Company, if made in the manner provided in this Section 1.05.

(b) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved by the affidavit of a witness of such execution or by the certificate of any notary public or other officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, certifying that the individual signing such instrument or writing acknowledged to him the execution thereof. Where such execution is by or on behalf of any legal entity other than an individual, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute proof of the authority of the Person executing the same. The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may also be proved in any other manner that the Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Notes shall be proved by the Note Register.

(d) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Note shall bind every future Holder of the same Note and the Holder of every Note issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by the Trustee or the Company in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Note.

(e) The Company may, in the circumstances permitted by the Trust Indenture Act, set a record date for purposes of determining the identity of Holders entitled to give any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or take any other act, or to vote or consent to any action by vote or consent authorized or permitted to be given or taken by Holders. Unless otherwise specified, if not set by the Company prior to the first solicitation of a Holder made by any Person in respect of any such action, or in the case of any such vote, prior to such vote, any such record date shall be the later of 10 days prior to the first solicitation of such consent or the date of the most recent list of Holders furnished to the Trustee prior to such solicitation.

(f) Without limiting the foregoing, a Holder entitled to take any action hereunder with regard to any particular Note may do so with regard to all or any part of the principal amount of such Note or by one or more duly appointed agents, each of which may do so pursuant to such appointment with regard to all or any part of such principal amount. Any notice given or action taken by a Holder or its agents with regard to different parts of such principal amount pursuant to this paragraph shall have the same effect as if given or taken by separate Holders of each such different part.

(g) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Holder, including DTC, that is a Holder of a Global Note, may make, give or take, by a proxy or proxies duly appointed in writing, any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided in this Indenture to be made, given or taken by Holders, and any Person, that is a Holder of a Global Note, including DTC, may provide its proxy or proxies to the beneficial owners of interests in any such Global Note through such Depositary's standing instructions and customary practices.

(h) The Company may fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Persons who are beneficial owners of interests in any Global Note held by DTC entitled under the procedures of such Depositary to make, give

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

### ARTICLE II

#### THE NOTES

# SECTION 2.01. Form and Dating; Terms.

(a) <u>General</u>. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto. The Notes may have notations, legends or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rules or usage. Each Note shall be dated the date of its authentication. The Notes shall be issued initially in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000.

(b) <u>Global Notes</u>. Notes issued in global form shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto (including the Global Note Legend thereon and the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Notes issued in definitive form shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto (but without the Global Note Legend thereon and without the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto). Each Global Note shall represent such of the outstanding Notes as shall be specified in the "Schedule of Exchanges of Interests in the Global Note" attached thereto and each shall provide that it shall represent up to the aggregate principal amount of Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as applicable, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby shall be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.06 hereof.

#### (c) [Reserved].

(d) Terms. The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The terms and provisions contained in the Notes shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Company and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

The Notes shall be subject to repurchase by the Company pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer as provided in Section 4.10 hereof or a Change of Control Offer as provided in Section 4.14 hereof. The Notes shall not be redeemable, other than as provided in Article III hereof.

Additional Notes ranking <u>pari passu</u> with the Initial Notes may be created and issued from time to time by the Company without notice to or consent of the Holders and shall be consolidated with and form a single class with the Initial Notes and shall have the same terms as to status, redemption or otherwise as the Initial Notes except that interest may accrue on the Additional Notes from their date of issuance (or such other date specified by the Company); <u>provided</u> that the Company's ability to issue Additional Notes shall be subject to the Company's compliance with Section 4.09 hereof. Any Additional Notes shall be issued with the benefit of an indenture supplemental to this Indenture.

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(e) <u>Euroclear and Clearstream Applicable Procedures</u>. The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" and "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Euroclear" and the "General Terms and Conditions of Clearstream Banking" and "Customer Handbook" of Clearstream shall be applicable to transfers of beneficial interests in Regulation S Global Notes that are held by Participants through Euroclear or Clearstream and this Indenture shall not govern such transfers.

SECTION 2.02. Execution and Authentication. At least one Officer shall execute the Notes on behalf of the Company by manual, facsimile or electronic (in ".pdf" format) signature.

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

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

On the Issue Date, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of a Company's Order (an "<u>Authentication Order</u>"), authenticate and deliver the Initial Notes in the aggregate principal amount or amounts specified in such Authentication Order. In addition, at any time, from time to time, the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate and deliver any Additional Notes or Exchange Notes for an aggregate principal amount specified in such Authentication Order for such Additional Notes or Exchange Notes issued or increased hereunder.

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

SECTION 2.03. <u>Registrar, Transfer Agent and Paying Agent</u>. The Company shall maintain (i) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for registration ("<u>Registrar</u>") (ii) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for transfer or for exchange ("<u>Transfer Agent</u>") and (iii) an office or agency where Notes may be presented for transfer or for exchange ("<u>Transfer Agent</u>") and of their transfer and exchange. The registered Holder will be treated as the owner of the Note for all purposes. Only registered Holders will have rights under this Indenture and the Notes. The Company may appoint one or more co-registrar, one or more co-transfer agents and one or more additional paying agents. The term "*Registrar*" includes any co-registrar, the term "*Transfer Agent*" includes any co-transfer agent and the term "*Paying Agent*" includes any additional paying agents. The Company may change any Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar without prior notice to any Holder. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Company fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar, Transfer Agent or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent, Transfer Agent or Registrar.

The Company initially appoints The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to act as Depositary with respect to the Global Notes.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Paying Agent, Transfer Agent and Registrar for the Notes and to act as Custodian with respect to the Global Notes.

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

SECTION 2.04. <u>Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust</u>. The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes,

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and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee for its own benefit and for the benefit of the Holders. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee for its own benefit and for the benefit of the Holders. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary or the Trustee) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Company, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Holder Lists</u>. The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with Section 312(a) of the Trust Indenture Act. If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least five Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders and the Company shall otherwise comply with Section 312(a) of the Trust Indenture Act.

# SECTION 2.06. Transfer and Exchange.

(a) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Global Notes</u>. Except as otherwise set forth in this Section 2.06, a Global Note may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of the Depositary or to a successor thereto or a nominee of such successor thereto. A beneficial interest in a Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note of the same series unless (A) the Depositary (x) notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Note or (y) has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days, (B) the Company, at its option, notifies the Trustee in writing that it elects to cause the issuance of Definitive Notes and any Participant requests a Definitive Note in accordance with the Applicable Procedures (although Regulation S Global Notes at the Company's election pursuant to this clause may not be exchanged for Definitive Notes prior to (1) the expiration of the applicable Restricted Period and (2) the completion of all applicable requirements under Rule 903(b)(2)) or (C) upon the request of a Holder if there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default with respect to the Notes. Upon the occurrence of any of the events in clauses (A), (B) or (C) above, Definitive Notes delivered in exchange for any Global Note of the same series or beneficial interests therein will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of the Depositary (in accordance with its customary procedures). Global Notes also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Section 2.07 and 2.10 hereof. Every Note authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Note of the same series or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.06(c) hereof. A Global Note may not be exchanged for another Note other than as provided in this Section 2.06(c), hereof. A Global Note may not be exch

(b) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Notes</u>. The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Notes shall be effected through the Depositary in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes shall be subject to restrictions on transfer comparable to those set forth herein to the extent required by the Securities Act. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes also shall require compliance with either subparagraph (i) or (ii) below, as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following subparagraphs, as applicable:

(i) <u>Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Note</u>. Beneficial interests in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Restricted Global Note in accordance with the transfer restrictions set forth in the Private Placement Legend; <u>provided</u> that prior to the expiration of the Restricted Period, transfers of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Note may not be made to a U.S. Person or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person other than pursuant to Rule 144A or another available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Beneficial interests in any Unrestricted Global Note may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.06(b)(i).

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(ii) <u>All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Notes</u>. In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.06(b)(i) hereof, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either (A) (1) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depositary in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depositary to cause to be issued a Definitive Note of the same series in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged and (2) instructions given by the Depositary to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Note shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above; provided that in no event shall Definitive Notes be issued upon the transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period therefor and (B) the completion of all applicable requirements under Rule 903(b)(2). Upon consummation of an Exchange Offer by the Company in accordance with Section 2.06(f) hereof, the requirements of this Section 2.06(b)(ii) shall be deemed to have been satisfied upon receipt by the Registrar of the instructions contained in the applicable Letter of Transmittal or in an Agent's Message delivered by the Holder of such beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Notes (s) pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof.

(iii) <u>Transfer of Beneficial Interests to Another Restricted Global Note</u>. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Restricted Global Note if the transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof and the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the 144A Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof; or

(C) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (3) thereof, and the transferee must furnish to the Registrar a signed letter substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>.

(iv) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in a Restricted Global Note for Beneficial Interests in an Unrestricted Global Note</u>. A beneficial interest in any Restricted Global Note may be exchanged by any holder thereof for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note if the exchange or transfer complies with the requirements of Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof and:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

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(C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note of the same series, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(a) thereof; or

(2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note of the same series, a certificate from such holder in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (5) thereof;

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

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

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

# (c) Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Notes.

(i) <u>Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes</u>. If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note, then, upon the occurrence of any of the events in clauses (A), (B) and (C) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Restricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(a) thereof;

(B) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3) thereof, and the transferee must furnish to the Registrar a signed letter substantially in the form of Exhibit E;

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(E) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(a) thereof;

(F) if such beneficial interest is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such beneficial interest is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(c) thereof,

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

(ii) <u>Beneficial Interests in Regulation S Global Note to Definitive Notes</u>. Notwithstanding Sections 2.06(c)(i)(A) and (C) hereof, a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note may not be exchanged for a Definitive Note or transferred to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note prior to (A) the expiration of the Restricted Period and (B) the completion of all applicable requirements under Rule 903(b)(2), except in the case of a transfer pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 903 or Rule 904.

(iii) <u>Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes</u>. A holder of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note may exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or may transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note only upon the occurrence of any of the events in clause (A) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or

### (D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(b) thereof; or

(2) if the holder of such beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note proposes to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (5) thereof;

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

(iv) <u>Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes</u>. If any holder of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note proposes to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Note or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Note, then, upon the occurrence of any of the events in clauses (A), (B) and (C) of Section 2.06(a) hereof and satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.06(b)(ii) hereof, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Note to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.06(h) hereof, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Note in the applicable principal amount. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iv) shall be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest shall instruct the Registrar through instructions from or through the Depositary and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee shall mail such Definitive Notes to the Persons in whose names such Notes are so registered. Any Definitive Note issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.06(c)(iv) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(d) Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Beneficial Interests.

(i) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Restricted Global Notes</u>. If any Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note or to transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, then, upon receipt by the Registrar of the following documentation:

(A) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Note proposes to exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2)(b) thereof;

(B) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(C) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to a Non-U.S. Person in an offshore transaction in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(D) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (3) thereof, and the transferee must furnish to the Registrar a signed letter substantially in the form of Exhibit E;

(E) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act in accordance with Rule 144, a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(a) thereof;

(F) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit <u>B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(b) thereof; or

(G) if such Restricted Definitive Note is being transferred pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, including the certifications in item (4)(c) thereof,

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

(ii) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes</u>. A Holder of a Restricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Restricted Definitive Note to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note only if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(B) such transfer is effected pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(c) thereof; or

(2) if the Holder of such Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the Unrestricted Global Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (5) thereof;

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

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

(iii) <u>Unrestricted Definitive Notes to Beneficial Interests in Unrestricted Global Notes</u>. A Holder of an Unrestricted Definitive Note may exchange such Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note or transfer such Definitive Notes to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note at any time. Upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee shall cancel the applicable Unrestricted Definitive Note and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the Unrestricted Global Notes.

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

(e) <u>Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Notes for Definitive Notes</u>. Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Notes and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.06(e), the Registrar shall register

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the transfer or exchange of Definitive Notes. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder shall present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Notes duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instruction of transfer or exchange in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. In addition, the requesting Holder shall provide any additional certifications, documents and information, as applicable, required pursuant to the following provisions of this Section 2.06(e):

(i) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Restricted Definitive Notes</u>. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be transferred to and registered in the name of Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a Restricted Definitive Note if the Registrar receives the following:

(A) if the transfer will be made to a QIB in accordance with Rule 144A, then the transferor must deliver a certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1) thereof;

(B) if the transfer will be made pursuant to Rule 903 or Rule 904, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (2) thereof;

(C) if the transferee will take delivery in the form of a beneficial interest in the IAI Global Note, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (3) thereof, and the transferee must furnish to the Registrar a signed letter substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>; or

(D) if the transfer will be made pursuant to any other exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, then the transferor must deliver a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications required by item (4) thereof, if applicable.

(ii) <u>Restricted Definitive Notes to Unrestricted Definitive Notes</u>. Any Restricted Definitive Note may be exchanged by the Holder thereof for an Unrestricted Definitive Note or transferred to a Person or Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note if:

(A) such exchange or transfer is effected pursuant to the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(B) any such transfer is effected pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement;

(C) any such transfer is effected by a broker-dealer pursuant to an Exchange Offer Registration Statement in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement; or

(D) the Registrar receives the following:

(1) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to exchange such Notes for an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (1)(d) thereof; or

(2) if the Holder of such Restricted Definitive Notes proposes to transfer such Notes to a Person who shall take delivery thereof in the form of an Unrestricted Definitive Note, a certificate from such Holder substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, including the certifications in item (5) thereof; and, in each such case set forth in this subparagraph (D), if the Registrar or the Company so requests, an Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably acceptable to the Company to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the Securities Act and that the restrictions on transfer contained herein and in the Private Placement Legend are no longer required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act.

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

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(f) Exchange Offer. Upon the occurrence of the Exchange Offer in accordance with the applicable Registration Rights Agreement, the Company shall issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof, the Trustee shall authenticate (i) one or more Unrestricted Global Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the beneficial interests in the Restricted Global Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the Letters of Transmittal or in an Agent's Message that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company, and accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer and (ii) Unrestricted Definitive Notes in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Restricted Definitive Notes tendered for acceptance by Persons that certify in the Letters of Transmittal that (x) they are not broker-dealers, (y) they are not participating in a distribution of the Exchange (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company, and accepted for exchange in the Exchange Notes and (z) they are not affiliates (as defined in Rule 144) of the Company, and accepted for. Concurrently with the issuance of such Notes, the Trustee shall cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Restricted Global Notes to be reduced accordingly, and the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail to the Persons designated by the Holders of Definitive Notes so accepted Unrestricted Definitive Notes in the applicable principal amount. Any Notes that remain outstanding after the consummation of the Exchange Offer, and Exchange Notes issued in connection with such Exchange Offer, shall be treated as a single class of securities under this Indenture.

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

# (i) Private Placement Legend.

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

THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1)(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A FOREIGN PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (c) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF APPLICABLE) OR (d) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), (2) TO THE COMPANY OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND

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(B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (A) ABOVE. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 FOR RESALE OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY.

BY ITS ACQUISITION OF THIS SECURITY, THE HOLDER THEREOF WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE REPRESENT AND WARRANTED THAT EITHER (A) NO PORTION OF THE ASSETS USED BY SUCH HOLDER TO ACQUIRE OR HOLD THE NOTES (OR THE EXCHANGE NOTES) CONSTITUTES "PLAN ASSETS" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(42) OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA") OR IS DEEMED UNDER LAWS SIMILAR TO ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE "CODE") ("SIMILAR LAWS") TO CONSTITUTE "PLAN ASSETS" OF ANY EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN NOT SUBJECT TO ERISA OR (B) THE ACQUISITION AND HOLDING OF THE NOTES AND THE EXCHANGE NOTES (AND THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES FOR EXCHANGE NOTES) BY SUCH HOLDER WILL NOT CONSTITUTE A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION OF ANY APPLICABLE SIMILAR LAWS.

(B) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Global Note or Definitive Note issued pursuant to subparagraphs (b)(iv), (c)(iii), (c)(iv), (d)(ii), (e)(ii), (e)(iii), (e)(iii) or (f) of this Section 2.06 (and all Notes issued in exchange therefor or substitution thereof) shall not bear the Private Placement Legend.

(ii) <u>Global Note Legend</u>. Each Global Note shall bear a legend in substantially the following form (with appropriate changes in the last sentence if DTC is not the Depositary):

THIS GLOBAL NOTE IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS NOTE) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (I) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(h) OF THE INDENTURE, (II) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.06(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (III) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.11 OF THE INDENTURE AND (IV) THIS GLOBAL NOTE MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY. UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR NOTES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS NOTE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) ("DTC") TO THE COMPANY OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

(h) <u>Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Notes</u>. At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Note have been exchanged for Definitive Notes or a particular Global Note has been redeemed, repurchased

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or cancelled in whole and not in part, each such Global Note shall be returned to or retained and cancelled by the Trustee in accordance with Section 2.11 hereof. At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Note is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note or for Definitive Notes, the principal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note shall be reduced accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Note by the Trustee or by the Depositary at the direction of a beneficial interest in another Global Note, such other Global Note shall be increased accordingly and an endorsement shall be made on such Global Note by the Trustee to reflect such increase.

# (i) General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.

(i) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate Global Notes and Definitive Notes upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.02 hereof or at the Registrar's request.

(ii) No service charge shall be made to a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note or to a Holder of a Definitive Note for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Company shall require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to Sections 2.07, 2.10, 3.06, 3.09, 4.10, 4.14 and 9.05 hereof).

(iii) The Company shall not be required (A) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Notes during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of the Notes to be redeemed under Section 3.03 hereof and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, (B) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part, (C) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Note between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date or (D) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Note selected in connection with a Change of Control Offer or a Net Proceeds Offer.

(iv) Neither the Registrar nor the Company shall be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(v) All Global Notes and Definitive Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Notes or Definitive Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Notes or Definitive Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(vi) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent and the Company shall deem and treat the Person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Company shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(vii) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Note at the office or agency of the Company designated pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more replacement Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount.

(viii) At the option of the Holder, subject to Section 2.06(a) hereof, Notes may be exchanged for other Notes of any authorized denomination or denominations of a like aggregate principal amount upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Global Notes or Definitive Notes are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and mail, the replacement Global Notes and Definitive Notes to which the Holder making the exchange is entitled in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 hereof.

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(ix) All certifications, certificates and Opinions of Counsel required to be submitted to the Company pursuant to this Section 2.06 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

(x) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Note (including any transfers between or among Depositary Participants or beneficial owners of interests in any Global Notes) other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(xi) Neither the Trustee nor any Agent shall have any responsibility or liability for any actions taken or not taken by the Depositary.

SECTION 2.07. <u>Replacement Notes</u>. If either (x) any mutilated Note is surrendered to the Trustee, the Registrar or the Company or (y) if the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the ownership and destruction, loss or theft of any Note, then the Company shall issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate a replacement Note. An indemnity bond must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Note is replaced. The Company and the Trustee may charge the Holder for their expenses in replacing a Note.

Every replacement Note is a contractual obligation of the Company and shall be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Notes duly issued hereunder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2.11. <u>Cancellation</u>. The Company at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee or, at the direction of the Trustee, the Registrar or the Paying Agent and no one else shall cancel all Notes surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and shall dispose of such cancelled Notes in accordance with its customary procedures (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act). Certification of the cancellation of all surrendered Notes shall be delivered to the Company at the Company's written request. The Company may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 2.12. <u>Defaulted Interest</u>. If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner *plus*, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof. The Company may pay the defaulted interest to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Note and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such defaulted interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such defaulted interest as provided in this Section 2.12. The Trustee shall fix or cause to be fixed any such special record date and payment date; <u>provided</u> that no such special record date shall be less than 10 days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of any such special record date. At least 15 days before any such special record date, the Company (or, upon the written request of the Company, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company) shall mail or cause to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, or otherwise deliver in accordance with the Applicable Procedures, to each Holder, with a copy to the Trustee, a notice at his or her address as it appears in the Note Register that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid.

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

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

### ARTICLE III

#### **REDEMPTION**

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

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SECTION 3.02. <u>Selection of Notes to Be Redeemed</u>. If less than all of the Notes are to be redeemed at any time, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be redeemed (a) if the Notes are listed, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the Notes are listed, or (b) if the Notes are not listed on such an exchange, on a *pro rata* basis to the extent practicable, or, if the *pro rata* basis is not practicable for any reason, by lot or by such other method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate and otherwise in accordance with the Applicable Procedures. In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Notes to be redeemed shall be selected, unless otherwise provided herein, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee from the outstanding Notes not previously called for redemption.

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Notes selected for redemption and, in the case of any Note selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. No Notes of \$2,000 or less can be redeemed in part, except that if all of the Notes of a Holder are to be redeemed, the entire outstanding amount of Notes held by such Holder shall be redeemed. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption.

SECTION 3.03. <u>Notice of Redemption</u>. Subject to Section 3.09 hereof, the Company shall deliver electronically, mail or cause to be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid (or otherwise deliver in accordance with Applicable Procedures) notices of redemption at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or otherwise in accordance with Applicable Procedures, except that redemption notices may be delivered or mailed more than 60 days prior to a Redemption Date if (x) the notice is issued in connection with Article VIII or Article XI hereof or (y) such notice relates to a redemption that is conditioned upon satisfaction (or waiver by the Company in its sole discretion) of one or more conditions precedent and any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion).

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

(a) the Redemption Date;

(b) the redemption price;

(c) if any Definitive Note is to be redeemed in part only, the portion of the principal amount of that Note that is to be redeemed and that, after the Redemption Date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original Note representing the same indebtedness to the extent not redeemed will be issued in the name of the Holder upon cancellation of the original Note;

(d) the name and address of the Paying Agent;

(e) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;

(f) that, unless the Company defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Notes called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date;

(g) the paragraph or subparagraph of the Notes and/or Section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed;

(h) the CUSIP and ISIN number, if any, printed on the Notes being redeemed and that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of any such CUSIP and ISIN number that is listed in such notice or printed on the Notes; and

(i) any condition to such redemption.

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

If any Notes are listed on an exchange, and the rules of such exchange so require, the Company will notify the exchange of any such notice of redemption and the principal amount of any Notes outstanding following any partial redemption of such Notes. The Company may provide in such notice that payment of the redemption price and performance of the Company's obligations with respect to such redemption may be performed by another Person.

Notice of any redemption of Notes described herein, whether in connection with an Equity Offering or otherwise, may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, completion of a related Equity Offering. In addition, if such redemption is subject to satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, such notice of redemption shall describe each such condition, and if applicable, shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole discretion) by the redemption date as stated in such notice, or by the redemption date as so delayed.

SECTION 3.04. Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is delivered in accordance with Section 3.03 hereof, subject to satisfaction of any conditions precedent relating thereto specified in the applicable notice of redemption, Notes called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the Redemption Date at the redemption price. The notice, if delivered, mailed or caused to be mailed in a manner herein provided, shall be conclusively presumed to have been given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. In any case, failure to deliver such notice or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Note designated for redemption in whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Note. Subject to Section 3.05 hereof, on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on Notes or portions of Notes called for redemption.

### SECTION 3.05. Deposit of Redemption Price.

(a) Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Redemption Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued and unpaid interest on all Notes to be redeemed on that Redemption Date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the redemption price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

(b) If the Company complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph (a), on and after the Redemption Date, interest shall cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption. If a Note is redeemed on or after a Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Note was registered at the close of business on such Record Date. If any Note called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender for redemption because of the failure of the Company to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the Redemption Date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest accrued to the Redemption Date not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Notes and in Section 4.01 hereof.

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

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### SECTION 3.07. Optional Redemption.

(a) At any time prior to August 15, 2017, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Notes from time to time upon notice as set forth in Section 3.03 hereof, at a redemption price equal to 100.0% of the principal amount thereof, *plus* the Applicable Premium, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but excluding) the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date).

(b) At any time prior to August 15, 2016, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35.0% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Additional Notes (taken together) issued hereunder with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings at a redemption price of 105.250% of the principal amount thereof, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but excluding) the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date); <u>provided</u> that: (1) at least 65.0% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Additional Notes (taken together) issued under this Indenture remains outstanding after each such redemption; and (2) the redemption occurs within 90 days after the closing of such Equity Offering.

(c) Except pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) of this Section 3.07, the Notes will not be redeemable at the Company's option prior to August 15, 2017.

(d) On or after August 15, 2017, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes from time to time upon notice as set forth in Section 3.03 hereof, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the applicable Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date), if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on August 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2017	102.625%
2018	101.313%
2019 and thereafter	100.000%

(e) Any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 hereof.

(f) In addition to any redemption pursuant to this Section 3.07, the Company or its Affiliates may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise.

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

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

(a) In the event that, pursuant to Section 4.10 hereof, the Company shall be required to commence a Net Proceeds Offer, it shall follow the procedures specified below.

(b) On the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date, the Company shall apply the Net Proceeds Offer Amount to the purchase of Notes and, if required, Pari Passu Indebtedness (on a *pro rata* basis, if applicable), or, if less than the Net Proceeds Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered in response to the Net Proceeds Offer. Payment for any Notes so purchased shall be made in the same manner as interest payments are made.

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(c) If the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date is on or after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date, any accrued and unpaid interest, up to but excluding the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date, shall be paid to the Person in whose name a Note is registered at the close of business on such Record Date, and no additional interest shall be payable to Holders who tender Notes pursuant to the Net Proceeds Offer.

(d) Upon the commencement of a Net Proceeds Offer, the Company shall deliver electronically or send, by first-class mail, postage prepaid (or otherwise deliver in accordance with Applicable Procedures), a notice to each of the Holders, with a copy to the Trustee. The notice shall contain all instructions and materials necessary to enable such Holders to tender Notes pursuant to the Net Proceeds Offer. The Net Proceeds Offer shall be made to all Holders and holders of such Pari Passu Indebtedness. The notice, which shall govern the terms of the Net Proceeds Offer, shall state:

(i) that the Net Proceeds Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 3.09 and Section 4.10 hereof and the length of time the Net Proceeds Offer shall remain open;

(ii) the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, the purchase price and the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date;

(iii) that any Note not tendered or accepted for payment shall continue to accrue interest;

(iv) that, unless the Company defaults in making such payment, any Note accepted for payment pursuant to the Net Proceeds Offer shall cease to accrue interest on and after the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date;

(v) that any Holder electing to have less than all of the aggregate principal amount of its Notes purchased pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer may elect to have Notes purchased in an amount not less than \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof;

(vi) that Holders electing to have a Note purchased pursuant to any Net Proceeds Offer shall be required to surrender the Note, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" attached to the Note completed, or transfer such Note by book-entry transfer, to the Company, the Depositary, if appointed by the Company, or a Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice at least two Business Days before the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date;

(vii) that Holders shall be entitled to withdraw their election if the Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, receives, not later than the expiration of the Net Proceeds Offer Period, a facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of the Note the Holder delivered for purchase and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing its election to have such Note purchased;

(viii) that, if the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Pari Passu Indebtedness surrendered by the holders thereof exceeds the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, the Trustee shall select the Notes to be purchased in accordance with Section 3.02 and the Company shall select such Pari Passu Indebtedness to be purchased pursuant to the terms of such Pari Passu Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> that as between the Notes and any Pari Passu Indebtedness, such purchases will be made on a *pro rata* basis based on the accreted value or principal amount of the Notes or such Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered with adjustments as necessary so that no Notes or Pari Passu Indebtedness will be repurchased in part in an unauthorized denomination; and

(ix) that Holders whose certificated Notes were purchased only in part shall be issued new Notes equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered (or transferred by book-entry transfer) representing the same indebtedness to the extent not repurchased.

(e) On or before the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent lawful, (1) accept for payment, on a *pro rata* basis as described in clause (d)(viii) of this Section 3.09, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount of Notes or portions thereof validly tendered pursuant to the Net Proceeds Offer, or if less than the Net

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Proceeds Offer Amount has been tendered, all Notes tendered and (2) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Notes properly accepted, together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Notes or portions thereof so tendered.

(f) The Company, the Depositary or the Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall promptly mail or deliver to each tendering Holder an amount equal to the purchase price of the Notes properly tendered by such Holder and accepted by the Company for purchase, and the Company shall promptly issue a new Note, and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, shall authenticate and mail or deliver (or cause to be transferred by book-entry) such new Note to such Holder (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, no Opinion of Counsel or Officer's Certificate is required for the Trustee to authenticate and mail or deliver such new Note) in a principal amount equal to any unpurchased portion of the Note surrendered representing the same indebtedness to the extent not repurchased. Any Note not so accepted shall be promptly mailed or delivered by the Company to the Holder thereof. The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Net Proceeds Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date.

(g) Prior to 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the purchase price of and accrued and unpaid interest on all Notes to be purchased on that purchase date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent shall promptly return to the Company any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Company in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the purchase price of, and accrued and unpaid interest on, all Notes to be redeemed.

(h) Each Net Proceeds Offer will be mailed or electronically delivered (or otherwise delivered in accordance with Applicable Procedures) to the record Holders as shown on the register of Holders within 30 days following the Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, with a copy to the Trustee. Upon receiving notice of the Net Proceeds Offer, Holders may elect to tender their Notes in whole or in part in denominations of \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof in exchange for cash. To the extent that the aggregate principal amount of Notes (plus, if applicable, the aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of Pari Passu Indebtedness) validly tendered by the Holders thereof and not withdrawn exceeds the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, Notes of tendering Holders (and, if applicable, Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered by the holders thereof) will be purchased on a *pro rata* basis (based on the principal amount of the Notes and, if applicable, the principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of any such Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered and not withdrawn). To the extent that the aggregate amount of the Notes (plus, if applicable, the aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of any such Pari Passu Indebtedness tendered and not withdrawn). To the extent that the aggregate amount of the Notes (plus, if applicable, the aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of any Pari Passu Indebtedness) tendered pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer is less than the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, the Company may use such excess Net Proceeds Offer Amount for general corporate purposes or for any other purpose not prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of any such Net Proceeds Offer, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount shall be reset at zero.

(i) A Net Proceeds Offer shall remain open for a period of 20 Business Days or such longer period as may be required by law (the "<u>Net Proceeds Offer</u> <u>Period</u>").

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

### ARTICLE IV

# **COVENANTS**

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

The Company shall pay all applicable Additional Interest, if any, in the same manner on the dates and in the amounts set forth in the applicable Registration Rights Agreement.

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

SECTION 4.02. <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>. The Company shall maintain the offices or agencies (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or Transfer Agent) required under Section 2.03 hereof where Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange or presented for payment and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

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

The Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.03 hereof.

#### SECTION 4.03. Reports.

(a) Whether or not required by the SEC, so long as any Notes are outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Holders of Notes, no later than fifteen days after the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations for a company subject to reporting under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act:

(1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the SEC on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if the Company were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by the Company's certified independent accountants; and;

(2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the SEC on Form 8-K if the Company were required to file such reports; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such report or information will be required to be so furnished if the Company determines in good faith that such event is not material to the Holders of Notes or the business, assets, operations or financial condition of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(b) Whether or not required by the SEC, the Company will file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in Section 4.03(a)(1) and (2) with the SEC for public availability no later than fifteen days after the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and regulations for a company subject to reporting under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (unless the SEC will not accept such a filing) and make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent the Company files the information and reports referred to Section 4.03(a)(1) and (2) with the SEC and such information is publicly available on the Internet, the Company shall be deemed to be in compliance with its obligations to furnish such information to the Holders of the Notes and to make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors; provided, however, that the Trustee shall have no responsibility whatsoever to determine if such filing has occurred.

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(c) If the Company has designated any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries, then the quarterly and annual financial information required by Section 4.03(a)(1) shall include a reasonably detailed presentation, either on the face of the financial statements or in the footnotes to the financial statements and in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition, of the financial condition and results of operations of the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a standalone basis; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such disclosure and reporting will not be required to be so furnished if the Company determines in good faith that such additional information is not material to the Holders of Notes or the business, assets, operations or financial condition of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

(d) So long as the Parent Guarantee is in effect, if Carter's has no material liabilities other than the Parent Guarantee and any other Guarantee of Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by this Indenture (so long as such Indebtedness appears on the consolidated balance sheet of Carter's and its Subsidiaries) and Carter's has no material assets other than the Capital Stock of the Company and the Capital Stock of any Subsidiary of Carter's that is a direct or indirect parent company of the Company and that is the direct or indirect owner of 100.0% of the Equity Interests of the Company (and such other direct or indirect parent company of the Company has no material liabilities and no material assets other than Guarantees of Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by this Indenture (so long as such Indebtedness appears on the consolidated balance sheet of such parent and its Subsidiaries) and the Capital Stock of the Company or any such direct or indirect parent company may satisfy its obligations under Section 4.03(a) and (b) with information regarding Carter's as if "Carter's" were substituted for "the Company" within such paragraphs.

(e) To the extent not otherwise satisfied by the provisions of this Section 4.03, the Company shall furnish to Holders, securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, any information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

### (f) [Reserved].

(g) To the extent any information is not provided within the time periods specified in this Section 4.03 and such information is subsequently provided, the Company will be deemed to have satisfied its obligations with respect thereto at such time and any Default with respect thereto shall be deemed to have been cured.

### SECTION 4.04. Compliance Certificate.

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year ending after the Issue Date, a certificate from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officer with a view to determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every condition and covenant contained in this Indenture during such fiscal year and is not in Default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults of which he or she may have knowledge and the status thereof).

(b) When any Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture, or if the Trustee or the holder of any other evidence of Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary gives any notice or takes any other action with respect to a claimed Default, the Company shall promptly (which shall be no more than ten (10) Business Days after becoming aware of such Default) deliver to the Trustee by registered or certified mail or by facsimile transmission an Officer's Certificate specifying such event and the status thereof.

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

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

# SECTION 4.07. Restricted Payments.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of the Company's Equity Interests (in the recipient's capacity as holder of such Equity Interests), including any dividend or distribution payable in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company, other than dividends or distributions payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company;

(2) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving the Company) any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company, in each case held by Persons other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary;

(3) make any principal payment on, or redeem, repurchase, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value, in each case, prior to any scheduled repayment, sinking fund payment or maturity, any Subordinated Indebtedness, other than:

(a) Indebtedness permitted under Section 4.09(b)(6) and (21) hereof; or

(b) the payment, redemption, defeasance, purchase, repurchase, acquisition or retirement for value of Subordinated Indebtedness purchased in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of such payment, redemption, defeasance, purchase, repurchase, acquisition or retirement; or

(4) make any Restricted Investment,

(all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (a)(1) through (4) above being collectively referred to as "<u>Restricted Payments</u>") unless, at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

(A) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof;

(B) the Company would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving *pro forma* effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the most recently ended Test Period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.09(a) hereof;

(C) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date (including Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.07(b)(1) and (11)(c), but excluding all other Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.07(b) (and for the avoidance of doubt, all other Permitted Investments)), is less than the sum, without duplication, of:

(i) 50.0% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Company for the period (taken as one accounting period) commencing on the first day of the fiscal quarter in which the Issue Date occurs to and ending on the last day of the most recently ended Test Period preceding such Restricted Payment (or, if such Consolidated Net Income for such period is a deficit, less 100.0% of such deficit); *plus* 

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(ii) 100.0% of the aggregate net proceeds and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received by the Company since the Issue Date (other than net proceeds to the extent such net proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness or issue Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(22) hereof) from the issue or sale of:

(1) (A) Equity Interests of the Company, including Treasury Capital Stock (as defined below), but excluding cash proceeds and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received from the sale of:

(x) Equity Interests to any future, present or former employees, directors, officers, members of management or consultants (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members) of the Company, any direct or indirect parent company of the Company or any of the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with Section 4.07(b)(4) hereof; and

(y) Designated Preferred Stock; and

(B) to the extent such net proceeds or other property are actually contributed to the Company, Equity Interests of the Company's direct or indirect parent companies (excluding contributions of the proceeds from the sale of Designated Preferred Stock of such companies or contributions to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with Section 4.07(b)(4) hereof); or

(2) debt securities of the Company that have been converted into or exchanged for Equity Interests of the Company or any of its direct or indirect parent companies;

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

(iii) 100.0% of the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property contributed to the capital of the Company following the Issue Date (other than (W) net cash proceeds to the extent such net cash proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness or issue Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(22) hereof, (X) by a Restricted Subsidiary, (Y) any Excluded Contributions and (Z) net cash proceeds that constitute net cash proceeds from the sale of Designated Preferred Stock); *plus* 

(iv) 100.0% of the aggregate amount received in cash and the fair market value of marketable securities or other property received by means of:

(1) the sale or other disposition (other than to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) of, or other returns on Investments from, Restricted Investments made by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries and repurchases and redemptions of such Restricted

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Investments from the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries (other than by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) and repayments of loans or advances, and releases of guarantees, which constitute Restricted Investments made by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case after the Issue Date (in each case, other than Restricted Investments made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 4.07(b)(5) or (6) hereof); or

(2) the sale (other than to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) of the stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or a dividend or distribution from an Unrestricted Subsidiary (other than to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 4.07(b)(5), (6) or (17) hereof or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment, but including such cash or fair market value to the extent exceeding the amount of such Investment) in each case, after the Issue Date; *plus* 

(v) in the case of the redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or the merger, amalgamation or consolidation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary after the Issue Date, the fair market value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary (or the assets transferred) at the time of the redesignation of such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary or at the time of such merger, amalgamation, consolidation or transfer of assets, other than to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to Section 4.07(b)(5), (6) or (17) hereof or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment, but, to the extent exceeding the amount of such Investment, including such excess amounts of cash or fair market value.

# (b) The foregoing provisions of Section 4.07(a) hereof will not prohibit:

(1) the payment of any dividend or other distribution or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration of the dividend or other distribution or giving of the redemption notice, as the case may be, if at the date of declaration or notice, the dividend or other distribution or redemption payment would have complied with the provisions of this Indenture;

(2) (a) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any Equity Interests, including any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon ("<u>Treasury Capital Stock</u>"), or Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of the Company, in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale or issuance (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company to the Company (in each case, other than any Disqualified Stock or Excluded Contributions) ("<u>Refunding Capital Stock</u>"), (b) the declaration and payment of dividends on Treasury Capital Stock out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale or issuance (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or to an employee stock ownership plan or any trust established by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) of Refunding Capital Stock, and (c) if, immediately prior to the retirement of Treasury Capital Stock, the declaration and payment of dividends thereon was permitted under clauses (11)(a) or (b) of this Section 4.07(b), the declaration and payment of dividends on the Refunding Capital Stock (other than Refunding Capital Stock the proceeds of which were used to redeem, repurchase, retire or otherwise acquire any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of the Company) in an aggregate amount per year no greater than the aggregate amount of dividends per annum that were declarable and payable on such Treasury Capital Stock immediately prior to such retirement under clauses (11)(a) or (b) of this Section 4.07(b);

(3) the principal payment on, defeasance, redemption, repurchase, exchange or other acquisition or retirement of (i) Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or a Subsidiary Guarantor made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale of, new Indebtedness of the Company or a Guarantor or Disqualified Stock of the Company or a Guarantor, (ii) Disqualified Stock of the

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Company or a Guarantor made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale of, Disqualified Stock or Subordinated Indebtedness of the Company or a Guarantor, (iii) Disqualified Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of, the substantially concurrent sale of, Disqualified Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor that, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i) through (iii), is Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred or issued, as applicable, in compliance with Section 4.09 hereof and (iv) any Subordinated Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock which constitutes Acquired Debt;

(4) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of the Company or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company held by any past, present or future employee, director, officer, member of management or consultant of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates and Immediate Family Members) pursuant to any shareholder, employee, manager or director equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement, or any equity subscription, co-investor agreement or shareholder agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any principal and interest payable on any notes issued by the Company or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company of the Company in connection with any such repurchase, redemption, retirement or other acquisition); provided that the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments (including Restricted Payments made by the Company to permit any direct or indirect parent company of the Company to make such payments) made pursuant to this clause (4) shall not exceed \$15.0 million in any calendar year, with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over for use in succeeding calendar years, subject to a maximum (without giving effect to the following proviso) of \$30.0 million paid in any calendar year; provided, further that such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed:

(i) the cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company and, to the extent contributed to the Company, the cash proceeds from any sale of Equity Interests of any of the Company's direct or indirect parent companies, in each case to any future, present or former employees, directors, officers, members of management or consultants (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members) of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries or any of its direct or indirect parent companies that occurs after the Issue Date, to the extent the cash proceeds from the sale of such Equity Interests have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments by virtue of Section 4.07(a)(C) or designated an Excluded Contribution; *plus* 

(ii) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (or by any direct or indirect parent company to the extent contributed to the Company) after the Issue Date; *less* 

(iii) any amounts previously applied to the payment of Restricted Payments pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) of this clause (4);

(5) Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount, taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (5), not to exceed \$100.0 million;

(6) Permitted Additional Restricted Payments;

(7) Restricted Payments to Carter's, and Restricted Payments to any other direct or indirect parent company of the Company, including the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary to, or the making of loans or advances to, Carter's and/or any of their respective direct or indirect parent companies in amounts required for Carter's or any other such direct or indirect parent company to pay, in each case without duplication,

(i) franchise, excise and similar taxes, and other fees and expenses required to maintain their corporate or other legal existence;

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(ii) for any taxable period for which the Company and/or any of its Subsidiaries are members of a consolidated, combined or unitary tax group for U.S federal, state, local or foreign income or similar tax purposes of which a direct or indirect parent company of the Company is the common parent (a "<u>Tax Group</u>"), the portion of the relevant federal, state, local or foreign income or similar taxes (as applicable) of such Tax Group for such taxable period that is attributable to the income of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries that are members of such group and, to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions actually received from Unrestricted Subsidiaries, that is attributable to the income of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u>, that in each case the amount of such payments with respect to any taxable period does not exceed the amount that the Company and such Restricted Subsidiaries (and, to the extent permitted above, any applicable Unrestricted Subsidiaries) would have been required to pay in respect of such relevant federal, state, local or foreign taxes for such taxable period if, for all taxable years ending after the Issue Date, the Company, such Restricted Subsidiaries and Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) had paid such taxes as a consolidated, combined or unitary group separately from any such parent company (or, if there are no such Restricted Subsidiaries or Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the Company on a separate company basis);

(iii) customary salary, bonus, severance, expense reimbursement and other benefits payable to, and indemnities provided on behalf of, employees, directors, officers, members of management or consultants of any direct or indirect parent company of the Company and, in each case, any payroll, social security or similar taxes thereof, to the extent such salaries, bonuses and other benefits are attributable to the ownership or operation of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries;

(iv) general corporate operating, administrative, compliance and overhead costs and expenses of any direct or indirect parent company of the Company to the extent such costs and expenses are attributable to the ownership or operation of the Company and its Subsidiaries;

(v) (a) to pay reasonable and customary costs and expenses incident to an Equity Offering (whether or not consummated) of Carter's or any other direct or indirect parent company of the Company, to the extent that the proceeds therefrom are intended to be contributed to the Company (b) to pay listing fees and other costs and expenses attributable to being a publicly traded company which are reasonable and customary;

(vi) to the extent constituting Restricted Payments, amounts that would be permitted to be paid directly by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries under Section 4.11 hereof (other than pursuant to Section 4.11(b)(2) or (14)); and

(vii) to finance Permitted Investments and other Investments, Permitted Acquisitions or other acquisitions otherwise not prohibited to be made pursuant to this covenant if made by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u>, that (a) such Restricted Payment shall be made substantially concurrently with the closing of such Investment, Permitted Acquisition or other acquisition, (b) such direct or indirect parent company shall, promptly following the closing thereof, cause (1) all property acquired (whether assets or Equity Interests) to be contributed to the capital of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary or (2) the merger, amalgamation, consolidation, or sale of the Person formed or acquired into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (to the extent not prohibited by Section 5.01 hereof) in order to consummate such Investment, Permitted Acquisition or other acquisition, (c) such direct or indirect parent company and its Affiliates (other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary) receives no consideration or other payment in connection with such transaction except to the extent the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary could have given such consideration or made such payment in compliance with this Indenture, (d) any property received by the Company shall not increase amounts available for Restricted Payments pursuant to Section 4.07(a)(C) hereof or be designated an Excluded Contribution and (e) to the extent constituting an Investment, such Investment shall be deemed to be made by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to another provision of this covenant or pursuant to the definition of "*Permitted Investments*" (other than clause (5) thereof);

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(8) payments made or expected to be made by the Company (including Restricted Payments to Carter's for the purpose of making the following payments) or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of withholding or similar taxes payable by or with respect to any future, present or former employee, director, officer, member of management or consultant (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members) of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company and any repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon exercise, vesting, or settlement, as applicable, of stock options, warrants or similar rights if such Equity Interests represent a portion of the exercise price of such options, warrants or similar rights or required withholding or similar taxes;

(9) Restricted Payments that are made with Excluded Contributions;

(10) the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any class or series of Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary issued in accordance with Section 4.09 hereof to the extent such dividends are included in the definition of *"Fixed Charges"*;

(11) (a) the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) issued by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries after the Issue Date;

(b) the declaration and payment of dividends or distributions to any direct or indirect parent company of the Company, the proceeds of which will be used to fund the payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) issued by such parent company after the Issue Date, <u>provided</u> that the amount of dividends paid pursuant to this clause (b) shall not exceed the aggregate amount of cash actually contributed to the Company from the sale of such Designated Preferred Stock; or

(c) the declaration and payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock in excess of the dividends declarable and payable thereon pursuant to clause (2) of this Section 4.07(b); and

provided, however, in the case of each of (a), (b) and (c) of this clause (11), that for the most recently ended Test Period preceding the date of issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock or the declaration of such dividends on Refunding Capital Stock that is Preferred Stock, after giving effect to such issuance or declaration on a *pro forma* basis, the Company would have had a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 2.00 to 1.00;

(12) Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount, taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause (12), not to exceed the aggregate gross proceeds from the issuance of the Notes (other than any Additional Notes);

(13) distributions or payments of Securitization Fees;

(14) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Subordinated Indebtedness pursuant to provisions similar to those described in Sections 4.10 and 4.14 hereof; <u>provided</u>, that the Company shall have made a Change of Control Offer or Net Proceeds Offer, as applicable, to purchase the Notes on the terms provided in this Indenture applicable to Change of Control Offers or Net Proceeds Offers, respectively, and all Notes validly tendered by Holders in such Change of Control Offer or Net Proceeds Offer, as applicable, have been repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired for value;

(15) the distribution, by dividend or otherwise, or other transfer or disposition of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the primary assets of which are cash and/or Cash Equivalents);

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(16) cash payments or loans, advances, dividends or distributions to any direct or indirect parent of the Company to make payments in lieu of issuing fractional shares in connection with the exercise of warrants, options or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Equity Interests of the Company, any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company; and

(17) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries having an aggregate fair market value taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (17) that are at the time outstanding, without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash or marketable securities (until such proceeds are converted to cash or Cash Equivalents), not to exceed the greater of (a) \$50.0 million and (b) 3.0% of Consolidated Total Assets at the time of such Investment (with the amount of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value);

provided that in the case of clauses (5), (6) and (15) of this Section 4.07(b), no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(c) The Board of Directors may designate any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary" if the designation would not cause a Default. All outstanding Investments owned by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the designated Unrestricted Subsidiary will be treated as an Investment made at the time of the designation and such Investments (except to the extent repaid) in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be Restricted Payments or Permitted Investments in an amount determined as set forth in the penultimate sentence of the definition of "Investments." Such designation will be permitted only if a Restricted Payment in such amount would be permitted at such time pursuant to the definition of "Investments," and if such Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The Board of Directors may redesignate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary." For the avoidance of doubt, this Section 4.07 shall not restrict the making of any "AHYDO catch up payment" with respect to, and required by the terms of, any Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred under the terms of this Indenture.

#### SECTION 4.08. Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Restricted Subsidiaries.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries that is not a Guarantor to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction (provided, that dividend or liquidation priority between classes of Capital Stock, or subordination of any obligation (including the application of any remedy bars thereto) to any other obligation, will not be deemed to constitute such an encumbrance or restriction) on the ability of any such Restricted Subsidiary to:

(1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Capital Stock to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor, or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits, or pay any indebtedness owed to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor;

(2) make loans or advances to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor; or

(3) transfer any of its properties or assets to the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is a Guarantor.

(b) The restrictions in Section 4.08(a) hereof will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) encumbrances or restrictions in effect on the Issue Date, including under or by reason of Existing Indebtedness and the Credit Agreement as in effect on the date of this Indenture and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, extensions, supplements, refundings, replacements

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or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, extensions, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are not materially more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness or the Credit Agreement, as applicable, as in effect on the date of this Indenture;

(2) this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees;

(3) applicable law or any applicable rule, regulation or order;

(4) any agreement or other instrument of a Person acquired by or merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in existence at the time of such acquisition or at the time it merges, amalgamates or consolidates with or into the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person (but, in any such case, not created in contemplation thereof), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person so acquired and its Subsidiaries, or the property or assets of the Person so acquired and its Subsidiaries or the property or assets so acquired;

(5) customary provisions in leases, subleases, licenses, sublicenses, contracts and other agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business or consistent with industry practices, including such agreements relating to intellectual property;

(6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in Section 4.08(a)(3) and any negative pledges and restrictions in favor of the holder of any Indebtedness permitted under this Indenture to the extent such negative pledge relates to property financed by or the subject of the Indebtedness;

(7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary or any assets of a Restricted Subsidiary, including any agreement that restricts distributions by such Restricted Subsidiary pending such sale or other disposition;

(8) any agreement creating a Lien securing Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.12 hereof, to the extent limiting the right of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;

(9) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(10) customary provisions applicable to Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors under Indebtedness of such Restricted Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred under this Indenture and in "support agreements" and Guarantees of any such Indebtedness;

(11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business or arising in connection with any Permitted Lien;

(12) any lease or Capitalized Lease Obligation, insofar as the provisions thereof limit the grant of a security interest in, or other subletting or assignment of, the related leasehold interest to any other Person;

(13) restrictions or conditions contained in any trading, netting, operating, construction, service, supply, purchase, sale or other agreement to which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries is a party entered into in the ordinary course of business; <u>provided</u>, that such agreement prohibits the encumbrance of solely the property or assets of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary that are the subject to such agreement, the payment rights arising thereunder or the proceeds thereof and does not extend to any other asset or property of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary;

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(14) customary provisions restricting assignment of any agreement;

(15) restrictions arising in connection with cash or other deposits permitted under Section 4.12 hereof;

(16) any agreement or instrument governing any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock, or Preferred Stock permitted to be incurred or issued pursuant to Section 4.09 hereof entered into after the Issue Date that contains encumbrances and other restrictions that either (x) are no more restrictive in any material respect taken as a whole with respect to any Restricted Subsidiary than (i) the restrictions contained in this Indenture as of the Issue Date or (ii) those encumbrances and other restrictions that are in effect on the Issue Date with respect to that Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to agreements in effect on the Issue Date, (y) are not materially more disadvantageous, taken as a whole, to the Holders than is customary in comparable financings for similarly situated issuers or (z) will not otherwise materially impair the Company's ability to make payments on the Notes when due, in each case in the good faith judgment of the Company;

(17) restrictions created in connection with any Qualified Securitization Facility that, in the good faith determination of the Company are necessary or advisable to effect such Qualified Securitization Facility;

(18) customary restrictions and conditions contained in the document relating to any Lien so long as such Lien is a Permitted Lien and such restrictions or conditions relate only to the specific asset subject to such Lien;

(19) any encumbrance or restriction created under the Canadian Reorganization Documents; and

(20) any encumbrances or restrictions of the type referred to in clauses (1), (2) and (3) of Section 4.08(a) hereof imposed by any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of the contracts, instruments or obligations referred to in clauses (1) through (19) of this Section 4.08(b); provided, that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are, in the good faith judgment of the Company, not materially more restrictive with respect to such encumbrance and other restrictions taken as a whole than those prior to such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing.

#### SECTION 4.09. Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, (collectively, "incur") with respect to any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt), and the Company will not issue any Disqualified Stock and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to issue any shares of Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock; provided, however, that the Company and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) or issue Disqualified Stock, and any Restricted Subsidiary may issue Preferred Stock, if the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for the Company's most recently ended Test Period preceding the date on which such additional Indebtedness is incurred or such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is issued would have been at least 2.00 to 1.00, determined on a *pro forma* basis (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom) as if the additional Indebtedness had been incurred, or the Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock had been issued, as the case may be, at the beginning of such Test Period; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that are not Guarantors may not incur Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock under this paragraph if, after giving *pro forma* effect to such incurrence or issuance (including a *pro forma* application of the net proceeds therefrom), the aggregate amount of Indebtedness and Disqualified Stock and Preferred Stock of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors incurred or issued pursuant to this Section 4.09(a) then outstanding would exceed the greater of (x) \$100.0 million and (y) 6.0% of Consolidated Total Assets at such time.

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(b) The provisions of Section 4.09(a) hereof shall not apply to the following (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

(1) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness and letters of credit under any Credit Facilities in an aggregate amount (with letters of credit being deemed to have an amount equal to the maximum potential liability of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder) not to exceed the greater of (x) \$500.0 million and (y) the Borrowing Base;

(2) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Existing Indebtedness;

(3) the incurrence by the Company and the Guarantors of Indebtedness represented by (i) the Notes (excluding any Additional Notes) and the Guarantees of the Notes and (ii) Exchange Notes issued in respect of the Notes (excluding any Additional Notes) and any Guarantee thereof;

(4) (i) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness (and Disqualified Stock incurred or issued by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and Preferred Stock incurred or issued by any Restricted Subsidiary) represented by or incurred or issued to finance Capitalized Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement of assets used in the business of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary and all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness related thereto, with all such Indebtedness, Preferred Stock and Disqualified Stock (and any refinancing thereof), incurred pursuant to this clause (4), not to exceed the greater of (x) \$75.0 million and (y) 4.5% of Consolidated Total Assets at one time outstanding (with such determination being made solely on the date of incurrence or issuance); and (ii) Attributable Indebtedness arising out of a Sale and Lease-Back Transaction not prohibited under this Indenture and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof;

(5) the incurrence or issuance by the Company of Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock or the incurrence or issuance by a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock which serves to extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock incurred or issued as permitted under Section 4.09(a) hereof and clauses (2), (3), (5), (18) and (22) of this Section 4.09(b); provided that any such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock constitutes Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;

(6) the incurrence by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that:

(a) if the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness, and such Indebtedness is held by a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the Notes, in the case of the Company, or the Guarantee of such Guarantor, in the case of a Guarantor; and

(b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness (except any pledge of such Indebtedness constituting a Permitted Lien) to a Person that is not either the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof shall be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary (to the extent such Indebtedness is then outstanding), as the case may be, that was not permitted by this clause (6);

(7) Indebtedness under Hedging Obligations entered into for *bona fide* hedging purposes of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and not for the purpose of speculation;

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(8) any guarantee by (a) the Company of Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary, (b) any Subsidiary Guarantor of Indebtedness of the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary, (c) any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor of Indebtedness of another Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor of Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor, so long as such Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor would otherwise be permitted under the terms of this Indenture to incur Indebtedness in the amount of such guarantee;

(9) Indebtedness incurred by, or Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock issued by, Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company that are not Guarantors in an amount outstanding under this clause (9) not to exceed, together with any other Indebtedness incurred or Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock issued pursuant to and outstanding under this clause (9), the greater of (a) \$75.0 million and (b) 4.5% of Consolidated Total Assets (in each case, determined on the date of such incurrence or issuance); it being understood that any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock deemed incurred or issued pursuant to this clause (9) shall cease to be deemed incurred, issued or outstanding for purposes of this clause (9) but shall be deemed incurred or issued for the purposes of Section 4.09(a) hereof from and after the first date on which the Company or such Restricted Subsidiaries could have incurred such Indebtedness or issued such Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock under such Section 4.09(a) without reliance on this clause (9);

(10) (i) Indebtedness in respect of netting services, overdraft protections and otherwise in connection with deposit accounts, (ii) Indebtedness owed on a short-term basis of no longer than 30 days to banks and other financial institutions incurred in the ordinary course of business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries with such banks or financial institutions that arises in connection with ordinary banking arrangements, (iii) Indebtedness in respect of Treasury Management Agreements and (iv) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business; <u>provided</u> that in the case of clause (iv) such Indebtedness is extinguished within ten (10) Business Days of the incurrence thereof;

(11) Indebtedness which may be deemed to exist pursuant to any guarantees, performance, surety, statutory, appeal or similar obligations (other than any guarantees of obligations for borrowed money) incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(12) Indebtedness incurred by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries arising from agreements providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earn-out or similar obligations, or from guarantees or letters of credit, surety bonds or performance bonds securing the performance of the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to such agreements, in connection with Permitted Acquisitions or permitted dispositions of any business, assets or Equity Interests of a Restricted Subsidiary of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that in the case of a disposition, the maximum aggregate liability in respect of all such obligations outstanding under this clause (12) shall at no time exceed the gross proceeds actually received by the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such disposition;

(13) Indebtedness incurred by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to future, present or former employees, directors, officers, members of management or consultants of the Company (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) or its Restricted Subsidiaries (and their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates and Immediate Family Members) to finance the purchase, repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity Interests to the extent described in Section 4.07(b)(4) hereof;

(14) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Company and Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Indebtedness, Preferred Stock or Disqualified Stock incurred or issued to extend, replace, refinance, renew or defease any Indebtedness, Preferred Stock or Disqualified incurred or issued pursuant to this clause (14), not to exceed the greater of \$150.0 million and 9.0% of Consolidated Total Assets;

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(15) Indebtedness representing deferred compensation or similar arrangements to future, present or former employees, directors, officers, members of management or consultants of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries (and any direct or indirect parent thereof) incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(16) Indebtedness consisting of obligations of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiaries under deferred compensation or other similar arrangements incurred by such Person in connection with Permitted Acquisitions, any Investment or any other acquisition permitted under this Indenture;

(17) Indebtedness consisting of (A) the financing of insurance premiums or (B) take-or-pay obligations contained in supply arrangements, in each case, in the ordinary course of business or consistent with industry practice;

(18) (x) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Company and Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary, in each case incurred or issued to finance a Permitted Acquisition (or other purchase of assets) or that is assumed by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary in connection with such Permitted Acquisition or other acquisition or (y) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of Persons that are acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary or merged or amalgamated with or into the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; <u>provided</u> that in the case of each of clause (x) and clause (y), and after giving *pro forma* effect to the transactions contemplated in such clauses, either (i) the Company would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in Section 4.09(a) hereof, or (ii) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is equal to or greater than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio immediately prior to the transactions contemplated in the foregoing clause (x) or (y);

(19) obligations in respect of self-insurance and obligations in respect of performance, bid, appeal and surety bonds and performance and completion guarantees and similar obligations provided by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or obligations in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments related thereto, in each case in the ordinary course of business or consistent with industry practice;

(20) Indebtedness incurred by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries constituting reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit, bank guarantees, banker's acceptances, warehouse receipts, or similar instruments issued or created in the ordinary course of business, including in respect of workers' compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance, unemployment insurance or other social security laws or similar legislation or regulation (including, but not limited to, in respect of deductibles, self-insured retention amounts and premiums and adjustments thereto) or other Indebtedness with respect to reimbursement type obligations regarding workers' compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance, unemployment insurance or other social security laws or similar legislation or regulation (including, but not limited to, in respect of deductibles, self-insurance, compensation claims, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance, self-insurance, unemployment insurance or other social security laws or similar legislation or regulation (including, but not limited to, in respect of deductibles, self-insurance or other social security laws or similar legislation or regulation (including, but not limited to, in respect of deductibles, self-insured retention amounts and premiums and adjustments thereto); provided, that upon the drawing of such letters of credit or the incurrence of such Indebtedness, such obligations are reimbursed within 30 Business Days following such drawing or incurrence;

(21) shares of Preferred Stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u>, that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such shares of Preferred Stock (except to the Company or another of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any pledge of such Capital Stock constituting a Permitted Lien) shall be deemed, in each case, to be an issuance of such shares of Preferred Stock (to the extent such Preferred Stock is then outstanding) not permitted by this clause (21);

(22) Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock of the Company and Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock of any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference up to 100.0% of the net cash proceeds received by the Company since immediately after the Issue Date

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from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of the Company or cash contributed to the capital of the Company (in each case, other than Excluded Contributions, proceeds of Disqualified Stock or sales of Equity Interests to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) as determined in accordance with clauses (a)(C)(ii) and (a)(C)(iii) of Section 4.07 hereof to the extent such net cash proceeds or cash have not been applied pursuant to such clauses to make Restricted Payments pursuant to Section 4.07(a)(C) or to make Permitted Investments (other than Permitted Investments specified in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of the definition thereof);

(23) Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries supported by a letter of credit or bank guarantees issued pursuant to any Credit Facilities, in a principal amount not in excess of the stated amount of such letter of credit or bank guarantee;

(24) Indebtedness incurred by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with bankers' acceptances, discounted bills of exchange or the discounting or factoring of receivables for credit management purposes, in each case incurred or undertaken in the ordinary course of business on arm's length commercial terms; and

(25) the Northstar Loan.

(c) For purposes of determining compliance with this Section 4.09, in the event that an obligation meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (1) through (25) of Section 4.09(b), or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(a), the Company will be permitted to classify such item of Indebtedness (or any portion thereof) on the date of its incurrence (or later reclassify such Indebtedness in whole or in part) in any manner that complies with Section 4.09. In addition, the accrual of interest, accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, and the payment of dividends on Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable, will not be treated as an incurrence of Indebtedness. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Indebtedness outstanding or that could have been incurred pursuant to commitments in effect at the Issue Date pursuant to the Credit Agreement on the date of this Indenture will be deemed to have been incurred pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(1).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the maximum amount of Indebtedness that may be incurred pursuant to this Section 4.09 shall not be deemed to be exceeded with respect to any outstanding Indebtedness due solely to the result of fluctuations in the exchange rates of currencies.

For purposes of determining compliance with any U.S. dollar denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness where the Indebtedness incurred is denominated in a different currency, the amount of such Indebtedness will be the U.S. Dollar Equivalent determined on the date such Indebtedness was first incurred, in the case of term debt, or first incurred or first committed (whichever yields the lower U.S. dollar equivalent), in the case of revolving credit debt; provided, however, that if any such Indebtedness denominated in a different currency is subject to a Currency Protection Agreement with respect to U.S. dollars covering all principal, premium, if any, and interest payable on such Indebtedness, the amount of such Indebtedness expressed in U.S. dollars will be as provided in such Currency Protection Agreement. If such Indebtedness is incurred or Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock is issued, to extend, replace, refund, refinance, renew or defease other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock, as applicable, denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance would cause the applicable U.S. dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such extension, replacement, refunding, refinancing, renewal or defeasance, such U.S. dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount or liquidation preference, as applicable, of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock does not exceed (x) the principal amount or liquidation preference, as applicable, of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock does not exceed (x) the principal amount or liquidation preference, as applicable, of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or Preferred Stock does not exceed (x) the principal amount or liquidation preference, as

The principal amount of any Indebtedness incurred or Disqualified Stock issued to refinance other Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock, as applicable, being refinanced,

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shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness or Disqualified Stock is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing. The principal amount of any non-interest bearing Indebtedness or other discount security constituting Indebtedness at any date shall be the principal amount thereof that would be shown on the consolidated balance sheet of the Company dated such date prepared in accordance with GAAP.

# SECTION 4.10. Asset Sales.

(a) The Company shall not, and shall not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale, unless:

(1) the Company (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(2) at least 75.0% of the consideration therefor received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents. For purposes of this provision only (and specifically not for the purposes of the definition of "*Net Proceeds*"), each of the following shall be deemed to be cash:

(A) any liabilities (as shown on the Company's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet) of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee) that are (x) assumed by the transferee of any such assets or (y) otherwise cancelled or terminated in connection with the transaction (other than intercompany debt owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries);

(B) any securities, notes or other obligations received by the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that within 180 days are converted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents (to the extent of the cash and Cash Equivalents received in that conversion);

(C) the fair market value of (x) any assets (other than securities or current assets) received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary that will be used or useful in a Related Business, (y) Equity Interests in a Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary or in a Person engaged in a Related Business that shall become a Restricted Subsidiary immediately upon the acquisition of such Equity Interests by the Company or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary or (z) a combination of (x) and (y);

(D) any Designated Non-cash Consideration received by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Sale having an aggregate fair market value, taken together with all other Designated Non-cash Consideration received pursuant to this clause (D) that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of (x) \$50.0 million and (y) 3.0% of Consolidated Total Assets, with the fair market value of each item of Designated Non-cash Consideration being measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value; and

(E) Indebtedness of any Restricted Subsidiary that ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Sale (other than intercompany debt owed to the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries), to the extent that the Company and each other Restricted Subsidiary are released from any guarantee of payment of the principal amount of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Sale.

(b) Within a period of 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds of any Asset Sale (<u>provided</u> that if during such 365-day period after the receipt of any such Net Proceeds the Company (or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary) enters into a definitive binding agreement committing it to apply such Net Proceeds in accordance with the requirements of clause (2) or (3) or this Section 4.10(b) after such 365th day, such 365-day period will be extended

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with respect to the amount of Net Proceeds so committed for a period not to exceed 180 days until such Net Proceeds are required to be applied in accordance with such agreement (or, if earlier, until termination of such agreement)), the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, at its option, may apply an amount equal to the Net Proceeds from such Asset Sale:

#### (1) to permanently reduce:

(A) Obligations under any Credit Facilities (other than unsecured Credit Facilities), and to correspondingly reduce commitments with respect thereto;

(B) Obligations under Indebtedness of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, other than Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, which is secured by a Lien that is permitted by this Indenture, and to correspondingly reduce commitments with respect thereto;

(C) Obligations under other Indebtedness (and to correspondingly reduce commitments with respect thereto) except Subordinated Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> that the Company shall equally and ratably reduce Obligations under the Notes as provided under Section 3.07 hereof or through open-market purchases (to the extent such purchases are at or above 100.0% of the principal amount thereof) or by making an offer (in accordance with the procedures set forth below for a Net Proceeds Offer) to all Holders to purchase their Notes at 100.0% of the principal amount thereof, *plus* the amount of accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on the amount of Notes to be repurchased, to (but excluding) the date of repurchase; or

(D) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, other than Indebtedness owed to the Company or another Restricted Subsidiary;

(2) to make (i) an Investment in any one or more businesses; <u>provided</u>, that such Investment in any business is in the form of the acquisition of Capital Stock and results in the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, owning an amount of the Capital Stock of such business such that it constitutes a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) capital expenditures, (iii) acquisitions of other properties or (iv) acquisitions of other assets, in the case of each of (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), used or useful in a Related Business; or

(3) to make (i) an Investment in any one or more businesses; <u>provided</u> that such Investment in any business is in the form of the acquisition of Capital Stock and results in the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, owning an amount of the Capital Stock of such business such that it constitutes a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) acquisitions of other properties or (iii) acquisitions of other assets that, in each of (i), (ii) and (iii), replace the businesses, properties and/or assets that are the subject of such Asset Sale;

(c) Pending the final application of such Net Proceeds, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may temporarily reduce borrowings under the Credit Facilities or any other revolving credit facility, if any, or otherwise invest such Net Proceeds in Cash Equivalents, in each case in a manner not prohibited by this Indenture. Subject to the last sentence of this paragraph, on the 366th day (as extended by up to the earlier of 180 days and the termination of such binding agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.10(b)) after an Asset Sale or such earlier date, if any, as the Board of Directors of the Company or of such Restricted Subsidiary determines not to apply the Net Proceeds relating to such Asset Sale as set forth in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of Section 4.10(b) (each, a "<u>Net</u> <u>Proceeds Offer Trigger Date</u>"), such aggregate amount of Net Proceeds which have not been applied (or committed to be applied pursuant to a definitive agreement as described in Section 4.10(b)) on or before such Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date as permitted in clauses (1), (2) or (3) of Section 4.10(b) (each a "<u>Net Proceeds Offer Amount</u>") shall be applied by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary to make an offer to purchase (the "<u>Net Proceeds Offer</u>") on a date (the "<u>Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date</u>") not less than 30 nor more than 60 days following the applicable Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date, from all Holders (and, if required by the terms of any other Indebtedness of the Company ranking *pari passu* with the Notes in right of payment and which has similar provisions requiring the Company either to make an offer to repurchase or to otherwise repurchase, redeem or repay such Indebtedness with

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the proceeds from Asset Sales (the "<u>Pari Passu Indebtedness</u>"), from the holders of such Pari Passu Indebtedness) on a *pro rata* basis (in proportion to the respective principal amounts or accreted value, as the case may be, of the Notes and any such Pari Passu Indebtedness) an aggregate principal amount of Notes (plus, if applicable, an aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of Pari Passu Indebtedness) equal to the Net Proceeds Offer Amount at a price equal to 100.0% of the principal amount of the Notes (or 100.0% of the principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of Pari Passu Indebtedness), *plus* accrued and unpaid interest thereon, if any, to the Net Proceeds Offer Payment Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if at any time any non-cash consideration received by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, in connection with any Asset Sale is converted into or sold or otherwise disposed of for cash (other than interest received with respect to any such non-cash consideration), then such conversion or disposition shall be deemed to constitute an Asset Sale hereunder and the Net Proceeds Offer Amount equal to or in excess of \$50.0 million resulting from one or more Asset Sales (at which time the entire unutilized Net Proceeds Offer Amount, and not just the amount in excess of \$50.0 million, shall be applied as required pursuant to this paragraph, and in which case the Net Proceeds Offer Trigger Date shall be deemed to be the earliest date that the Net Proceeds Offer Amount is equal to or in excess of \$50.0 million).

To the extent that the aggregate amount of the Notes (*plus*, if applicable, the aggregate principal amount or accreted value, as the case may be, of any Pari Passu Indebtedness) tendered pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer is less than the Net Proceeds Offer Amount, the Company may use such excess Net Proceeds Offer Amount for general corporate purposes or for any other purpose not prohibited by this Indenture. Upon completion of any such Net Proceeds Offer, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount shall be reset at zero.

(d) The Company or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of Notes pursuant to a Net Proceeds Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with provisions of this Indenture, the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary shall comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and shall not be deemed to have breached its obligations under this Indenture by virtue thereof.

(e) The Company's obligation to make an offer to repurchase the Notes pursuant to this Section 4.10 may be waived or modified with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

# SECTION 4.11. Transactions with Affiliates.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction, contract, agreement, loan or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate of the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case involving aggregate payments or consideration in excess of \$10.0 million (each, an "Affiliate Transaction"), unless:

(1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to the Company or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction at such time by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and

(2) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$35.0 million, the Company delivers to the Trustee a resolution adopted by at least a majority of the Board of Directors approving such Affiliate Transaction and set forth in an Officer's Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with Section 4.11(a)(1).

#### (b) Section 4.11(a) will not apply to the following:

(1) transactions between or among the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or an entity that becomes a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such transaction, and any merger, consolidation or

amalgamation of the Company and any direct or indirect parent of the Company; <u>provided</u> that such merger, consolidation or amalgamation of the Company is otherwise in compliance with the terms of this Indenture and effected for a *bona fide* business purpose;

(2) Restricted Payments permitted by Section 4.07 hereof and any other Investments constituting a Permitted Investment;

(3) reasonable fees, consideration and compensation paid to (including issuances and grant of Equity Interests of the Company (or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company), employment agreements and stock option and ownership plans for the benefit of, retirement plans, executive compensation plans and similar plans), and indemnity and insurance provided on behalf of, any future, current or former employee, director, officer, member of management or consultant (or their respective Controlled Investment Affiliates or Immediate Family Members) of the Company (or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company) or any Restricted Subsidiary as approved in good faith by the Company's Board of Directors or senior management;

(4) (x) any agreement in effect on the Issue Date and disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, (y) amendments and replacements of such existing agreements so long as, taken as a whole, such amendments or replacements are not more disadvantageous to the Holders or the Company in any material respect than such agreement as it was in effect on the Issue Date or (z) any transaction pursuant to any agreement referred to in the immediately preceding clauses (x) and (y);

(5) loans or advances to employees, directors, officer, members of management and consultants of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries permitted by clause (7) of the definition of "*Permitted Investments*";

(6) transactions with customers, clients, suppliers, joint venture partners or purchasers or sellers of goods and services, in each case in the ordinary course of business and otherwise not prohibited by this Indenture;

(7) transactions with any Affiliated Charitable Organization;

(8) transactions in which the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, as the case may be, delivers to the Trustee a letter from an Independent Financial Advisor stating that such transaction is fair to the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or stating that the terms are not materially less favorable to the Company or its relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary site and the terms of the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary from a financial point of view or stating that the terms are not materially less favorable to the Company or its relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person on an arm's-length basis;

(9) the issuance and transfer of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent thereof to any Person or any contribution to the capital of the Company and any transactions with Affiliates where the only consideration paid is Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company;

(10) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, or Securitization Assets or related assets and any other transaction effected in connection with any Qualified Securitization Facility or any related transaction effected in order to consummate a financing contemplated by a Qualified Securitization Facility;

(11) payments to or from, and transactions with, any joint venture or Unrestricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice or industry practices (including, without limitation, any cash management activities related thereto);

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(12) payments by the Company (and any direct or indirect parent company thereof) and its Subsidiaries pursuant to tax sharing agreements among the Company (and any such parent company) and its Subsidiaries, to the extent such payments are permitted under Section 4.07(b)(7)(ii) hereof;

(13) transactions permitted by, and complying with, the provisions of Article V hereof solely for the purpose of (a) forming a holding company or (b) reincorporating the Company in a new jurisdiction;

(14) transactions undertaken in good faith (as certified by a financial officer of the Company in an Officer's Certificate) for the purposes of improving the consolidated tax efficiency of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries and not for the purpose of circumventing any covenant set forth in this Indenture;

(15) transactions between the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Person, a director of which is also a director of the Company or any direct or indirect parent of the Company; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such director abstains from voting as a director of the Company or such direct or indirect parent, as the case may be, on any matter involving such other Person; and

(16) payments and other transactions in respect of Indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries held by Affiliates so long as either (a) such Indebtedness was not acquired by such Affiliate directly from the Company or its Subsidiaries, or (b) such Affiliates are treated no more favorably than any non-Affiliate holders of such Indebtedness.

SECTION 4.12. Liens. The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, directly or indirectly, create, incur or assume any Lien (except Permitted Liens) that secures Obligations under any Indebtedness or any related guarantee of Indebtedness, on any asset or property of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or convey any right to receive income therefrom, unless:

(1) in the case of any Lien securing an obligation that ranks *pari passu* with the Notes or a Subsidiary Guarantee, effective provision is made to secure the Notes or such Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be, at least equally and ratably with or prior to such obligation with a Lien on the same assets of the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be; and

(2) in the case of any Lien securing an obligation that is subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or a Subsidiary Guarantee, effective provision is made to secure the Notes or such Subsidiary Guarantee, as the case may be, with a Lien on the same assets of the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, that is prior to the Lien securing such subordinated obligation,

in each case, for so long as such Obligation is secured by such Lien. Any Lien created for the benefit of the Holders pursuant to this Section 4.12 shall be deemed automatically and unconditionally released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Liens described in Section 4.12(1) and (2), as applicable.

The expansion of Liens by virtue of accretion or amortization of original issue discount (excluding accretion or amortization that is expressly provided for in the agreement providing for the applicable Indebtedness that is a zero coupon or similar discount yield instrument), the payment of interest or dividends in the form of additional Indebtedness and increases in the amount of Indebtedness outstanding solely as a result of fluctuations in the exchange rate of currencies will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Liens for purposes of this covenant.

SECTION 4.13. <u>Company Existence</u>. Subject to Article V hereof, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its company existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that the Company shall not be required to preserve the corporate, partnership or other existence of its Restricted Subsidiaries, if the Company in good faith shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

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# SECTION 4.14. Offer to Repurchase Upon Change of Control.

(a) If a Change of Control occurs, unless the Company has previously or concurrently delivered or mailed a redemption notice with respect to all the outstanding Notes as described in Section 3.07 hereof, the Company shall make an offer to purchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of the Notes pursuant to the offer described below (the "<u>Change of Control Offer</u>") at a price in cash (the "<u>Change of Control Payment</u>") equal to 101.0% of the aggregate principal amount thereof *plus* accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase, subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date prior to such repurchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control, the Company shall deliver notice of such Change of Control Offer electronically or by first-class mail (or otherwise in accordance with Applicable Procedures), with a copy to the Trustee, to each Holder to the address of such Holder appearing in the Note Register with the following information:

(1) that a Change of Control Offer is being made pursuant to this Section 4.14 and that all Notes properly tendered pursuant to such Change of Control Offer will be accepted for payment by the Company;

(2) describing the transaction or transactions that constitute the Change of Control;

(3) the purchase price and the purchase date, which will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed or otherwise delivered (the "<u>Change of Control Payment Date</u>");

(4) that any Note not properly tendered will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest;

(5) that unless the Company defaults in the payment of the Change of Control Payment, all Notes accepted for payment pursuant to the Change of Control Offer will cease to accrue interest on the Change of Control Payment Date;

(6) that Holders electing to have any Notes purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender such Notes, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of such Notes completed, to the Paying Agent specified in the notice at the address specified in the notice prior to the close of business on the third Business Day preceding the Change of Control Payment Date;

(7) that Holders will be entitled to withdraw their tendered Notes and their election to require the Company to purchase such Notes; <u>provided</u>, that the Paying Agent receives, not later than the close of business on the second Business Day prior to the expiration date of the Change of Control Offer, a facsimile transmission or letter setting forth the name of the Holder, the principal amount of Notes tendered for purchase, and a statement that such Holder is withdrawing its tendered Notes and its election to have such Notes purchased;

(8) that Holders whose Notes are being purchased only in part will be issued new Notes and such new Notes will be equal in principal amount to the unpurchased portion of the Notes surrendered. The unpurchased portion of the Notes must be equal to at least \$2,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000;

(9) if such notice is delivered prior to the occurrence of a Change of Control, stating that the Change of Control Offer is conditional on the occurrence of such Change of Control; and

(10) the other instructions, as determined by the Company, consistent with this Section 4.14, that a Holder must follow in order to have its Notes repurchased.

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

(b) On the Change of Control Payment Date, the Company shall, to the extent permitted by law:

(1) accept for payment all Notes issued by it or portions thereof properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;

(2) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the aggregate Change of Control Payment in respect of all Notes or portions thereof so tendered; and

(3) deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate to the Trustee stating that such Notes or portions thereof have been tendered to and purchased by the Company and, at the Company's option, the Notes so accepted for cancellation.

(c) The Company shall publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

(d) The Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in this Indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by the Company and purchases all Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Change of Control Offer may be made in advance of a Change of Control, conditional upon the consummation of such Change of Control, if a definitive agreement is in place for the Change of Control at the time of making of the Change of Control Offer.

(f) Other than as specifically provided in this Section 4.14, any purchase pursuant to this Section 4.14 shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.02, 3.05 and 3.06 hereof, and references therein to "redeem," "redemption," "Redemption Date" and similar words shall be deemed to refer to "purchase," "repurchase," "Change of Control Payment Date" and similar words, as applicable.

(g) The Company's obligation to make an offer to repurchase the Notes pursuant to this section 4.14 may be waived or modified with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes then outstanding.

# SECTION 4.15. Additional Guarantees.

If, after the Issue Date, (a) any Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company (including any newly formed, newly acquired or newly redesignated Restricted Subsidiary, but excluding any Subsidiary Guarantor) that is not an Excluded Subsidiary guarantees any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or any non-Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of the Company that is not an Excluded Subsidiary guarantees other capital markets debt securities of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor in a principal amount greater than \$100.0 million or (b) the Company otherwise elects to have any Restricted Subsidiary or any direct or indirect parent company of the Company become a Guarantor, then, in the case of clause (a) within 30 days of the event under such clause occurring and in the case of clause (b) at the Company's election, the Company shall cause such Restricted Subsidiary or such direct or indirect parent company of the Trustee (x) a supplemental indenture in form of Exhibit D hereto or in any other form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary or direct or indirect parent company shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's obligations under the Notes and this Indenture and (y) a notation of guarantee in respect of its Guarantee of the Notes.

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## SECTION 4.16. Limitation on Layering Indebtedness.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, directly or indirectly, incur any Indebtedness that is or purports to be by its terms (or by the terms of any agreement governing such Indebtedness) subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Company or of such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, unless such Indebtedness is also by its terms (or by the terms of any agreement governing such Indebtedness) made expressly subordinated in right of payment to the Notes or the Subsidiary Guarantee of such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, to the same extent and in the same manner as such Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to such other Indebtedness of the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be.

(b) No Indebtedness will be deemed to be subordinated in right of payment to any other Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor solely by virtue of being unsecured or secured by a junior priority lien or by virtue of the fact that the holders of such Indebtedness have entered into intercreditor agreements or other arrangements giving one or more of such holders priority over the other holders in the collateral held by them, including intercreditor agreements that contain customary provisions requiring turnover by holders of junior priority liens of proceeds of collateral in the event that the security interests in favor of the holders of the senior priority liens in such intended collateral are not perfected or invalidated and similar customary provisions protecting the holders of senior priority liens. No Indebtedness will be deemed to be subordinated in right of payment merely because it is issued or guaranteed by more or different obligors.

# SECTION 4.17. Suspension of Covenants.

(a) During any period of time that (i) the Notes have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies and (ii) no Default has occurred and is continuing under this Indenture (the occurrence of the events described in the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii) being collectively referred to as a "<u>Covenant Suspension Event</u>" and the date thereof being referred to as the "<u>Suspension Date</u>") then, Section 4.07, Section 4.08, Section 4.09, Section 4.10, Section 4.15, Section 4.16 and Section 5.01(a)(ii) hereof shall not be applicable to the Notes (collectively, the "<u>Suspended Covenants</u>").

(b) During a Suspension Period (as defined below), the Company may not designate any of its Subsidiaries as Unrestricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the second sentence of the definition of "Unrestricted Subsidiary."

(c) In the event that the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries are not subject to the Suspended Covenants for any period of time as a result of the foregoing clause (a) and, subsequently, one of the Rating Agencies withdraws its ratings or downgrades the rating assigned to the Notes so that the Notes no longer have Investment Grade Ratings from both Rating Agencies (the "<u>Reversion Date</u>"), then the Company and the Restricted Subsidiaries will from such time and thereafter again be subject to the Suspended Covenants under this Indenture with respect to future events. The period of time between the Suspension Date and the Reversion Date is referred to in this Indenture as the "<u>Suspension Period</u>." The Guarantees of the Guarantors will be suspended during the Suspension Period. Additionally, upon the occurrence of a Covenant Suspension Event, the Net Proceeds Offer Amount shall be reset to zero.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of any such reinstatement, no action taken or omitted to be taken by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or events occurring prior to such reinstatement will give rise to a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture with respect to the Notes; <u>provided</u>, that (i) with respect to Restricted Payments made after such reinstatement, the amount available to be made as Restricted Payments will be calculated as though Section 4.07 hereof had been in effect prior to, but not during, the Suspension Period; (ii) all Indebtedness incurred, Disqualified Stock of the Company or Restricted Subsidiaries issued or Preferred Stock of its Restricted Subsidiaries issued, during the Suspension Period will be classified to have been incurred or issued pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(2) hereof; <u>provided</u>, that all Indebtedness outstanding on the Reversion Date under the Credit Agreement shall be deemed incurred or issued pursuant to Section 4.09(b)(1) (up to the maximum amount of such Indebtedness that would be permitted to be incurred thereunder as of the Reversion Date and after giving effect to Indebtedness incurred prior to the Suspension Period and outstanding on the Reversion Date); (iii) any Affiliate Transaction entered into after such Reversion Date pursuant to an agreement entered into during any

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Suspension Period shall be deemed to be permitted pursuant to Section 4.11(b)(4) hereof; (iv) any encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor to take any action described in Section 4.08(a)(1) through (3) hereof that becomes effective during any Suspension Period shall be deemed to be permitted pursuant to Section 4.08(b)(1) hereof; and (v) no Subsidiary of the Company shall be required to comply with Section 4.15 hereof after such reinstatement with respect to any guarantee entered into by such Subsidiary during any Suspension Period.

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

# ARTICLE V

# **SUCCESSORS**

# SECTION 5.01. Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets.

(a) The Company will not in a single transaction or series of related transactions, consolidate or merge with or into any Person or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of (or cause or permit any Restricted Subsidiary of the Company to sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of) all or substantially all of the Company's assets (determined on a consolidated basis) for the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries, whether as an entirety or substantially as an entirety, to any Person unless:

(i) either:

(1) the Company shall be the surviving or continuing corporation or

(2) the Person (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or the Person which acquires by sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition the properties and assets of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries as an entirety or substantially as an entirety (the "<u>Surviving Entity</u>")

(x) shall be a Person organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia; provided, that in the case where the Surviving Entity is not a corporation, a co-obligor of the Notes is a corporation; and

(y) shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture (in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee), executed and delivered to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on all of the Notes and the performance of every covenant of the Notes, this Indenture and the Registration Rights Agreement on the part of the Company to be performed or observed;

(ii) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction or series of transactions and the assumption contemplated by clause (i)(2)(y) above (including giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Debt, in each case, incurred or anticipated to be incurred in connection with or in respect of such transaction), the Company or such Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall either (x) be able to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Debt) pursuant to Section 4.09 hereof or (y) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is equal to or greater than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio immediately prior to such transaction or series of transactions; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this clause (ii) shall not apply during any Suspension Period;

(iii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions and the assumption contemplated by clause (i)(2)(y) above (including, without limitation, giving effect to any Indebtedness and Acquired Debt, in each case, incurred or anticipated to be incurred and any Lien granted in connection with or in respect of such transaction), no Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and

(iv) the Company or such Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition and, if a supplemental indenture is required in connection with such transaction, such supplemental indenture, complies with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and that all conditions precedent in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been satisfied.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the merger of the Company with an Affiliate incorporated solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another State of the United States or the District of Columbia shall be permitted without regard to clause (a)(ii) of this Section 5.01 and any Restricted Subsidiary may consolidate with, amalgamate with or merge with or into or wind up into or sell, assign, lease, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or part of its properties and assets to the Company. For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise, in a single transaction or series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Restricted Subsidiaries of the Company the Capital Stock of which constitutes all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company, shall be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company.

(b) Each Subsidiary Guarantor will not, and the Company will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, consolidate or merge with or into any Person other than the Company or any other Subsidiary Guarantor unless,

(i) if the Subsidiary Guarantor was a Person organized under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, the entity formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Subsidiary Guarantor) is a Person organized and existing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia; and

(ii) such entity assumes by supplemental indenture all of the obligations of the Subsidiary Guarantor on its Subsidiary Guarantee;

such Guarantor or such Person, as the case may be and in each case, being herein called the "Successor Person."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the requirements of this Section 5.01(b) will not apply to any transaction pursuant to which such Guarantor is permitted to be released from its Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.06 hereof or any transaction made in compliance with, if applicable, Section 4.10(a) hereof.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Subsidiary Guarantor may (1) merge, amalgamate or consolidate with or into, wind up into or sell, assign, transfer, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or part of its properties and assets to another Subsidiary Guarantor or the Company, (2) merge with an Affiliate of the Company solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Subsidiary Guarantor in the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, (3) convert into a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company or trust organized or existing under the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of such Subsidiary Guarantor or (4) solely with respect to any Subsidiary Guarantor, liquidate or dissolve or change its legal form if the Company determines in good faith that such action is in the best interests of the Company and is not materially disadvantageous to the Holders of the Notes.

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

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referring to the Company or such Guarantor, as applicable, shall refer instead to the Successor Person and not to the Company or such Guarantor, as applicable), and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or such Guarantor, as applicable, under this Indenture, the Notes, the Guarantees and the Registration Rights Agreement with the same effect as if such Successor Person had been named as the Company or a Guarantor, as applicable, herein, and, in the case of a predecessor Company or a Guarantor shall be automatically released from its obligations thereunder; <u>provided</u> that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligations under this Indenture, the Notes, and the Registration Rights Agreement in the case of a lease.

### ARTICLE VI

#### DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.01. Events of Default. An "Event of Default," wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(1) default for 30 days or more in the payment when due of interest on the Notes;

(2) default in payment when due of the principal of or premium, if any, on the Notes (including default in payment when due in connection with the purchase of Notes tendered pursuant to a Change of Control Offer or Net Proceeds Offer on the date specified for such payment in the applicable offer to purchase);

(3) failure by the Company to comply with its obligations under Section 5.01 hereof;

(4) a default by the Company in the observance or performance of its obligations under Section 4.03 hereof, which default continues for a period of 90 days after receipt by the Company of written notice thereof;

(5) a default in the observance or performance of any other covenant or agreement contained in this Indenture which default continues for a period of 60 days after the Company receives written notice specifying the default (and demanding that such default be remedied) from the Trustee or the Holders (with a copy to the Trustee) of at least 25.0% of the outstanding principal amount of the then outstanding Notes;

(6) the failure to pay at final stated maturity (giving effect to any applicable grace periods and any extensions thereto) the principal amount of any Indebtedness of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary of the Company, or any other default resulting in the acceleration of the final stated maturity of any such Indebtedness, if the aggregate principal amount of such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness in default for failure to pay principal at final maturity or which has been accelerated, aggregates \$50.0 million or more at any time; provided that if any such default is cured or waived or any acceleration rescinded or such Indebtedness is repaid within a period of twenty (20) days from the continuation of such default beyond any applicable grace period or the occurrence of such acceleration, as the case may be, such Event of Default under this Indenture and any consequential acceleration of the Notes shall automatically be rescinded so long as such rescission does not conflict with any judgment or decree;

(7) one or more judgments in an aggregate amount in excess of \$50.0 million (to the extent not covered by independent third party insurance as to which the insurer has not disclaimed coverage) shall have been rendered against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries and such judgments remain undischarged, unpaid or unstayed for a period of 90 days after such judgment or judgments become final and non-appealable;

(8) except as permitted by this Indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee of any Significant Subsidiary shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction in any non-appealable judicial proceeding to be

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unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary, or any Person acting on behalf of any such Guarantor, shall deny or disaffirm in writing its obligations under its Guarantee; or

(9) the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:

(i) commences proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent;

(ii) consents to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under applicable Bankruptcy Law;

(iii) consents to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of it or for all or substantially all of its property;

(iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or

(v) generally is not paying its debts as they become due;

(10) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:

(i) is for relief against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, in a proceeding in which the Company or any such Significant Subsidiary is to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent;

(ii) appoints a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, or for all or substantially all of the property of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries; or

(iii) orders the liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries;

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

#### SECTION 6.02. Acceleration.

(a) If an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in clause (9) or (10) of Section 6.01 hereof with respect to the Company) occurs and is continuing under this Indenture, the Trustee, by written notice to the Company, or the Holders of at least 25.0% in principal amount of the then total outstanding Notes by notice to the Company and the Trustee, may declare all amounts owing under the Notes to be due and payable immediately. Upon such declaration of acceleration, the aggregate principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on the outstanding Notes shall be due and payable immediately. The Trustee may withhold from the Holders notice of any continuing Default, except a Default relating to the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest, if it determines that withholding notice is in the Holders' interest. The Trustee shall have no obligation to accelerate the Notes if the Trustee in its best judgment determines that acceleration is not in the best interests of the Holders.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising under clause (9) or (10) of Section 6.01 hereof with respect to the Company, then all unpaid principal of, and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest on all outstanding Notes shall *ipso facto* become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

(c) At any time after an acceleration with respect to the Notes as described in Sections 6.02(a) and (b), but before a judgment or decree based on acceleration, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Notes may rescind and cancel such declaration and its consequences:

(i) if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree;

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(ii) if all existing Events of Default have been cured or waived except non-payment of principal or interest that has become due solely because of the acceleration; and

(iii) to the extent the payment of such interest is lawful, interest on overdue installments of interest and overdue principal, which has become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration, has been paid.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

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

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

SECTION 6.04. <u>Waiver of Past Defaults</u>. Subject to Section 6.02 hereof, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder (except a continuing Default in the payment of interest on, premium, if any, or the principal of any Notes) (including in connection with a Net Proceeds Offer or a Change of Control Offer). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

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

SECTION 6.06. Limitation on Suits. Subject to Section 6.07 hereof, no Holder of a Note may institute and proceeding or pursue any remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Notes unless:

(1) such Holder has previously given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(2) Holders of at least 25.0% in principal amount of the total outstanding Notes have requested in writing the Trustee to pursue the remedy;

(3) Holders have offered the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense;

(4) the Trustee has not complied with such request within 60 days after the receipt thereof and the offer of security or indemnity; and

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

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

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SECTION 6.07. <u>Rights of Holders to Receive Payment</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Note to receive payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Note, on or after the respective due dates expressed in the Note (including in connection with a Net Proceeds Offer or a Change of Control Offer but excluding any payments due by reason of an acceleration which has been cured or waived), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

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

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

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

SECTION 6.11. <u>Delay or Omission Not Waiver</u>. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Note to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

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

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

(i) to the Trustee, such Agent, their agents and attorneys for amounts due under this Indenture, including payment of all compensation, expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee or such Agent and the costs and expenses of collection;

(ii) to Holders for amounts due and unpaid on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on the Notes for principal, premium, if any, and interest, respectively; and

(iii) to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct including a Guarantor, if applicable.

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

SECTION 6.14. <u>Undertaking for Costs</u>. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.14 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Note pursuant to Section 6.07 hereof, or a suit by Holders of more than 10.0% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes.

## ARTICLE VII

### TRUSTEE

### SECTION 7.01. Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture on behalf of the Holders, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(i) the duties of the Trustee shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(ii) in the absence of willful misconduct or bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) this paragraph (c) does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.01;

(ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved in a court of competent jurisdiction that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.02, 6.04 or 6.05 hereof.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 7.01.

(e) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless the Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

# SECTION 7.02. Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent or attorney appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.

(e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Company shall be sufficient if signed by an Officer.

(f) None of the provisions of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any liability, financial or otherwise, in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not assured to it.

(g) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a Default or Event of Default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture.

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(h) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit) irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

(j) In the event the Company is required to pay Additional Interest, the Company will provide written notice to the Trustee of the Company's obligation to pay Additional Interest no later than 15 days prior to the next Interest Payment Date, which notice shall set forth the amount of the Additional Interest to be paid by the Company. The Trustee shall not at any time be under any duty or responsibility to any Holders to determine whether the Additional Interest is payable and the amount thereof.

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

(1) The permissive rights of the Trustee to take certain actions under this Indenture shall not be construed as a duty unless so specified herein.

(m) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit, and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled to examine the books, records and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company, and shall incur no liability or additional liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.

(n) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers and duties hereunder.

(o) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver a certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture.

SECTION 7.03. <u>Individual Rights of Trustee</u>. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Company or any of its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as Trustee (if this Indenture has been qualified under the Trust Indenture Act) or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11 hereof.

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

SECTION 7.05. <u>Notice of Defaults</u>. If a Default occurs and is continuing and if it is actually known to a Responsible Officer the Trustee, the Trustee shall deliver to Holders a notice of the Default within 90 days after it occurs. Except in the case of a Default relating to the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold from the Holders notice of any continuing Default if and so long as it in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders.

SECTION 7.06. <u>Reports by Trustee to Holders</u>. Within 60 days after each June 15, beginning with the June 15 following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee shall mail to the Holders a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a) (but if no event described in Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also shall comply with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(b)(2). The Trustee shall also transmit by mail all reports as required by Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders shall be mailed to the Company and filed with the SEC and each stock exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with Trust Indenture Act Section 313(d). The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing when the Notes are listed on any stock exchange and of any delisting thereof.

SECTION 7.07. <u>Compensation and Indemnity</u>. The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time such compensation for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder as the parties shall agree in writing from time to time. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket disbursements, advances and expenses incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, shall indemnify the Trustee for, and hold the Trustee harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred by it in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust and the performance of its duties hereunder (including the reasonable costs and expenses of enforcing this Indenture against the Company or any of the Guarantors (including this Section 7.07) or defending itself against any claim whether asserted by any Holder, the Company or any Guarantor, or any other Person or liability in connection with the acceptance, exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder) (but excluding taxes imposed on such persons in connection with compensation for such administration or performance). The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Trustee may have separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor need reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss, liability or expense incurred by the Trustee through the Trustee's own willful misconduct or negligence. Neither the Company nor any Guarantor need pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

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

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

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.01(9) or (10) hereof occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the reasonable fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The Trustee shall comply with the provisions of Trust Indenture Act Section 313(b)(2) to the extent applicable.

SECTION 7.08. <u>Replacement of Trustee</u>. A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided

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in this Section 7.08. The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Company. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Company in writing not less than 30 days prior to the effective date of such removal. The Company may remove the Trustee if:

(A) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10 hereof or Trust Indenture Act Section 310;

(B) the Trustee is adjudged bankrupt or insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;

(C) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or

(D) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

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

If a successor Trustee does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee (at the Company's expense), the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

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

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

The resigning Trustee shall have no responsibility or liability for any action or inaction of a successor Trustee.

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

SECTION 7.10. <u>Eligibility</u>; <u>Disqualification</u>. There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has, together with its parent, a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee is subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 310(b).

SECTION 7.11. <u>Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company</u>. The Trustee is subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in Trust Indenture Act Section 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to Trust Indenture Act Section 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

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#### ARTICLE VIII

### LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

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

SECTION 8.02. Legal Defeasance and Discharge. Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.02, the Company and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all outstanding Notes and Guarantees on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied ("Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company and the Guarantors shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which shall thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 hereof, to have cured all then existing Events of Default and to have satisfied all its other obligations under such Notes and this Indenture including that of the Guarantors (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which shall survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

(A) the rights of Holders of outstanding Notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on such Notes when such payments are due from the trust created pursuant to this Indenture referred to in Section 8.04 hereof;

(B) the Company's obligations with respect to the Notes concerning issuing temporary Notes, registration of Notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;

(C) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee, and the Company's obligations in connection therewith; and

(D) this Section 8.02.

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

SECTION 8.03. <u>Covenant Defeasance</u>. Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03, the Company and the Guarantors shall, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, be released from their obligations under the covenants contained in Sections 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.07, 4.08, 4.09, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.14, 4.15 and 4.16 hereof and clauses (ii) and (iv) of Section 5.01(a), and Section 5.01(b) hereof with respect to the outstanding Notes on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof are satisfied ("<u>Covenant Defeasance</u>"), and the Notes shall thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but shall continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes shall not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes and the Guarantees, the Company and the Guarantors may omit to comply with and shall have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document, and such omission to comply shall not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes and the

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Guarantees shall be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.01 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.03 hereof, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 hereof, Sections 6.01(4), 6.01(5) (solely with respect to the covenants that are released upon a Covenant Defeasance), 6.01(6), 6.01(7), 6.01(8), 6.01(9) (solely with respect to the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries) and 6.01(10) (solely with respect to the Company's Restricted Subsidiaries) hereof shall not constitute Events of Default.

SECTION 8.04. <u>Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance</u>. In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance with respect to the Notes:

(1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes, cash in U.S. dollars, U.S. Government Obligations, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient (without consideration of any reinvestment of interest), in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Notes on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable Redemption Date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether the Notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular Redemption Date; provided, that upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any deficit as of the date of redemption (any such amount, the "<u>Applicable Premium Deficit</u>") only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the date of redemption. Any Applicable Premium Deficit shall be set forth in an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such Applicable Premium Deficit that confirms that such Applicable Premium Deficit shall be applied toward such redemption;

(2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions

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

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

(3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel confirming that, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, the Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to such tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default (other than that resulting from borrowing funds to be applied to make such deposit and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith) shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit;

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under Credit Agreement or any other material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which, the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor is a party or by which the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor is bound (other than that resulting from any borrowing of funds to be applied to make the deposit required to effect such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance and any similar and simultaneous deposit relating to other Indebtedness, and, in each case, the granting of Liens in connection therewith);

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(6) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and subject to customary assumptions and exclusions following the deposit, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of Title 11 of the United States Code;

(7) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any creditors of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor or others; and

(8) the Company must deliver to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel (which Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions and exclusions), each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Opinion of Counsel required by the immediately preceding paragraph with respect to Legal Defeasance need not be delivered if all of the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (x) have become due and payable or (y) will become due and payable within one year or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company.

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

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

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

SECTION 8.06. <u>Repayment to Company</u>. Subject to any applicable abandoned property law, any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, and premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) shall be discharged from such trust; and the Holder of such Note shall thereafter look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease.

SECTION 8.07. <u>Reinstatement</u>. If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any United States dollars or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and the Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the Notes and the

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Guarantees shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03 hereof, as the case may be; <u>provided</u> that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Note following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

SECTION 9.01. <u>Without Consent of Holders</u>. Notwithstanding Section 9.02 hereof, the Company, any Guarantor (with respect to a Guarantee or this Indenture to which it is a party) and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture and any Guarantee or Notes without the consent of any Holder:

(1) to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency;

(2) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes;

(3) to comply with Section 5.01 hereof and to provide the assumption of the Company's or any Guarantor's obligations to the Holders;

(4) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Notes or that does not adversely affect in any material respect the legal rights under this Indenture of any such Holder

(5) to add any Person as a Guarantor;

(6) to comply with any requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;

(7) to remove a Guarantor which, in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, ceases to be liable in respect of its Guarantee;

(8) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under this Indenture by a successor Trustee;

(9) to secure all of the Notes;

(10) to add to the covenants of the Company or any Guarantor for the benefit of the Holders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company or any Guarantor;

(11) to conform the text of this Indenture, Guarantees or the Notes to any provision of the "Description of Notes" section of the Offering Memorandum to the extent that such provision in such "Description of Notes" section was intended to be a verbatim recitation of a provision of this Indenture, Guarantee or Notes, as provided to the Trustee in an Officer's Certificate;

(12) to provide for the issuance of Additional Notes in accordance with the terms of this Indenture;

(13) to provide for the issuance of exchange notes or private exchange notes, which are identical to exchange notes except that they are not freely transferable; and

(14) to make any amendment to the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer and legending of Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including, without limitation to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes; <u>provided</u>, that (a) compliance with this Indenture as so amended would not result in Notes being transferred in violation of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder, or any other applicable securities law and (b) such amendment does not materially and adversely affect the rights of Holders to transfer Notes.

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Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof (to the extent requested by the Trustee), the Trustee shall join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall have the right, but not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Opinion of Counsel nor an Officer's Certificate shall be required in connection with the addition of a Guarantor under this Indenture upon execution and delivery by such Guarantor and the Trustee of a supplemental indenture to this Indenture, the form of which is attached as <u>Exhibit D</u> hereto, <u>provided</u> that the execution thereof shall be deemed a representation by such Guarantor(s) that all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, relating to the execution of such supplemental indenture have been satisfied and the supplemental indenture is enforceable in accordance with its terms subject to (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance and similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally and (ii) general principles of equity.

SECTION 9.02. With Consent of Holders. Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Notes and the Guarantees with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) then outstanding voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07 hereof, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Notes, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes (including Additional Notes, if any) voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Notes); Section 2.08 hereof and Section 2.09 hereof shall determine which Notes are considered to be "outstanding" for the purposes of this Section 9.02.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02 hereof, the Trustee shall join with the Company and the Guarantors in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but shall not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. A consent to any amendment or waiver under this Indenture by any Holder of Notes given in connection with a tender of such Holder's Notes will not be rendered invalid by such tender.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Company shall deliver to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Company to deliver such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver.

Without the consent of each affected Holder of Notes, an amendment or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not, with respect to any Notes held by a nonconsenting Holder:

(1) reduce the principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver, including the waiver of Defaults or Events of Default, or to a rescission and cancellation of a declaration of acceleration of the Notes;

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(2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any Notes, or change the date on which any Notes may be subject to redemption, or reduce the redemption price therefor; <u>provided</u> that any amendment to the minimum notice requirement may be made with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of Notes then outstanding;

(3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest, including defaulted interest, on any Notes;

(4) waive a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any Note, except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes and a waiver of the payment Default that resulted from such acceleration;

(5) make any Notes payable in money other than that stated in the Notes;

(6) make any change in this Article IX that is materially adverse to the Holders;

(7) make any change in the provisions of this Indenture protecting the right of each Holder to receive payment of principal of and interest on such Note on or after the due date thereof or to bring suit to enforce such payment;

(8) contractually subordinate the Notes or the Guarantees to any other Indebtedness in a manner materially adverse to Holders; or

(9) release any Guarantor that is a Significant Subsidiary from any of its obligations under its Guarantee or this Indenture, except as permitted by this Indenture.

SECTION 9.03. <u>Compliance with Trust Indenture Act</u>. Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in an amended or supplemental indenture that complies in all material respects with the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

SECTION 9.04. <u>Revocation and Effect of Consents</u>. Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Note is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Note and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder of a Note or subsequent Holder of a Note may revoke the consent as to its Note if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement, or waiver. If a record date is fixed, then, notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, those Persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only such Persons, shall be entitled to consent to such amendment, supplement, or waiver or to revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such Persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date unless the consent of the requisite number of Holders has been obtained.

SECTION 9.05. Notation on or Exchange of Notes. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Notes may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Notes that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Note shall not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

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SECTION 9.06. <u>Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc</u>. The Trustee shall sign any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to this Article IX if the amendment, supplement or waiver does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. The Company may not sign an amendment, supplement or waiver until the Board of Directors of the Company approves it. In executing any amendment, supplement or waiver, the Trustee shall receive, and shall be fully protected in relying conclusively upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 12.04 hereof, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that such amendment, supplement or waiver is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company and any Guarantors party thereto, enforceable against them in accordance with its terms, subject to customary exceptions, and complies with the provisions hereof (including Section 9.03 hereof).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither an Opinion of Counsel nor an Officer's Certificate will be required for the Trustee to execute any amendment or supplement adding a new Guarantor under this Indenture.

## ARTICLE X

# **GUARANTEES**

SECTION 10.01. <u>Guarantee</u>. Subject to this Article X, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees, on an unsecured basis, to each Holder of a Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or the Obligations of the Company hereunder or thereunder, that (a) the principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Notes shall be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on the Notes, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Company to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder, including for expenses, indemnification or otherwise, shall be promptly paid in full, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and (b) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Notes or any of such other Obligations, that same shall be promptly paid in full when due in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise. Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors shall be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same promptly. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder shall be unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Notes or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Company, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor (other than payment in full of all of the Obligations of the Company hereunder and under the Notes). Each Guarantor hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company, any right to require a proceeding first against the Company, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenants that this Guarantee shall not be discharged except by full payment of the obligations contained in the Notes and this Indenture or by release in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture.

Each Guarantor also agrees to pay any and all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by the Trustee or any Holder in enforcing any rights under this Section 10.01.

If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Company, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Company or the Guarantors, then any amount paid either to the Trustee or such Holder, then this Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, shall be reinstated in full force and effect.

Until terminated in accordance with Section 10.06, each Guarantor agrees that it shall not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (x) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in Article VI hereof for the purposes of this Guarantee, notwithstanding any stay, injunction

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or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (y) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in Article VI hereof, such obligations (whether or not due and payable) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for the purpose of this Guarantee. The Guarantors shall have the right to seek contribution from any nonpaying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Guarantees.

Each Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against the Company for liquidation, reorganization, should the Company become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of the Company's assets, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment of the Notes are, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by any obligee on the Notes or Guarantees, whether as a "voidable preference," "fraudulent transfer" or otherwise, all as though such payment had not been made. In the event that any payment or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, the Notes shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned.

In case any provision of any Guarantee shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

The Guarantee issued by any Guarantor shall be a general unsecured senior obligation of such Guarantor and shall be pari passu in right of payment with all existing and future senior Indebtedness of such Guarantor, if any.

Each payment to be made by a Guarantor in respect of its Guarantee shall be made without setoff, counterclaim, reduction or diminution of any kind or nature.

SECTION 10.02. Limitation on Guarantor Liability. Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of the Notes, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each Guarantor shall be limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this Article X, result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under applicable law. Each Guarantor that makes a payment under its Guarantee shall be entitled upon payment in full of all guaranteed obligations under this Indenture to a contribution from each other Guarantor in an amount equal to such other Guarantor's *pro rata* portion of such payment based on the respective net assets of all the Guarantors at the time of such payment determined in accordance with GAAP.

### SECTION 10.03. Execution and Delivery.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the absence of the endorsement of any notation of such Guarantee on the Notes.

If an Officer whose signature is on this Indenture no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Note, the Guarantee of such Guarantor shall be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Note by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, shall constitute due delivery of the Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guaranters.

If required by Section 4.15 hereof, the Company shall cause any newly created or acquired Restricted Subsidiary to comply with the provisions of Section 4.15 hereof and this Article X, to the extent applicable.

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SECTION 10.04. <u>Subrogation</u>. Subject to the fifth paragraph of Section 10.01 and Section 10.02, each Guarantor shall be subrogated to all rights of Holders against the Company in respect of any amounts paid by any Guarantor pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.01 hereof; <u>provided</u> that, if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no Guarantor shall be entitled to enforce or receive any payments arising out of, or based upon, such right of subrogation until all amounts then due and payable by the Company under this Indenture or the Notes shall have been paid in full.

SECTION 10.05. <u>Benefits Acknowledged</u>. Each Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive direct and indirect benefits from the financing arrangements contemplated by this Indenture and that the guarantee and waivers made by it pursuant to its Guarantee are knowingly made in contemplation of such benefits.

SECTION 10.06. <u>Release of Guarantees</u>. Each Guarantee by a Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released and discharged and shall thereupon terminate and be of no further force and effect, and no further action by such Guarantor, the Company or the Trustee is required for the release of such Guarantor's Guarantee:

(1) upon any sale or other disposition (by merger, amalgamation, consolidation or otherwise) of (i) all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor in accordance with this Indenture or (ii) the Capital Stock of such Guarantor, in each case, after which the applicable Guarantor is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary;

(2) if such Guarantor merges with and into the Company, with the Company surviving such merger;

(3) if such Guarantor is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with this Indenture or otherwise ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary (including by way of liquidation or dissolution) in a transaction permitted by this Indenture;

(4) upon the exercise by the Company of its Legal Defeasance option or Covenant Defeasance option in accordance with Article VIII hereof or the discharge of the Company's obligations under this Indenture in accordance with the terms of this Indenture; and

(5) if a Subsidiary Guarantor ceases to be a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary and such Subsidiary Guarantor is not otherwise required to provide a Subsidiary Guarantee of the Notes pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.15 hereunder; or

(6) upon the release or discharge of the guarantee by such Guarantor of Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement, or the release or discharge of such other guarantee that resulted in the creation of such Guarantee, except a discharge or release by or as a result of payment under such guarantee (it being understood that a release subject to a contingent reinstatement is still a release, and that if any such guarantee is so reinstated, such Guarantee shall also be reinstated to the extent that such Guarantor would then be required to provide a Guarantee pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.15 hereunder, and

in each of the cases of the foregoing clauses (1) through (6), the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to such transaction have been complied with.

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### ARTICLE XI

## SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

SECTION 11.01. Satisfaction and Discharge. This Indenture shall be discharged and shall cease to be of further effect as to all Notes, when either:

(1) all the Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed Notes which have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company as provided for hereunder) have been delivered to the Registrar for cancellation, and

(i) the Company has paid all sums payable under this Indenture by the Company, and

(ii) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that all conditions precedent under this Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with; or

(2) the Company shall have given notice of redemption of all of the Notes, all of the Notes shall have otherwise become due and payable or all of the Notes will become due and payable, or may be called for redemption, within one year, and

(i) the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee or another trustee funds, in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, U.S. legal tender, U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient (without consideration of any reinvestment of interest) to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness (including all principal and accrued interest) on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, together with irrevocable instructions from the Company directing the Trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be; provided, that upon any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this Indenture to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any Applicable Premium Deficit only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the date of redemption. Any Applicable Premium Deficit shall be set forth in an Officer's Certificate delivered to the Trustee simultaneously with the deposit of such Applicable Premium Deficit that confirms that such Applicable Premium Deficit shall be applied toward such redemption;

(ii) the Company has paid all other sums payable under this Indenture; and

(iii) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that all conditions precedent under this Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (i) of clause (2) of this Section 11.01, the provisions of Section 11.02 and Section 8.06 hereof shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.

SECTION 11.02. <u>Application of Trust Money</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.06 hereof, all money deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 11.01 hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company or a Guarantor acting as its own Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with the Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

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If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 11.01 hereof by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 11.01 hereof; <u>provided</u> that if the Company has made any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

### ARTICLE XII

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

SECTION 12.01. <u>Trust Indenture Act Controls</u>. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Trust Indenture Act Section 318(c), the imposed duties shall control.

SECTION 12.02. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice or communication by the Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), facsimile, electronic mail (in ".pdf" format) or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

If to the Company:

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Chief Financial Officer Facsimile: (404) 892-0968

with a copy to:

Ropes & Gray LLP 800 Boylston St.; Prudential Tower Boston, MA 02199 Attention: Byung W. Choi Facsimile: (617) 235-0452

If to the Trustee:

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association 7000 Central Parkway NE; Suite 550 Atlanta, GA 30328 Attention: Corporate Trust Services Fax: (770) 551-5118

The Company, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others, may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five calendar days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed by first-class mail; on the first date on which publication is made or electronic delivery made; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery; <u>provided</u> that any notice or communication delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed effective upon actual receipt thereof.

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Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be electronically delivered, mailed by first-class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the Note Register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication shall also be so delivered or mailed to any Person described in Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c), to the extent required by the Trust Indenture Act.

Failure to deliver a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

If a notice or communication is mailed or otherwise delivered in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, such notice or communication shall be deemed duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Company delivers or mails a notice or communication to Holders, it shall deliver or mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

SECTION 12.03. <u>Communication by Holders with Other Holders</u>. Holders may communicate pursuant to Trust Indenture Act Section 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of Trust Indenture Act Section 312(c).

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or any Note, where this Indenture or any Note provides for notice of any event or any other communication (including any notice of redemption or repurchase) to a holder of a Global Note (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depository (or its designee) pursuant to the standing instructions from the Depository or its designee, including by electronic mail in accordance with accepted practices at the Depository.

SECTION 12.04. <u>Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent</u>. Upon any request or application by the Company or any of the Guarantors to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture (other than as set forth in the last sentence of Section 9.06 and with respect to clause (B) below, in connection with the initial issuance of Notes on the Issue Date), the Company or such Guarantor, as the case may be, shall furnish to the Trustee:

(A) An Officer's Certificate in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and

(B) An Opinion of Counsel in form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which shall include the statements set forth in Section 12.05 hereof) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

SECTION 12.05. <u>Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion</u>. Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to Section 4.04 hereof or Trust Indenture Act Section 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of Trust Indenture Act Section 314(e) and shall include:

(A) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(B) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(C) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with (and, in the case of an Opinion of Counsel, may be limited to reliance on an Officer's Certificate as to matters of fact); and

(D) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to matters of fact, an Opinion of Counsel may rely on an Officer's Certificate or certificates of public officials.

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SECTION 12.06. <u>Rules by Trustee and Agents</u>. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

SECTION 12.07. <u>No Personal Liability of Directors</u>, <u>Officers</u>, <u>Employees and Stockholders</u>. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, member, manager, partner, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor, or any parent company or subsidiary of the Company and the Guarantors (other than the Company and the Guarantors) shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, this Indenture, the Guarantees or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes

SECTION 12.08. <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES AND ANY GUARANTEE WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 12.09. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH OF THE COMPANY, THE GUARANTORS, AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

SECTION 12.10. <u>Force Majeure</u>. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications or computer (software or hardware) services.

SECTION 12.11. <u>No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements</u>. This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

SECTION 12.12. <u>Successors</u>. All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture shall bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in Section 10.06 hereof.

SECTION 12.13. <u>Severability</u>. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 12.14. <u>Counterpart Originals</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. This Indenture may be executed in multiple counterparts, which, when taken together, shall constitute one instrument. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmissions shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

SECTION 12.15. <u>Table of Contents, Headings, etc</u>. The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

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SECTION 12.16. <u>Qualification of Indenture</u>. The Company and the Guarantors shall qualify this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Registration Rights Agreement and shall pay all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees and expenses for the Company, the Guarantors and the Trustee) incurred in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, costs and expenses of qualification of this Indenture and the Notes and printing this Indenture and the Notes. The Trustee shall be entitled to receive from the Company and the Guarantors any such Officer's Certificates, Opinions of Counsel or other documentation as it may reasonably request and as is necessary in connection with any such qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 12.17. <u>USA PATRIOT Act</u>. The parties hereto acknowledge that in order to help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, pursuant to federal regulations that became effective on October 1, 2003, Section 326 of the USA PATRIOT Act requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person establishing a relationship or opening an account with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. The parties hereto agree that they will provide the Trustee with name, address, tax identification number, if applicable, and other information that will allow the Trustee to identify the individual or entity who is establishing the relationship, and will further provide the Trustee with formation documents such as articles of incorporation or other identifying documents.

[Signatures on following page]

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## THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CARTER'S INC., as Guarantor

# By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OSHKOSH B'GOSH INC., as Guarantor

## By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CARTER'S RETAIL INC., as Guarantor

#### By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

TWCC PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND SALES, INC., as Guarantor

By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CARTER'S GIFTCARD COMPANY, INC., as Guarantor

# By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name:Richard F. WestenbergerTitle:Executive Vice President and Chief Financial<br/>Officer

Signature Page to Indenture (Senior Notes)

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By: /s/ Stefan Victory

Name: Stefan Victor Title: Vice President

# EXHIBIT A

CUSIP: [ ] ISIN: [ ]

# [Front of Note] [RULE 144A][REGULATION S][IAI] GLOBAL NOTE

5.250% Senior Notes due 2021

No.

[Up to] US\$[ ]

# THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

promises to pay to or registered assigns,

the principal sum of [the principal sum set forth on the Schedule of Exchange of Interests in the Global Note attached hereto] [DOLLARS] on August 15, 2021.

Interest Payment Dates: February 15 and August 15, beginning February 15, 2014

Record Dates: February 1 and August 1

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the Company has caused this instrument to be duly executed.

# THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

By:

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee

Ву:

Authorized Signatory

Dated:

### [Back of Note] 5.250% Senior Note due 2021

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

1. INTEREST. The William Carter Company (the "<u>Company</u>"), promises to pay interest on the principal amount of this Note at a rate per annum of 5.250% from August 12, 2013 until maturity and to pay the Additional Interest, if any, payable pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement referred to below. The Company will pay interest on this Note semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2014 or, if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an "<u>Interest Payment Date</u>"). The Company will make each interest payment to the Holder of record of this Note on the immediately preceding February 1 and August 1 (each, a "<u>Record Date</u>"). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance; <u>provided</u> that the first Interest Payment Date shall be February 15, 2014. The Company will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal and premium, if any, from time to time on demand at the rate borne by this Note; it shall pay interest (including post-petition interest in any applicable grace periods) from time to time on demand at the rate borne by this Note; it soll grace periods) from time to time on demand at the rate borne by this Note; it soll grace periods) from time to time on demand at the rate borne by this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

2. METHOD OF PAYMENT. The Company will pay interest on this Note to the Person who is the registered Holder of this Note at the close of business on the Record Date (whether or not a Business Day) next preceding the Interest Payment Date, even if this Note is cancelled after such Record Date and on or before such Interest Payment Date, except as provided in Section 2.12 of the Indenture with respect to defaulted interest. Payments of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes will be payable at the office or agency of the Company maintained pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Indenture or, at the option of the Company, may be made by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the Note Register, provided that (a) all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest on, Notes represented by Global Notes registered in the name of or held by DTC or its nominee will be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Holder or Holders thereof and (b) all payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest will be made by wire transfer to a U.S. dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in the United States if such Holder elects payment by wire transfer by giving written notice to the Trustee or the Paying Agent to such effect designating such account no later than 30 days immediately preceding the relevant due date for payment (or such other date as the Trustee may accept in its discretion). Such payment shall be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts. If a payment date is on a Legal Holiday, payment will be made on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

3. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR. Initially, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, the Trustee under the Indenture, will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Company may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to any Holder. The Company or any of its domestic Subsidiaries may act in any such capacity.

4. INDENTURE. The Company issued the Notes under an Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2013 (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), between The William Carter Company, the initial Guarantors party thereto and the Trustee. The Company shall be entitled to issue Additional Notes pursuant to Sections 2.01 and 4.09 of the Indenture, and such Additional Notes will vote as a class with the Notes and otherwise be treated as Notes for purposes of the Indenture, subject to the provisions of Section 9.02 of the Indenture. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "<u>Trust Indenture Act</u>"). The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the Trust Indenture Act for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

### 5. OPTIONAL REDEMPTION.

(a) At any time prior to August 15, 2017, the Company may redeem all or a part of the Notes from time to time upon notice as set forth in Section 3.03 of the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to 100.0% of the principal amount of the Notes redeemed, *plus* the Applicable Premium as of the Redemption Date, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but excluding) the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date).

(b) At any time prior to August 15, 2016, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35.0% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Additional Notes (taken together) issued under the Indenture with the Net Cash Proceeds of one or more Equity Offerings at a redemption price of 105.250% of the principal amount thereof, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to (but excluding) the Redemption Date (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant Record Date to receive interest due on the relevant Interest Payment Date); <u>provided</u> that: (1) at least 65.0% of the aggregate principal amount of Notes and Additional Notes (taken together) issued under the Indenture remains outstanding after each such redemption; and (2) the redemption occurs within 90 days after the closing of such Equity Offering.

(c) Except pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) of Section 3.07 of the Indenture, the Notes will not be redeemable at the Company's option prior to August 15, 2017.

(d) On or after August 15, 2017, the Company may, at its option, redeem all or a part of the Notes from time to time upon notice as set forth in Section 3.03 of the Indenture, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed) set forth below, *plus* accrued and unpaid interest to (but excluding) the Redemption Date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on August 15 of the years indicated below:

Year	Percentage
2017	102.625%
2018	101.313%
2019 and thereafter	100.000%

(e) Any redemption pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Indenture shall be made pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3.01 through 3.06 of the Indenture.

6. MANDATORY REDEMPTION; OFFERS TO PURCHASE AND OPEN MARKET PURCHASES. The Company will not be required to make any mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. However, under certain circumstances, the Company may be required to offer to purchase Notes as described under Sections 4.10 and 4.14 of the Indenture.

7. NOTICE OF REDEMPTION. Subject to Section 3.03 of the Indenture, the Company shall deliver electronically, mail or cause to be mailed by first-class mail (or otherwise deliver in accordance with Applicable Procedures) notices of redemption at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the Redemption Date to each Holder to be redeemed at such Holder's registered address or otherwise in accordance with Applicable Procedures, except that redemption notices may be mailed or delivered more than 60 days prior to a Redemption Date if the notice is issued in connection with Article VIII or Article XI of the Indenture.

8. OFFERS TO REPURCHASE. Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, the Company shall make a Change of Control Offer in accordance with Section 4.14 of the Indenture. In connection with certain Asset Sales, the Company shall make a Net Proceeds Offer as and when provided in accordance with Sections 3.09 and 4.10 of the Indenture.

9. DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE. The Notes are in registered form without coupons in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000. The transfer of Notes shall be registered and Notes may only be exchanged as provided in the Indenture. The Registrar and the Trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and the Company may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Company need not issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except

for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part. Also, the Company need not issue, exchange or register the transfer of any Notes during the period of 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of Notes to be redeemed or between a Record Date with respect to such Note and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date with respect to such Note.

10. PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS. The registered Holder shall be treated as its owner for all purposes. Only registered Holders shall have rights hereunder.

11. AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER. The Indenture, the Guarantees or the Notes may be amended or supplemented as provided in the Indenture.

12. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES. The Events of Default relating to the Notes are defined in Section 6.01 of the Indenture. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25.0% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes by notice to the Company may declare the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then outstanding Notes to be due and payable immediately. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency with respect to the Company, all outstanding Notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. Holders may not enforce the Indenture, the Notes or the Guarantees except as provided in the Indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Notes may direct the Trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The Trustee may withhold from Holders notice of any continuing Default (except a Default relating to the payment of principal, premium, if any, or interest) if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes waive any existing Default or and its consequences under the Indenture except a continuing Default in payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any of the Notes held by a non-consenting Holder; provided that the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of Notes may rescind and cancel certain declarations of acceleration of the Notes as provided in the Indenture. The Company is required to deliver to the Trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the Indenture, and the Status thereof.

13. AUTHENTICATION. This Note shall not be entitled to any benefit under the Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee.

14. ADDITIONAL RIGHTS OF HOLDERS OF RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES AND RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES. In addition to the rights provided to Holders of Notes under the Indenture, Holders of Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes shall have all the rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of the Issue Date, among the Company, the initial Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers and, with respect to any Additional Notes, one or more registration rights agreements between the Company and the other parties thereto, as such agreement(s) may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, relating to rights given by the Company to the purchasers of Additional Notes to register such Additional Notes under the Securities Act (the "<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>"), including the right to receive Additional Interest (as defined in the Registration Rights Agreement).

15. GOVERNING LAW. THE INDENTURE, THIS NOTE AND ANY GUARANTEE WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

16. CUSIP AND ISIN NUMBERS. Pursuant to a recommendation promulgated by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, the Company has caused CUSIP and ISIN numbers to be printed on the Notes and the Trustee may use CUSIP and ISIN numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders. No representation is made as to the accuracy of such numbers either as printed on the Notes or as contained in any notice of redemption and reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers placed thereon.

The Company will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture and/or the Registration Rights Agreement. Requests may be made to the Company at the following address:

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30309 Tel. No.: (404) 745-2700

ASSIGNMENT FORM		
To assign this Note, fill in the form below:		
(I) or (we) assign and transfer this Note to:		
		(Insert assignee's legal name)
(Insert assi	ignee's soc. sec. or tax I.D.	no.)
(Print or type as	signee's name, address and	zip code)
and irrevocably appoint		to transfer
this Note on the books of the Company. The agent may substitute anoth	her to act for him.	
Date:		
	Your Signature:	
		(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)
Signature Guarantee*:		

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

If you want to elect to have this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or 4.14 of the Indenture, check the appropriate box below:

[ ] Section 4.10 [ ] Section 4.14

If you want to elect to have only part of this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 4.10 or Section 4.14 of the Indenture, state the amount you elect to have purchased:

\$

Date:

Your Signature:

(Sign exactly as your name appears on the face of this Note)

Tax Identification No.:

Signature Guarantee\*:

\* Participant in a recognized Signature Guarantee Medallion Program (or other signature guarantor acceptable to the Trustee).

# SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES OF INTERESTS IN THE GLOBAL NOTE\*

The initial outstanding principal amount of this Global Note is [ ]. The following exchanges of a part of this Global Note for an interest in another Global Note or for a Definitive Note, or exchanges of a part of another Global or Definitive Note for an interest in this Global Note, have been made:

			Principal	
	Amount of	Amount of	Amount of this	Signature of
	decrease in	increase in	Global Note	authorized
	Principal	Principal	following such	signatory of
	Amount of this	Amount of this	decrease or	Trustee or
Date of Exchange	Global Note	Global Note	increase	Custodian

\* This schedule should be included only if the Note is issued in global form.

#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSFER

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Chief Financial Officer Fax No.: (404) 892-0968

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee and Registrar – DAPS Reorg MAC N9303-121 608 2nd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55479 Telephone No.: (877) 872-4605 Fax No.: (866) 969-1290 Email: DAPSReorg@wellsfargo.com

#### Re: 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2013 (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), between The William Carter Company, the initial Guarantors party thereto and the Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

(the "<u>Transferor</u>") owns and proposes to transfer the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified in Annex A hereto, in the principal amount of s in such Note[s] or interests (the "<u>Transfer</u>"), to (the "<u>Transferee</u>"), as further specified in Annex A hereto. In connection with the Transfer, the Transferor hereby certifies that:

#### [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

1. [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE RELEVANT 144A GLOBAL NOTE OR RELEVANT DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO RULE 144A. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144A under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that the beneficial interest or Definitive Note is being transferred to a Person that the Transferor reasonably believes is purchasing the beneficial interest or Definitive Note for its own account, or for one or more accounts with respect to which such Person exercises sole investment discretion, and such Person and each such account is a "qualified institutional buyer" within the meaning of Rule 144A in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

2. [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE RELEVANT REGULATION S GLOBAL NOTE OR RELEVANT DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and, accordingly, the Transferor hereby further certifies that (i) the Transfer is not being made to a person in the United States and (x) at the time the buy order was originated, the Transferee was outside the United States or such Transferor and any Person acting on its behalf reasonably believed and believes that the Transferee was outside the United States or (y) the transaction was executed in, on or through the facilities of a designated offshore securities market and neither such Transferor nor any Person acting on its behalf knows that the transaction was prearranged with a buyer in the United States, (ii) no directed selling efforts have been made in contravention of the requirements of Rule 903(b) or Rule 904(b) of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (iii) the transaction is not part of a plan or scheme to evade the registration requirements of the Securities Act and (iv) if the proposed transfer is being made prior to the expiration of the applicable Restricted Period, the transfer is not being made to a U.S. Person

or for the account or benefit of a U.S. Person (other than an Initial Purchaser). Upon consummation of the proposed transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will be subject to the restrictions on Transfer enumerated in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

3. [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE RELEVANT IAI GLOBAL NOTE OR RELEVANT DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO RULE 501. The Transfer is being effected to an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a) (1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act) that has furnished to the Trustee a signed letter substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u> of the Indenture, and such Transfer is in compliance with any applicable blue sky laws of any state of the United States.

4. [ ] CHECK AND COMPLETE IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN THE RELEVANT DEFINITIVE NOTE PURSUANT TO ANY PROVISION OF THE SECURITIES ACT OTHER THAN RULE 144A OR REGULATION S. The Transfer is being effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to beneficial interests in Restricted Global Notes and Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States, and accordingly the Transferor hereby further certifies that (check one):

(a) [ ] such Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act; or

(b) [ ] such Transfer is being effected to the Company or a subsidiary thereof; or

(c) [ ] such Transfer is being effected pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act and in compliance with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

5. [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFEREE WILL TAKE DELIVERY OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OR OF AN UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE.

(a) [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO RULE 144. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(b) [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO REGULATION S. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 under the Securities Act and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will no longer be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes, on Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

(c) [ ] CHECK IF TRANSFER IS PURSUANT TO OTHER EXEMPTION. (i) The Transfer is being effected pursuant to and in compliance with an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act other than Rule 144, Rule 903 or Rule 904 and in compliance with the transfer restrictions contained in the Indenture and any applicable blue sky securities laws of any State of the United States and (ii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act. Upon consummation of the proposed Transfer in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the transferred beneficial interest or Definitive Note will not be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Global Notes or Restricted Definitive Notes and in the Indenture.

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This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company.

[Insert Name of Transferor]

By:

Name: Title:

Dated:

# 1. The Transferor owns and proposes to transfer the following:

[CHECK ONE OF (a) OR (b)]

(a) [ ] a beneficial interest in the:

- (i) [ ] 144A Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
- (ii) [ ] Regulation S Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
- (iii) [ ] IAI Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
- (b) [ ] a Restricted Definitive Note.
- 2. After the Transfer the Transferee will hold:

[CHECK ONE]

- (a) [ ] a beneficial interest in the:
  - (i) [ ] 144A Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
  - (ii) [ ] Regulation S Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
  - (iii) [ ] IAI Global Note ([CUSIP: ]), or
  - (iv) [ ] Unrestricted Global Note ([ ] [ ]), or
- (b) [ ] a Restricted Definitive Note; or
- (c) [ ] an Unrestricted Definitive Note, in accordance with the terms of the Indenture.

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#### FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF EXCHANGE

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Chief Financial Officer Fax No.: (404) 892-0968

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee and Registrar – DAPS Reorg MAC N9303-121 608 2nd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55479 Telephone No.: (877) 872-4605 Fax No.: (866) 969-1290 Email: DAPSReorg@wellsfargo.com

#### Re: 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021

Reference is hereby made to the Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2013 (the "Indenture"), between The William Carter Company, the initial Guarantors party thereto and the Trustee. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Indenture.

(the "<u>Owner</u>") owns and proposes to exchange the Note[s] or interest in such Note[s] specified herein, in the principal amount of \$ in such Note[s] or interests (the "<u>Exchange</u>"). In connection with the Exchange, the Owner hereby certifies that:

# 1) EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE FOR UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES

a) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note of the same series in an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

b) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note of the same series, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

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c) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN AN UNRESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in an Unrestricted Global Note of the same series, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the beneficial interest is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

d) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO UNRESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Owner's Exchange of a Restricted Definitive Note for an Unrestricted Definitive Note of the same series, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer, (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to Restricted Definitive Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, (iii) the restrictions on transfer contained in the Indenture and the Private Placement Legend are not required in order to maintain compliance with the Securities Act and (iv) the Unrestricted Definitive Note is being acquired in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States.

2) EXCHANGE OF RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES FOR RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTES OF THE SAME SERIES OR BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTES OF THE SAME SERIES

a) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE TO RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's beneficial interest in a Restricted Global Note for a Restricted Definitive Note of the same series with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies that the Restricted Definitive Note is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Restricted Definitive Note issued will continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the Restricted Definitive Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

b) [ ] CHECK IF EXCHANGE IS FROM RESTRICTED DEFINITIVE NOTE TO BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN A RESTRICTED GLOBAL NOTE OF THE SAME SERIES. In connection with the Exchange of the Owner's Restricted Definitive Note for a beneficial interest in the [CHECK ONE]:

- [ ] 144A Global Note,
- [ ] Regulation S Global Note or
- [ ] IAI Global Note,

in each case of the same series, with an equal principal amount, the Owner hereby certifies (i) the beneficial interest is being acquired for the Owner's own account without transfer and (ii) such Exchange has been effected in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Restricted Global Notes and pursuant to and in accordance with the Securities Act, and in compliance with any applicable blue sky securities laws of any state of the United States. Upon consummation of the proposed Exchange in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the beneficial interest issued will be subject to the restrictions on transfer enumerated in the Private Placement Legend printed on the relevant Restricted Global Note and in the Indenture and the Securities Act.

This certificate and the statements contained herein are made for your benefit and the benefit of the Company and are dated

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[Insert Name of Transferor]

By:

Name: Title:

## FORM OF SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE TO BE DELIVERED BY SUBSEQUENT GUARANTORS

Supplemental Indenture (this "<u>Supplemental Indenture</u>"), dated as of [ ], among [ ] (the "<u>Guaranteeing Subsidiary</u>"), a subsidiary of The William Carter Company, a Massachusetts corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>").

# WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company and the initial Guarantors have heretofore executed and delivered to the Trustee an Indenture (the "<u>Indenture</u>"), dated as of August 12, 2013, providing for the issuance of an unlimited aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "<u>Notes</u>");

WHEREAS, the Indenture provides that under certain circumstances the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall execute and deliver to the Trustee a supplemental indenture pursuant to which the Guaranteeing Subsidiary shall unconditionally guarantee all of the Company's Obligations under the Notes and the Indenture on the terms and conditions set forth herein and under the Indenture (the "Guarantee"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9.01 of the Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to execute and deliver this Supplemental Indenture.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties mutually covenant and agree for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders as follows:

(1) Capitalized Terms. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture.

(2) <u>Agreement to Guarantee</u>. The Guaranteeing Subsidiary hereby agrees to provide an unconditional Guarantee on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Indenture including, but not limited to, Article X thereof.

(3) <u>No Recourse Against Others</u>. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, member, manager, partner, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or any Guarantor, or any parent companies or subsidiaries of the Company and the Guarantors (other than the Company and the Guarantors) shall have any liability for any obligations of the Company or the Guarantors under the Notes, the Indenture, this Supplemental Indenture, the Guarantees or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Notes by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes.

(4) <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(5) <u>Counterparts</u>. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Supplemental Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in multiple counterparts, which, when taken together, shall constitute one instrument. The exchange of copies of this Supplemental Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or PDF transmissions shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Supplemental Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

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(6) Effect of Headings. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

(7) <u>The Trustee</u>. The Trustee accepts the amendments of the Indenture effected by this Supplemental Indenture, but on the terms and conditions set forth in the Indenture, including the terms and provisions defining and limiting the liabilities and responsibilities of the Trustee. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or with respect to any of the recitals or statements contained herein, all of which recitals or statements are made solely by the Company, or for or with respect to (i) the validity or sufficiency of this Supplemental Indenture or any of the terms or provisions hereof, (ii) the proper authorization hereof by the Company by action or otherwise, (iii) the due execution hereof by the Company or (iv) the consequences of any amendment herein provided for, and the Trustee makes no representation with respect to any such matters.

(8) <u>Successors</u>. All agreements of the Guaranteeing Subsidiary in this Supplemental Indenture shall bind its Successors, except as otherwise provided in this Supplemental Indenture. All agreements of the Trustee in this Supplemental Indenture shall bind its successors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first above written.

[GUARANTEEING SUBSIDIARY]

By:

Name: Title:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee

By:

Name: Title:

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## FORM OF TRANSFEREE LETTER OF REPRESENTATION

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, GA 30309 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Chief Financial Officer Fax No.: (404) 892-0968

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee and Registrar – DAPS Reorg MAC N9303-121 608 2nd Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55479 Telephone No.: (877) 872-4605 Fax No.: (866) 969-1290 Email: DAPSReorg@wellsfargo.com

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This certificate is delivered to request a transfer of [ ] principal amount of the 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "<u>Notes</u>") of The William Carter Company (the "<u>Company</u>").

Upon transfer, the Notes would be registered in the name of the new beneficial owner as follows:

Name:			
Address:			

Taxpayer ID Number:

The undersigned represents and warrants to you that:

1. We are an institutional "accredited investor" (as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act")), purchasing for our own account or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor" at least \$250,000 principal amount of the Notes, and we are acquiring the Notes, for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act. We have such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of our investment in the Notes, and we invest in or purchase securities similar to the Notes in the normal course of our business. We, and any accounts for which we are acting, are each able to bear the economic risk of our or its investment.

2. We understand that the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and, unless so registered, may not be sold except as permitted in the following sentence. We agree on our own behalf and on behalf of any investor account for which we are purchasing Notes to offer, sell or otherwise transfer such Notes prior to the date that is one year after the later of the date of original issue and the last date on which the Company or any affiliate of the Company was the owner of such Notes (or any predecessor thereto) (the "<u>Resale Restriction Termination Date</u>") only (a) to the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, (b) pursuant to a registration statement that has been declared effective under the Securities Act, (c) in a transaction complying with the requirements of Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("<u>Rule 144A</u>"), to a person we reasonably believe is a qualified institutional buyer under Rule 144A (a "<u>QIB</u>") that is purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB and to whom notice is given that the transfer is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, (d) pursuant to offers and sales to non-U.S. persons that occur

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outside the United States of America within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act, (e) to an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act that is purchasing for its own account or for the account of such an institutional "accredited investor," in each case in a minimum principal amount of Notes of \$250,000, for investment purposes and not with a view to, or for offer or sale in connection with, any distribution in violation of the Securities Act or (f) pursuant to any other available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, subject in each of the foregoing cases to any requirement of law that the disposition of our property or the property of such investor account or accounts be at all times within our or their control and in compliance with any applicable state securities laws. The foregoing restrictions on resale will not apply subsequent to the Resale Restriction Termination Date. If any resale or other transfer of the Notes is proposed to be made pursuant to clause (e) above prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date, the transferee is an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act and that it is acquiring such Notes for investment purposes and not for distribution in violation of the Securities Act. Each purchaser acknowledges that the Company and the Trustee reserve the right prior to the offer, sale or other transfer prior to the Resale Restriction Termination Date of the Notes pursuant to clause (d), (e) or (f) above to require the delivery of an opinion of counsel, certifications or other information satisfactory to the Company and the Trustee.

TRANSFEREE:

By:

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# **REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

by and among

# The William Carter Company, the Guarantors named herein

and

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as Representative of the Initial Purchasers Named in Schedule A to the Purchase Agreement

Dated as of August 12, 2013

### **REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

This Registration Rights Agreement (this "*Agreement*") is made and entered into as of August 12, 2013, by and among The William Carter Company, a Massachusetts corporation (the "*Company*"), each of the entities listed on the signature pages hereto (collectively, the "*Guarantors*") and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the "*Representative*") on behalf of the initial purchasers set forth on Schedule A to the Purchase Agreement (as defined below) (collectively, the "*Initial Purchasers*"), each of whom has agreed to purchase the Company's 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "*Initial Notes*") fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantors (the "*Guarantees*") pursuant to the Purchase Agreement. The Initial Notes and the Guarantees are herein collectively referred to as the "Securities."

This Agreement is made pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, dated August 7, 2013 (the "*Purchase Agreement*"), among the Company, the Guarantors named therein and the Representative of behalf of the several Initial Purchasers (i) for the benefit of the Initial Purchasers and (ii) for the benefit of the holders from time to time of the Securities, including the Initial Purchasers. In order to induce the Initial Purchasers to purchase the Securities, the Company has agreed to provide the registration rights set forth in this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement is a condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers set forth in Section 5(f) of the Purchase Agreement.

The parties hereby agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

Additional Interest: As defined in Section 5.

Broker-Dealer: Any broker or dealer registered under the Exchange Act.

Business Day: Any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or U.S. federal holiday or a day on which banking institutions or trust companies located in New York, New York are authorized or obligated to be closed.

Closing Date: The date of this Agreement.

Commission: The Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Consummate:* A registered Exchange Offer shall be deemed "Consummated" for purposes of this Agreement upon the occurrence of (i) the filing and effectiveness under the Securities Act of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement relating to the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer, (ii) the maintenance of such Registration Statement continuously effective and the keeping of the Exchange Offer open for a period not less than the minimum period required pursuant to Section 3(b) hereof, and (iii) the delivery by the Company to the Registrar under the Indenture of Exchange Securities in the same aggregate principal amount of Securities that were tendered by Holders thereof pursuant to the Exchange Offer.

Exchange Act: The Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Exchange Offer:* An offer registered by the Company and the Guarantors under the Securities Act of the Exchange Securities pursuant to a Registration Statement pursuant to which the Company offers the Holders of all outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities who are eligible to participate in such exchange offer in accordance with applicable law and Commission policy the opportunity to exchange all such outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities held by such Holders for Exchange Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities tendered in such exchange offer by such Holders and with terms that are identical in all respects to the Transfer Restricted Securities (except that the Exchange Securities will not contain terms with respect to the interest rate step-up provision and transfer restrictions).

Exchange Offer Registration Statement: The Registration Statement relating to the Exchange Offer, including the related Prospectus.

*Exchange Securities:* The 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021, of the same series under the Indenture as the Securities, to be issued to Holders in exchange for Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to this Agreement.

*Exempt Resales:* The transactions in which the Initial Purchasers propose to sell the Securities to certain "qualified institutional buyers," as such term is defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to certain non-U.S. persons pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act.

FINRA: The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.

Holders: As defined in Section 2(b) hereof.

Indemnified Holder: As defined in Section 8(a) hereof.

*Indenture:* The Indenture, dated as of August 12, 2013, by and among the Company, the Guarantors and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "*Trustee*"), pursuant to which the Securities are to be issued, as such Indenture is amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

Initial Purchasers: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Initial Notes: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Initial Placement: The issuance and sale by the Company of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

Interest Payment Date: As defined in the Indenture and the Securities.

*Person:* An individual, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, trust, unincorporated organization or other legal entity, or a government or agency or political subdivision thereof.

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*Prospectus:* The prospectus included in a Registration Statement (or deemed a part of any Shelf Registration Statement), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement and by all other amendments thereto, including post-effective amendments, and all material incorporated by reference into such Prospectus and, in respect of any Shelf Registration Statement, including for the avoidance of doubt any "issuer free writing prospectus" within the meaning of Rule 433 of the Securities Act.

Registration Default: As defined in Section 5 hereof.

*Registration Statement:* Any registration statement of the Company relating to (a) an offering of Exchange Securities pursuant to an Exchange Offer or (b) the registration for resale of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, which is filed pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement, in each case, including the Prospectus included therein, all amendments and supplements thereto (including post-effective amendments) and all exhibits and material incorporated by reference therein.

Securities: As defined in the preamble hereto.

Securities Act: The Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Shelf Registration Statement: As defined in Section 4(a) hereof.

*Transfer Restricted Securities:* Each Security, until the earliest to occur of (a) the date on which such Security is exchanged in the Exchange Offer for an Exchange Security entitled to be resold to the public by the Holder thereof without complying with the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act, (b) the date on which such Security has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with a Shelf Registration Statement, (c) the date on which such Security is distributed to the public by a Broker-Dealer pursuant to the "Plan of Distribution" contemplated by the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (including delivery of the Prospectus contained therein), (d) the first date following the two year anniversary of the Closing Date that such Security is eligible for resale under Rule 144, without regard to the volume or manner of sale restrictions contained thereunder and (e) the date on which such Security ceases to be outstanding for purposes of the Indenture.

*Trust Indenture Act:* The Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

*Underwritten Registration or Underwritten Offering:* A registration in which securities of the Company are sold to an underwriter for reoffering to the public.

SECTION 2. Securities Subject to this Agreement.

(a) Transfer Restricted Securities. The securities entitled to the benefits of this Agreement are the Transfer Restricted Securities.

(b) Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities. A Person is deemed to be a holder of Transfer Restricted Securities (each, a "Holder") whenever such Person owns Transfer Restricted Securities.

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## SECTION 3. Registered Exchange Offer.

(a) Unless the Exchange Offer shall not be permissible under applicable law or Commission policy (after the procedures set forth in Section 6(a) hereof have been complied with), each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to (i)(x) file an Exchange Offer Registration Statement with the Commission on or before 270 days after the Closing Date (or if such 270th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) and (y) Consummate the Exchange Offer on or before 360 days after the Closing Date (or if such 360th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) and (ii) in connection with the foregoing, file (A) all pre-effective amendments to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act and (C) cause all necessary filings in connection with the registration and qualification of the Exchange Securities to be made under the state securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as are necessary to permit Consummation of the Exchange Offer. The Exchange Offer shall be on the appropriate form permitting registration of the Exchange Securities to be offered in exchange for the Transfer Restricted Securities and to permit resales of Securities held by Broker-Dealers as contemplated by Section 3(c) hereof.

(b) The Company and the Guarantors shall cause the Exchange Offer Registration Statement to be effective continuously and shall keep the Exchange Offer open for a period of not less than 20 Business Days (or longer if required under applicable federal and state securities laws to Consummate the Exchange Offer) after the date notice of the Exchange Offer is mailed to the Holders. The Company shall cause the Exchange Offer to comply with all applicable federal and state securities laws. The Company shall be permitted to include with any Exchange Offer, and on any related Exchange Offer Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement, additional offers to holders of any Notes (as defined in the Indenture) outstanding on the date hereof, including any other Additional Notes (as defined in the Indenture).

(c) The Company shall indicate in a "Plan of Distribution" section contained in the Prospectus forming a part of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement that any Broker-Dealer who holds Securities that are Transfer Restricted Securities and that were acquired for its own account as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities (other than Transfer Restricted Securities acquired directly from the Company), may exchange such Securities pursuant to the Exchange Offer; however, such Broker-Dealer may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and must, therefore, deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resales of the Exchange Securities received by such Broker-Dealer in the Exchange Offer, which prospectus delivery requirement may be satisfied by the delivery by such Broker-Dealer of the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement. Such "Plan of Distribution" section shall also contain all other information with respect to such resales by Broker-Dealer or disclose the amount of Securities held by any such Broker-Dealer except to the extent required by the Commission as a result of a change in policy after the date of this Agreement.

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Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep the Exchange Offer Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof to the extent necessary to ensure that it is available for resales of Securities acquired by Broker-Dealers for their own accounts as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, and to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of this Agreement, the Securities Act and the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission as announced from time to time, for a period ending on the earlier of (i) 180 days from the date on which the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is declared effective and (ii) the date on which a Broker-Dealer is no longer required to deliver a prospectus in connection with market-making or other trading activities.

The Company shall provide sufficient copies of the latest version of such Prospectus to Broker-Dealers promptly upon request at any time during such 180day (or shorter as provided in the foregoing sentence) period in order to facilitate such resales.

#### SECTION 4. Shelf Registration.

(a) *Shelf Registration*. If (i) the Company is not required to file an Exchange Offer Registration Statement or to consummate the Exchange Offer because the Exchange Offer is not permitted by applicable law or Commission policy (after the procedures set forth in Section 6(a) hereof have been complied with), (ii) for any reason the Exchange Offer is not Consummated within 360 days after the Closing Date (or if such 360th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day), or (iii) with respect to any Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities (A) such Holder notifies the Company prior to the Consummation of the Exchange Offer that such Holder is prohibited by applicable law or Commission policy from participating in the Exchange Offer, or (B) in the case of any Holder that participates in the Exchange Offer, such Holder may not resell the Exchange Securities acquired by it in the Exchange Offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and that the Prospectus contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement is not appropriate or available for such resales by such Holder, or (C) such Holder is a Broker-Dealer and holds Securities acquired directly from the Company or one of its affiliates, then, upon such Holder's request, the Company and the Guarantors shall

(x) file within 30 days after such obligation arises (but in no event sooner than 270 days after the Closing Date) a shelf registration statement pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, which may be an amendment to the Exchange Offer Registration Statement (in either event, the "*Shelf Registration Statement*"), which Shelf Registration Statement shall provide for resales of all Transfer Restricted Securities the Holders of which shall have provided the information required pursuant to Section 4(b) hereof; and

(y) use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective by the Commission on or before the 90th day after the obligation to file such Shelf Registration Statement arises (or if such 90th day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day).

Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep such Shelf Registration Statement continuously effective, supplemented and amended as required by the provisions of Sections 6(b) and (c) hereof to the extent necessary to ensure that it

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is available for resales of Securities by the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities entitled to the benefit of this Section 4(a), and to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of this Agreement, the Securities Act and the policies, rules and regulations of the Commission as announced from time to time, until the earliest of (i) one year following the Closing Date, (ii) the date on which all the Initial Notes have been sold thereunder and (iii) the date on which all the Initial Notes covered by the Shelf Registration Statement become eligible for resale without regard to volume, manner of sale or other restrictions contained in Rule 144.

(b) *Provision by Holders of Certain Information in Connection with the Shelf Registration Statement*. No Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities may include any of its Transfer Restricted Securities in any Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Agreement unless and until such Holder furnishes to the Company in writing, within 20 Business Days after receipt of a request therefor, such information as the Company may reasonably request for use in connection with any Shelf Registration Statement or Prospectus or preliminary Prospectus included therein or deemed a part thereof. Each Holder as to which any Shelf Registration Statement is being effected agrees to furnish promptly to the Company all information required to be disclosed in order to make the information previously furnished to the Company by such Holder not materially misleading.

SECTION 5. *Additional Interest.* If (i) the Exchange Offer required by Section 3(a) of this Agreement has not been Consummated on or prior to the date specified therein, (ii) any Shelf Registration Statement required to be filed pursuant to Section 4(a)(ii) hereon has not been declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness therein or (iii) any Registration Statement required by this Agreement is filed and declared effective but shall thereafter cease to be effective as required hereunder or fail to be usable for its intended purpose without being succeeded immediately by a post-effective amendment to such Registration Statement that cures such failure and that is itself immediately declared effective (other than because of the sale of all Securities registered thereunder or as a result of a notice given in accordance with Section 6(d) below for a period not to exceed 60 days in any twelve-month period) (each such event referred to in clauses (i) through (iv), a "*Registration Default*"), the Company hereby agrees that the interest rate borne by the Transfer Restricted Securities shall be increased (such additional interest, "*Additional Interest*") by 0.25% per annum during the 90-day period immediately following and including the date of the occurrence of any Registration Default and shall increase by 0.25% per annum at the end of each subsequent 90-day period, but in no event shall such increase exceed 1.00% per annum. On and following the date of the cure of all Registration Defaults relating to any particular Transfer Restricted Securities, *provided*, however, that, if after any such reduction in interest rate, a different Registration Default occurs, the interest rate borne by the relevant Transfer Restricted Securities; provided, however, that, if after any such reduction in interest rate, a different Registration Default occurs, the interest rate borne by the relevant Transfer Restricted Securities; shall again be increased pursuant to the foregoing provis

All obligations of the Company and the Guarantors set forth in the preceding paragraph that are outstanding with respect to any Transfer Restricted Security at the time such security ceases to be a Transfer Restricted Security shall survive until such time as all such obligations with respect to such security shall have been satisfied in full.

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Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no Holder who (x) was eligible to exchange such Holder's outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities at the time that the Exchange Offer was pending and Consummated and (y) failed to validly tender such securities for exchange pursuant to the Exchange Offer shall be entitled to receive any Additional Interest in respect of such Transfer Restricted Security that would otherwise accrue subsequent to the date the Exchange Offer is Consummated pursuant to this Section 5.

## SECTION 6. Registration Procedures.

(a) *Exchange Offer Registration Statement*. In connection with the Exchange Offer, the Company and the Guarantors shall comply with all of the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof, shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to effect such exchange to permit the sale of Transfer Restricted Securities being sold in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof, and shall comply with all of the following provisions:

(i) If in the reasonable opinion of counsel to the Company there is a question as to whether the Exchange Offer is permitted by applicable law, each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby agrees to seek a no-action letter or other favorable decision from the Commission allowing the Company and the Guarantors to Consummate an Exchange Offer for such Securities. Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby agrees to pursue the issuance of such a decision to the Commission staff level but shall not be required to take commercially unreasonable action to effect a change of Commission policy. Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby agrees, however, to (A) participate in telephonic conferences with the Commission, (B) deliver to the Commission staff an analysis prepared by counsel to the Company setting forth the legal bases, if any, upon which such counsel has concluded that such an Exchange Offer should be permitted and (C) diligently pursue a favorable resolution by the Commission staff of such submission.

(ii) As a condition to its participation in the Exchange Offer pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities shall furnish, upon the request of the Company, prior to the Consummation thereof, a written representation to the Company (which may be contained in the letter of transmittal contemplated by the Exchange Offer Registration Statement) to the effect that (A) it is not an affiliate (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) of the Company, (B) that, at the time of the commencement of the Exchange Offer, it has no arrangement or understanding with any Person to participate in a distribution (within the meaning of the Securities Act) of the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer in violation of the Securities Act, (C) if such holder is not a Broker-Dealer, that it is not engaged in, and does not intend to engage in, the distribution of the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer, (D) if such Holder is a Broker-Dealer, that has acquired the Exchange Securities that are Transfer Restricted Securities for its own account in exchange for Securities that were acquired as a result of market making activities or other trading activities, that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such Exchange Notes to the extent required by the rules and regulations of the Commission and (E) it is acquiring the Exchange Securities in its ordinary course of business. In addition, all such Holders of

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Transfer Restricted Securities shall otherwise cooperate in the Company's preparations for the Exchange Offer. Each Holder hereby acknowledges and agrees that any Broker-Dealer and any such Holder using the Exchange Offer to participate in a distribution of the securities to be acquired in the Exchange Offer (1) could not under Commission policy as in effect on the date of this Agreement rely on the position of the Commission enunciated in <u>Morgan</u> <u>Stanley and Co., Inc.</u> (available June 5, 1991) and <u>Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation</u> (available May 13, 1988), as interpreted in the Commission's letter to Shearman & Sterling dated July 2, 1993, and similar no-action letters (which may include any no-action letter obtained pursuant to clause (i) above), and (2) must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction and that such a secondary resale transaction should be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder information required by Item 507 or 508, as applicable, of Regulation S-K if the resales are of Exchange Securities obtained by such Holder in exchange for Securities acquired by such Holder directly from the Company.

(b) *Shelf Registration Statement*. In connection with the Shelf Registration Statement, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall comply with all the provisions of Section 6(c) hereof and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect such registration to permit the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities being sold in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof, and pursuant thereto each of the Company and the Guarantors will in accordance with Section 4 prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement relating to the registration on any appropriate form under the Securities Act, which form shall be available for the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution thereof.

(c) *General Provisions*. In connection with any Registration Statement and any Prospectus required by this Agreement to permit the sale or resale of Transfer Restricted Securities (including, without limitation, any Registration Statement and the related Prospectus required to permit resales of Securities by Broker-Dealers), each of the Company and the Guarantors shall:

(i) use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective (subject to any Shelf Suspension Periods permitted by Section 6(d) below) and provide all requisite financial statements (including, if required by the Securities Act or any regulation thereunder, financial statements of the Guarantors for the period specified in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable; upon the occurrence of any event that would cause any such Registration Statement or the Prospectus contained therein (A) to contain a material misstatement or omission or (B) not to be effective and usable for resale of Transfer Restricted Securities during the period required by this Agreement, the Company shall (subject to any Shelf Suspension Periods permitted by Section 6(d) below) file promptly an appropriate amendment to such Registration Statement, in the case of clause (A), correcting any such misstatement or omission, and, in the case of either clause (A) or (B), use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such amendment to be declared effective and such Registration Statement and the related Prospectus to become usable for their intended purpose(s) as soon as practicable thereafter;

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(ii) prepare and file with the Commission such amendments and post-effective amendments to the applicable Registration Statement as may be necessary to keep the Registration Statement effective for the applicable period set forth in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable, or such shorter period as will terminate when all Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Registration Statement have been sold or otherwise cease to be Transfer Restricted Securities entitled to be included in a Registration Statement under this Agreement; cause the Prospectus to be supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act, and to comply fully with the applicable provisions of Rules 424 and 430A under the Securities Act in a timely manner; and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement during the applicable period in accordance with the intended method or methods of distribution by the sellers thereof set forth in such Registration Statement or supplement to the Prospectus;

(iii) advise the underwriter(s), if any, and selling Holders promptly and, if requested by such Persons, to confirm such advice in writing, (A) when the Prospectus or any Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment has been filed, and, with respect to any Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, when the same has become effective under the Securities Act, (B) of any request by the Commission for amendments to the Registration Statement or amendments or supplements to the Prospectus or for additional information relating thereto, (C) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Securities Act or of the suspension by any state securities commission of the qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation of any proceeding for any of the preceding purposes, (D) of the existence of any fact or the happening of any event that makes any statement of a material fact made in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any amendment or supplement thereto, or any document incorporated by reference therein untrue, or that requires the making of any additions to or changes in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading. If at any time the Commission shall issue any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, or any state securities commission or other regulatory authority shall issue an order suspending the qualification or exemption from qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities or blue sky laws, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the withdrawal or lifting of such order at the earliest possible time;

(iv) furnish without charge to each of the Initial Purchasers, each selling Holder named in any Registration Statement, and each of the underwriter(s), if any, before filing with the Commission, copies of any Registration Statement or any Prospectus included therein or any amendments or supplements to any such Registration Statement or Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference after the initial filing of

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such Registration Statement), which documents will be subject to the review and comment of such Holders and underwriter(s) in connection with such sale, if any, for a period of at least five Business Days, and the Company will not file any such Registration Statement or Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any such Registration Statement or Prospectus (including all such documents incorporated by reference) to which an Initial Purchaser of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Registration Statement or the underwriter(s), if any, shall reasonably object in writing within five Business Days after the receipt thereof (such objection to be deemed timely made upon confirmation of telecopy transmission within such period). The objection of an Initial Purchaser or underwriter, if any, shall be deemed to be reasonable if such Registration Statement, amendment, Prospectus or supplement, as applicable, as proposed to be filed, contains a material misstatement or omission;

(v) promptly prior to the filing of any document that is to be incorporated by reference into a Registration Statement or Prospectus, provide copies of such document to the Initial Purchasers, each selling Holder named in any Registration Statement, and to the underwriter(s), if any, make the Company's and the Guarantors' representatives available for discussion of such document and other customary due diligence matters, and include such information in such document prior to the filing thereof as such selling Holders or underwriter(s), if any, reasonably may request;

(vi) in the case of any Underwritten Registration, make available at reasonable times for inspection by the Initial Purchasers, the managing underwriter(s), if any such Initial Purchasers or underwriter(s) are participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement, and any attorney or accountant retained by such Initial Purchasers or any of the underwriter(s), if any, subject to customary agreements regarding confidentiality and use of such information, all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents and properties of each of the Company and the Guarantors as shall be reasonably requested to enable them to complete a customary due diligence investigation and cause the Company's and the Guarantors' officers, directors and employees to supply all information, all to the extent as may reasonably requested by any such Holder, underwriter, attorney or accountant in connection with such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto subsequent to the filing thereof and prior to its effectiveness;

(vii) if requested by the underwriter(s), if any, or by Holders who are named as sellers in such Registration Statement and represent a majority in aggregate principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities included in a Shelf Registration Statement, promptly incorporate in any Shelf Registration Statement or Prospectus, pursuant to a supplement or post-effective amendment if necessary, such information as such selling Holders and underwriter(s), if any, may reasonably request to have included therein, including, without limitation, information relating to the "Plan of Distribution" of the Transfer Restricted Securities, information with respect to the principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities being sold to such underwriter(s), the purchase price being paid therefor and any other terms of the offering of the Transfer Restricted Securities to be sold in such offering; and make all required filings of such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment as soon as practicable after the Company is notified of the matters to be incorporated in such Prospectus supplement or post-effective amendment;

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(viii) cause the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Registration Statement to be rated with the appropriate rating agencies, if so requested by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities covered thereby or the underwriter(s), if any;

(ix) furnish to each Initial Purchaser, each selling Holder and each of the underwriter(s), if any, without charge, at least one copy of the Shelf Registration Statement, as first filed with the Commission, and of each amendment thereto, including financial statements and schedules, all documents incorporated by reference therein and all exhibits (including exhibits incorporated therein by reference);

(x) deliver to each selling Holder and each of the underwriter(s), if any, without charge, as many copies of the Prospectus (including each preliminary prospectus) and any amendment or supplement thereto as such Persons reasonably may request; each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby consents to the use of the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto by each of the selling Holders and each of the underwriter(s), if any, in connection with the offering and the sale of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto;

(xi) in the case of any Underwritten Registration, enter into such customary agreements (including an underwriting agreement), and make such customary representations and warranties, and take all such other reasonable actions in connection therewith in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of the Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement, all to such extent as may be reasonably requested by Holders holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities participating in such registration or any underwriter in connection with any sale or resale pursuant to any Shelf Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement; and including, but not limited to, if requested by the Underwriters or the Holders holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement:

(A) furnish to each Initial Purchaser, each selling Holder and each underwriter, if any, in such substance and scope as they may request and as are customarily made by issuers to underwriters in primary underwritten offerings, upon the date of the Consummation of the Exchange Offer or, if applicable, the effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement:

(1) a certificate, dated the date of Consummation of the Exchange Offer or the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement, as the case may be, signed by (y) the President or any Vice President and (z) a principal financial or accounting officer of each of the Company and the Guarantors, confirming, as of the date thereof, the matters set forth in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of Section 5(e) of the Purchase Agreement and such other matters as such parties may reasonably request;

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(2) an opinion, dated the date of Consummation of the Exchange Offer or the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement, as the case may be, of counsel for the Company and the Guarantors, covering the matters set forth in Section 5(c) of the Purchase Agreement and the related Exhibits and such other matter as such parties may reasonably request, and in any event including a statement to the effect that such counsel has participated in conferences with officers and other representatives of the Company and the Guarantors, representatives of the independent public accountants for the Company and the Guarantors, representatives of the underwriter(s), if any, and counsel to the underwriter(s), if any, in connection with the preparation of such Registration Statement and the related Prospectus and have considered the matters required to be stated therein and the statements contained therein, although such counsel has not independently verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of such statements; and that such counsel advises that, on the basis of the foregoing, no facts came to such counsel's attention that caused such counsel to believe that the applicable Registration Statement, at the time such Registration Statement or any posteffective amendment thereto became effective, and, in the case of the Exchange Offer Registration Statement, as of the date of Consummation, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or that the Prospectus contained in such Registration Statement as of its date and, in the case of the opinion dated the date of Consummation of the Exchange Offer, as of the date of Consummation, contained an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading. Without limiting the foregoing, such counsel may state further that such counsel assumes no responsibility for, and has not independently verified, the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the financial statements, notes and schedules and other financial data included in any Registration Statement contemplated by this Agreement or the related Prospectus; and

(3) a customary comfort letter, dated the date of effectiveness of the Shelf Registration Statement, from the Company's independent accountants, in the customary form and covering matters of the type customarily requested to be covered in comfort letters by underwriters in connection with primary underwritten offerings, and covering or affirming the matters set forth in the comfort letters delivered pursuant to Section 5(a) of the Purchase Agreement, without exception;

(B) set forth in full or incorporate by reference in the underwriting agreement, if any, the indemnification provisions and procedures of Section 8 hereof with respect to all parties to be indemnified pursuant to said Section; and

(C) deliver such other documents and certificates as may be reasonably requested by such parties to evidence compliance with Section 6(c)(xi) (A) hereof and with any customary conditions contained in the underwriting agreement or other agreement entered into by the Company or any of the Guarantors pursuant to this Section 6(c)(xi), if any.

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If at any time the representations and warranties of the Company and the Guarantors contemplated in Section 6(c)(xi)(A)(1) hereof cease to be true and correct, the Company or the Guarantors shall so advise the Initial Purchasers and the underwriter(s), if any, and each selling Holder promptly and, if requested by such Persons, shall confirm such advice in writing;

(xii) prior to any public offering of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to a Shelf Registration Statement, cooperate with the selling Holders, the underwriter(s), if any, and their respective counsel in connection with the registration and qualification of the Transfer Restricted Securities under the state securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as the selling Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities included in such Shelf Registration Statement and identified as sellers therein or underwriter(s), if any, may request and do any and all other acts or things necessary or advisable to enable the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement; *provided*, *however*, that none of the Company or the Guarantors shall be required to register or qualify as a foreign corporation where it is not then so qualified or to take any action that would subject it to the service of process in suits or to taxation, other than as to matters and transactions relating to the Registration Statement, in any jurisdiction where it is not then so subject;

(xiii) shall issue, upon the request of any Holder of Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement upon such sale pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement, Exchange Securities having an aggregate principal amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of Securities surrendered to the Company by such Holder in exchange therefor or being sold by such Holder; such Exchange Securities to be registered in the name of such Holder or in the name of the purchaser(s) of such Securities, as the case may be; in return, the Securities held by such Holder shall be surrendered to the Company for cancellation;

(xiv) cooperate with the selling Holders and the underwriter(s), if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Transfer Restricted Securities to be sold and not bearing any restrictive legends; and enable such Transfer Restricted Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as the Holders or the underwriter(s), if any, may request at least two Business Days prior to any sale of Transfer Restricted Securities made by such Holders or underwriter(s);

(xv) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Registration Statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the seller or sellers thereof or the underwriter(s), if any, to consummate the disposition of such Transfer Restricted Securities, subject to the proviso contained in Section 6(c)(xii) hereof;

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(xvi) if any fact or event contemplated by Section 6(c)(iii)(D) hereof shall exist or have occurred, prepare a supplement or post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement or related Prospectus or any document incorporated therein by reference or file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of Transfer Restricted Securities, the Prospectus will not contain at the time of such delivery an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(xvii) provide a CUSIP number for all Securities not later than the effective date of the Registration Statement covering such Securities and provide the Trustee under the Indenture with printed certificates for such Securities which are in a form eligible for deposit with the Depository Trust Company and take all other action necessary to ensure that all such Securities are eligible for deposit with the Depository Trust Company;

(xviii) cooperate and assist in any filings required to be made with FINRA and in the performance of any due diligence investigation by any underwriter (including any "qualified independent underwriter") that is required to be retained in accordance with the rules and regulations of FINRA;

(xix) otherwise use its commercially reasonable efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission, and make generally available to its security holders, as soon as practicable, a consolidated earnings statement meeting the requirements of Rule 158 (which need not be audited) for the twelve-month period (A) commencing at the end of any fiscal quarter in which Transfer Restricted Securities are sold to underwriters in a firm commitment or commercially reasonable efforts Underwritten Offering or (B) if not sold to underwriters in such an offering, beginning with the first month of the Company's first fiscal quarter commencing after the effective date of the Registration Statement;

(xx) cause the Indenture to be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act not later than the effective date of the first Registration Statement required by this Agreement, and, in connection therewith, cooperate with the Trustee and the Holders of Securities to effect such changes to the Indenture as may be required for such Indenture to be so qualified in accordance with the terms of the Trust Indenture Act; and to execute and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Trustee to execute, all documents that may be required to effect such changes and all other forms and documents required to be filed with the Commission to enable such Indenture to be so qualified in a timely manner;

(xxi) cause all Securities covered by the Registration Statement to be listed on each securities exchange or automated quotation system on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed if requested by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Securities or the managing underwriter(s), if any; and

(xxii) provide promptly to each Holder upon request each document filed with the Commission pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 and Section 15 of the Exchange Act.

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Each Holder agrees by acquisition of a Transfer Restricted Security that, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the existence of any fact of the kind described in Section 6(c)(iii)(D) hereof, such Holder will forthwith discontinue disposition of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the applicable Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(c)(xvi) hereof, or until it is advised in writing (the "*Advice*") by the Company that the use of the Prospectus may be resumed, and has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus. If so directed by the Company, each Holder will deliver to the Company (at the Company's expense) all copies, other than permanent file copies then in such Holder's possession, of the Prospectus covering such Transfer Restricted Securities that was current at the time of receipt of such notice. In the event the Company shall give any such notice, the time period regarding the effectiveness of such Registration Statement set forth in Section 3 or 4 hereof, as applicable, shall be extended by the number of days during the period from and including the date of the giving of such notice pursuant to Section 6(c)(iii)(D) hereof to and including the date when each selling Holder covered by such Registration Statement shall have received the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(c)(xvi) hereof or shall have received the Advice; *provided, however*, that no such extension shall be taken into account in determining whether Additional Interest is due pursuant to this paragraph shall be treated as a Registration Default for purposes of Section 5 hereof.

(d) The Company will have the ability to suspend a Shelf Registration Statement (a "*Shelf Suspension Period*"), if the Company's board of directors determines, in its reasonable business judgment, upon advice of counsel, that the continued effectiveness and use of the Shelf Registration Statement would require the disclosure of confidential information or interfere with any financing, acquisition, reorganization or other material transaction involving the Company. A Shelf Suspension Period shall commence on and include the date that the Company give notice that the Shelf Registration Statement is no longer effective or the Prospectus included therein is no longer usable for offers and sales of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by such Registration Statement and continue until holders of such Transfer Restricted Securities either receive the copies of the supplemented or amended Prospectus contemplated by Section 6(c) above or are advised in writing by the Company that use of the Prospectus may be resumed. The Company will not be permitted to exercise its rights under this paragraph more than one (1) time in any twelve-month period, and any such suspensions may not exceed 60 consecutive days.

#### SECTION 7. Registration Expenses.

(a) All expenses incident to the Company's and the Guarantors' performance of or compliance with this Agreement will be borne by the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, regardless of whether a Registration Statement becomes effective, including, without limitation: (i) all registration and filing fees and expenses (including filings made by any Initial

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Purchaser or Holder with FINRA (and, if applicable, the fees and expenses of any "qualified independent underwriter" and its counsel that may be required by the rules and regulations of FINRA)); (ii) all fees and expenses of compliance with federal securities and state securities or blue sky laws; (iii) all expenses of printing (including printing certificates for the Exchange Securities to be issued in the Exchange Offer and printing of Prospectuses), messenger and delivery services and telephone; (iv) all fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company, the Guarantors and, subject to Section 7(b) hereof, the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities; (v) all application and filing fees in connection with listing the Exchange Securities on a securities exchange or automated quotation system pursuant to the requirements thereof; and (vi) all fees and disbursements of independent certified public accountants of the Company and the Guarantors (including the expenses of any special audit and comfort letters required by or incident to such performance).

Each of the Company and the Guarantors will, in any event, bear its internal expenses (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties), the expenses of any annual audit and the fees and expenses of any Person, including special experts, retained by the Company or the Guarantors.

(b) In connection with any Registration Statement required by this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Exchange Offer Registration Statement and the Shelf Registration Statement), the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, will reimburse the Initial Purchasers and the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities being tendered in the Exchange Offer and/or resold pursuant to the "Plan of Distribution" contained in the Exchange Offer Registration Statement or registered pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement, as applicable, for the reasonable fees and disbursements of not more than one counsel, who shall be Cahill Gordon & Reindel llp or such other counsel as may be chosen by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities for whose benefit such Registration Statement is being prepared.

### SECTION 8. Indemnification.

(a) The Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless (i) each Holder and (ii) each Person, if any, who controls (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) any Holder (any of the Persons referred to in this clause (ii) being hereinafter referred to as a "controlling person") and (iii) the respective officers, directors, partners, employees, representatives and agents of any Holder or any controlling person (any Person referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) may hereinafter be referred to as an "*Indemnified Holder*"), to the fullest extent lawful, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, actions and expenses (including, without limitation, and as incurred, reimbursement of all reasonable costs of investigating, preparing, pursuing, settling, compromising, paying or defending any claim or action, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to any Indemnified Holder), joint or several, directly or indirectly caused by, related to, based upon, arising out of or in connection with any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement or Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or any omission or alleged omission to state therein a

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material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are caused by an untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission that is made in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to any of the Holders furnished in writing to the Company by any of the Holders expressly for use therein. This indemnity agreement shall be in addition to any liability which the Company or any of the Guarantors may otherwise have.

In case any action or proceeding (including any governmental or regulatory investigation or proceeding) shall be brought or asserted against any of the Indemnified Holders with respect to which indemnity may be sought against the Company or the Guarantors, such Indemnified Holder (or the Indemnified Holder controlled by such controlling person) shall promptly notify the Company and the Guarantors in writing; provided, that the failure to give such notice shall not relieve any of the Company or the Guarantors of its obligations pursuant to this Agreement; provided, further, if the defendants in any such action include both the Indemnified Holders and the Company or the Guarantors, and any Indemnified Holder shall have reasonably concluded that a conflict may arise between the positions of the Company or the Guarantors and such Indemnified Holder in conducting the defense of any such action, such Indemnified Holder shall have the right to select separate counsel to assume such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such Indemnified Holder. Upon receipt of notice from the Company and the Guarantors to the Indemnified Holders of the Company and the Guarantors' election to so assume the defense of such action and approval by the Indemnified Holders of counsel, the Company and the Guarantors will not be liable to such Indemnified Holders under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such Indemnified Holders in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) an Indemnified Holder shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the immediately preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the Company and the Guarantors shall not be liable for the reasonable fees and expenses of more than one separate counsel (in addition to any local counsel) representing all such similarly situated Indemnified Holders who are parties to such action) or (ii) the Company and the Guarantors shall not have employed counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Holders to represent the Indemnified Holders within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, in each of which cases the reasonable fees and expenses of one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) for all such Indemnified Holders shall be at the expense of the Company and the Guarantors. The Company and the Guarantors shall not, without the prior written consent of each Indemnified Holder, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in or otherwise seek to terminate any pending or threatened action, claim, litigation or proceeding in respect of which indemnification or contribution may be sought hereunder (whether or not any Indemnified Holder is a party thereto), unless such settlement, compromise, consent or termination includes an unconditional release of each Indemnified Holder from all liability arising out of such action, claim, litigation or proceeding.

(b) Each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, the Guarantors and their respective directors, officers of the Company and the Guarantors who sign a Registration Statement, and any Person controlling (within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act) the Company or any of the Guarantors, and the respective officers, directors, partners, employees,

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representatives and agents of each such Person, to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Company and the Guarantors to each of the Indemnified Holders, but only with respect to claims and actions based on information relating to such Holder furnished in writing by such Holder expressly for use in any Registration Statement or Prospectus (including any Free Writing Prospectus, if any) or any amendment or supplement. In case any action or proceeding shall be brought against the Company, the Guarantors or their respective directors or officers or any such controlling person in respect of which indemnity may be sought against a Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities, such Holder shall have the rights and duties given the Company and the Guarantors, and the Company, the Guarantors, their respective directors and officers and such controlling person shall have the rights and duties given to each Holder by the preceding paragraph.

(c) If the indemnification provided for in this Section 8 is unavailable to an indemnified party under Section 8(a) or (b) hereof (other than by reason of exceptions provided in those Sections) in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, judgments, actions or expenses referred to therein, then each applicable indemnifying party, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other hand, from the Initial Placement (which in the case of the Company and the Guarantors shall be deemed to be equal to the total gross proceeds to the Company and the Guarantors from the Initial Placement), the amount of Additional Interest which did not become payable as a result of the filing of the Registration Statement resulting in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities, on the one hand, and the Holders, on the other relative by applicable law, the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the Company on the one hand and of the Indemnified Holder on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission. The amount paid or payable by a payable by aparty as a result of the limitation supplied by the Company or any of the Guarantors, on the one hand, or the Indemnified Holders, on the other shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission. The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses refer

The Company, the Guarantors and each Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8(c) were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Holders were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection

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with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, none of the Holders (and its related Indemnified Holders) shall be required to contribute, in the aggregate, any amount in excess of the amount by which the total discount received by such Holder with respect to the Securities exceeds the amount of any damages which such Holder has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Holders' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8(c) are several in proportion to the respective principal amount of Securities held by each of the Holders hereunder and not joint.

SECTION 9. *Rule 144A*. Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby agrees with each Holder, for so long as any Transfer Restricted Securities remain outstanding, to make available to any Holder or beneficial owner of Transfer Restricted Securities in connection with any sale thereof and any prospective purchaser of such Transfer Restricted Securities from such Holder or beneficial owner, the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act in order to permit resales of such Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act.

SECTION 10. *Participation in Underwritten Registrations*. The Company shall not be required to assist in an Underwritten Offering or Underwritten Registration unless requested by any Initial Purchasers that is a Holder or the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement. No Holder may participate in any Underwritten Registration hereunder unless such Holder (a) agrees to sell such Holder's Transfer Restricted Securities on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements and (b) completes and executes all reasonable questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements, lock-up letters and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements.

SECTION 11. Selection of Underwriters. The Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities covered by the Shelf Registration Statement who desire to do so may sell such Transfer Restricted Securities in an Underwritten Offering. In any such Underwritten Offering with respect to the Transfer Restricted Securities, the investment banker(s) and managing underwriter(s) that will administer such offering will be selected by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Transfer Restricted Securities included in such offering; *provided, however*, that such investment banker(s) and managing underwriter(s) must be reasonably satisfactory to the Company.

## SECTION 12. Miscellaneous.

(a) *Remedies.* Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby agrees that monetary damages would not be adequate compensation for any loss incurred by reason of a breach by it of the provisions of this Agreement and hereby agree to waive the defense in any action for specific performance that a remedy at law would be adequate.

(b) No Inconsistent Agreements. Each of the Company and the Guarantors will not on or after the date of this Agreement enter into any agreement with respect to its securities that is inconsistent with the rights granted to the Holders in this Agreement or otherwise conflicts with the provisions hereof.

(c) Adjustments Affecting the Securities. The Company will not take any action, or permit any change to occur, with respect to the Securities that would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Holders to Consummate any Exchange Offer.

(d) *Amendments and Waivers*. The provisions of this Agreement may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to or departures from the provisions hereof may not be given unless the Company has (i) in the case of Section 5 hereof and this Section 12(d)(i), obtained the written consent of Holders of all outstanding Transfer Restricted Securities and (ii) in the case of all other provisions hereof, obtained the written consent of Holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities (excluding any Transfer Restricted Securities held by the Company or its Affiliates). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a waiver or consent to departure from the provisions hereof that relates exclusively to the rights of Holders whose securities are being tendered pursuant to the Exchange Offer and that does not affect directly or indirectly the rights of other Holders whose securities being tendered pursuant to such Exchange Offer may be given by the Holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the Exchange Offer may be given by the Holders of a majority of the outstanding principal amount of Transfer Restricted Securities being tendered or registered; *provided, however*, that, with respect to any matter that directly or indirectly affects the rights of any Initial Purchaser hereunder, the Company shall obtain the written consent of each such Initial Purchaser with respect to which such amendment, qualification, supplement, waiver, consent or departure is to be effective.

(e) *Notices*. All notices and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be made in writing by hand-delivery, first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), telex, telecopier, or air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery:

(i) if to a Holder, at the address set forth on the records of the Registrar under the Indenture, with a copy to the Registrar under the Indenture; and

if to the Company:

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Facsimile: (404) 892-0968 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

with a copy to:

Ropes & Gray LLP Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199-3600 Facsimile: (617) 235- 0375 Attention: Joel F. Freedman, Esq.

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(ii) All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when answered back, if telexed; when receipt acknowledged, if telecopied; and on the next Business Day, if timely delivered to an air courier guaranteeing overnight delivery.

Copies of all such notices, demands or other communications shall be concurrently delivered by the Person giving the same to the Trustee at the address specified in the Indenture.

(f) *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the successors and assigns of each of the parties, including, without limitation, and without the need for an express assignment, subsequent Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities; provided, however, that this Agreement shall not inure to the benefit of or be binding upon a successor or assign of a Holder unless and to the extent such successor or assign acquired Transfer Restricted Securities from such Holder.

(g) *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the 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 one and the same agreement.

(h) Headings. The headings in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof.

(i) *Governing Law*. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

(j) *Severability*. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions contained herein shall not be affected or impaired thereby.

(k) *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement is intended by the parties as a final expression of their agreement and intended to be a complete and exclusive statement of the agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein. There are no restrictions, promises, warranties or undertakings, other than those set forth or referred to herein with respect to the registration rights granted by the Company with respect to the Transfer Restricted Securities. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

# THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

# By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CARTER'S, INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OSHKOSH B'GOSH, INC. CARTER'S RETAIL, INC. TWCC PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND SALES, INC. CARTER'S GIFTCARD COMPANY, INC., as Guarantors

By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT]

The foregoing Registration Rights Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted as of the date first above written:

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED Acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Initial Purchasers

By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

By: /s/ Matt Holbrook

Name: Matt Holbrook Title: Director

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT]

August 7, 2013

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED As Representative of the Initial Purchasers One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

### Ladies and Gentlemen:

**Introductory.** The William Carter Company, a Massachusetts corporation (the "**Company**"), proposes to issue and sell to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("**Merrill Lynch**") and the other several Initial Purchasers named in Schedule A (the "**Initial Purchasers**"), acting severally and not jointly, the respective amounts set forth in such Schedule A of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5.250% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "**Notes**"). Merrill Lynch has agreed to act as the representative of the several Initial Purchasers (the "**Representative**") in connection with the offering and sale of the Notes.

The Securities (as defined below) will be issued pursuant to an indenture, to be dated as of August 12, 2013 (the "**Indenture**"), among the Company, the Guarantors (as defined below) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**"). Securities will be issued only in book-entry form in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (the "**Depositary**") pursuant to a letter of representations, to be dated on or before the Closing Date (as defined in Section 2 hereof) (the "**DTC Agreement**"), among the Company, the Trustee and the Depositary.

The holders of the Securities will be entitled to the benefits of a registration rights agreement, to be dated as of August 12, 2013 (the "**Registration Rights Agreement**"), among the Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers, pursuant to which the Company and the Guarantors will be required to file with the Commission (as defined below), under the circumstances set forth therein, (i) a registration statement under the Securities Act (as defined below) relating to another series of debt securities of the Company with terms substantially identical to the Securities (the "**Exchange Notes**") to be offered in exchange for the Securities (the "**Exchange Offer**") and (ii) a shelf registration statement pursuant to Rule 415 of the Securities Act relating to the resale by certain holders of the Securities, and in each case, to use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such registration statements to be declared effective. All references herein to the Exchange Securities and the Exchange Offer are only applicable if the Company and the Guarantors are in fact required to consummate the Exchange Offer pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement.

The payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis, jointly and severally by (i) Carter's, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Parent Guarantor**") and the other entities listed on the signature pages hereof as "Guarantors" and (ii) any subsidiary of the Company formed or acquired after

the Closing Date that executes an additional guarantee in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, and their respective successors and assigns (collectively, the "Guarantors"), pursuant to their guarantees (the "Guarantees"). The Notes and the Guarantees attached thereto are herein collectively referred to as the "Securities"; and the Exchange Notes and the Guarantees attached thereto are herein collectively referred to as the "Exchange Securities."

This Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement, the DTC Agreement, the Securities, the Exchange Securities, and the Indenture are referred to herein as the "Transaction Documents."

The Company understands that the Initial Purchasers propose to make an offering of the Securities on the terms and in the manner set forth herein and in the Pricing Disclosure Package (as defined below) and agrees that the Initial Purchasers may resell, subject to the conditions set forth herein, all or a portion of the Securities to purchasers (the "**Subsequent Purchasers**") on the terms set forth in the Pricing Disclosure Package (the first time when sales of the Securities are made is referred to as the "**Time of Sale**"). The Securities are to be offered and sold to or through the Initial Purchasers without being registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder), in reliance upon exemptions therefrom. Pursuant to the terms of the Securities and the Indenture, investors who acquire Securities shall be deemed to have agreed that Securities may only be resold or otherwise transferred, after the date hereof, if such Securities are registered for sale under the Securities Act or if an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available (including the exemptions afforded by Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") or Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**")).

The Company has prepared and delivered to each Initial Purchaser copies of a Preliminary Offering Memorandum, dated August 5, 2013 (the "**Preliminary Offering Memorandum**"), and has prepared and delivered to each Initial Purchaser copies of a Pricing Supplement, dated August 7, 2013 (the "**Pricing Supplement**"), describing the terms of the Securities, each for use by such Initial Purchaser in connection with its solicitation of offers to purchase the Securities. The Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Pricing Supplement are herein referred to as the "**Pricing Disclosure Package**." Promptly after this Agreement is executed and delivered, the Company will prepare and deliver to each Initial Purchaser a final offering memorandum dated the date hereof (the "**Final Offering Memorandum**").

The Company hereby confirms its agreements with the Initial Purchasers as follows:

SECTION 1. **Representations and Warranties.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, hereby represents, warrants and covenants to each Initial Purchaser that, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date (references in this Section 1 to the "**Offering Memorandum**" are to (x) the Pricing Disclosure Package in the case of representations and warranties made as of the date hereof and (y) the Final Offering Memorandum in the case of representations and warranties made as of the Closing Date):

(a) **No Registration Required.** Subject to compliance by the Initial Purchasers with the representations and warranties set forth in Section 2 hereof and with the procedures

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set forth in Section 7 hereof, it is not necessary in connection with the offer, sale and delivery of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers and to each Subsequent Purchaser in the manner contemplated by this Agreement and the Offering Memorandum to register the Securities under the Securities Act or, until such time as the Exchange Securities are issued pursuant to an effective registration statement, to qualify the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "**Trust Indenture Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder).

(b) **No Integration of Offerings or General Solicitation.** None of the Company, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501 under the Securities Act) (each, an "Affiliate"), or any person acting on its or any of their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has, directly or indirectly, solicited any offer to buy or offered to sell, or will, directly or indirectly, solicit any offer to buy or offere to sell, in the United States or to any United States citizen or resident, any security which is or would be integrated with the sale of the Securities in a manner that would require the Securities to be registered under the Securities Act. None of the Company, its Affiliates, or any person acting on its or any of their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company makes no representation or warranty) has engaged or will engage, in connection with the offering of the Securities, in any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502 under the Securities Act. With respect to those Securities sold in reliance upon Regulation S, (i) none of the Company, its Affiliates or any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Company makes no representation or warranty) has engaged or will engage in any directed selling efforts within the meaning of Regulation S and (ii) each of the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company and its Affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company a

(c) **Eligibility for Resale under Rule 144A.** The Securities are eligible for resale pursuant to Rule 144A and will not be, at the Closing Date, of the same class as securities listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Exchange Act or quoted in a U.S. automated interdealer quotation system.

(d) **The Pricing Disclosure Package and Offering Memorandum.** Neither the Pricing Disclosure Package, as of the Time of Sale, nor the Final Offering Memorandum, as of its date or (as amended or supplemented in accordance with Section 3(a), as applicable) as of the Closing Date, contains or represents an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that this representation, warranty and agreement shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Final Offering Memorandum or any amendment or supplement thereto made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Pricing Disclosure Package, the Final Offering Memorandum or supplement thereto, as the case may be. The Pricing Disclosure Package contains, and the Final Offering Memorandum will contain, all the information

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specified in, and meeting the requirements of, Rule 144A. The Company has not distributed and will not distribute, prior to the later of the Closing Date and the completion of the Initial Purchasers' distribution of the Securities, any offering material in connection with the offering and sale of the Securities other than the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendment or supplement thereto in accordance with Section 3(a).

(e) **Company Additional Written Communications.** The Company has not prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or distributed and will not prepare, make, use, authorize, approve or distribute any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Securities other than (i) the Pricing Disclosure Package, (ii) the Final Offering Memorandum and (iii) any electronic road show or other written communications, in each case used in accordance with Section 3(a). Each such communication by the Company or its agents and representatives pursuant to clause (iii) of the preceding sentence (each, a "**Company Additional Written Communication**"), when taken together with the Pricing Disclosure Package, did not as of the Time of Sale, and at the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that this representation, warranty and agreement shall not apply to statements in or omissions from each such Company Additional Written Communication made in reliance upon and in conformity with information furnished to the Company in writing by any Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in any Company Additional Written Communication.

(f) [Reserved].

(g) The Purchase Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors.

(h) **The Registration Rights Agreement and DTC Agreement.** The Registration Rights Agreement has been duly authorized and, on the Closing Date, will have been duly executed and delivered by, and will constitute a valid and binding agreement of, the Company and the Guarantors, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles and except as rights to indemnification and contribution may be limited by applicable law. The DTC Agreement has been duly authorized and, on the Closing Date, will have been duly executed and delivered by, and will constitute a valid and binding agreement of, the Company, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles.

(i) **Authorization of the Notes, the Guarantees and the Exchange Notes.** The Notes to be purchased by the Initial Purchasers from the Company will on the Closing Date be in the form contemplated by the Indenture, have been duly authorized for issuance

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and sale pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture and, at the Closing Date, will have been duly executed by the Company and, when authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture. The Exchange Notes have been duly and validly authorized for issuance by the Company, and when issued and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, the Registration Rights Agreement and the Exchange Offer, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting enforcement of the rights and remedies of creditors or by general principles of equity and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture. The Guarantees of the Notes on the Closing Date and the Guarantees of the Exchange Notes when issued will be in the respective forms contemplated by the Indenture and have been duly authorized for issuance pursuant to this Agreement and the Indenture; the Guarantees of the Notes, at the Closing Date, will have been duly executed by each of the Guarantors and, when the Notes have been authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and issued and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor, the Guarantees of the Notes will constitute valid and binding agreements of the Guarantors; and, when the Exchange Notes have been authenticated in the manner provided for in the Indenture and issued and delivered in accordance with the Registration Rights Agreement, the Guarantees of the Exchange Notes will constitute valid and binding agreements of the Guarantors, in each case, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles and will be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

(j) **Authorization of the Indenture.** The Indenture has been duly authorized by the Company and the Guarantors and, at the Closing Date, will have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and the Guarantors and will constitute a valid and binding agreement of the Company and the Guarantors, enforceable against the Company and the Guarantors in accordance with its terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the rights and remedies of creditors or by general equitable principles.

(k) **Description of the Transaction Documents.** The Transaction Documents will conform in all material respects to the respective statements relating thereto contained in the Offering Memorandum.

(1) **No Material Adverse Change.** Except as otherwise disclosed in the Offering Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto pursuant to Section 3(a)), subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in the Offering Memorandum (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto pursuant to

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Section 3(a)): (i) there has been no material adverse change, or any development that could reasonably be expected to result in a material adverse change, in the financial condition or in the earnings, business or operations, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries, considered as one entity or on the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their obligations under the Transaction Documents (any such change is called a "**Material Adverse Change**"); and (ii) the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries, considered as one entity, have not incurred any material liability or obligation, indirect, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business nor entered into any material transaction or agreement not in the ordinary course of business.

(m) **Independent Accountants.** PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("**PwC**"), which expressed its opinion with respect to the financial statements (which term as used in this Agreement includes the related notes thereto) filed with the Commission and included in the Offering Memorandum is an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the rules of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and any non-audit services provided by PwC to the Company or any of the Guarantors have been approved by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Parent Guarantor.

(n) **Preparation of the Financial Statements.** The financial statements, together with the related schedules and notes, included in the Offering Memorandum present fairly the consolidated financial position of the entities to which they relate as of and at the dates indicated and the results of their operations and cash flows for the periods specified. Such financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied in the United States ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved, except as may be expressly stated in the related notes thereto. The financial data set forth in the Offering Memorandum under the captions "Offering Memorandum Summary–Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data" and "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data" fairly present the information set forth therein on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements contained in the Offering Memorandum. The statistical and market-related data and forward-looking statements included in the Offering Memorandum are based on or derived from sources that the Company and its subsidiaries believe to be reliable and accurate in all material respects and represent their good faith estimates that are made on the basis of data derived from such sources.

(o) **Incorporation and Good Standing of the Parent Guarantor and its Subsidiaries**. Each of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries has been duly incorporated or formed, as applicable, and is validly existing as a corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or formation, as applicable, and has all power and authority necessary to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Offering Memorandum and, in the case of the Company and the Guarantors, to enter into and perform its obligations under each of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party. Each of the Parent Guarantor and each of its subsidiaries is duly qualified as a foreign corporation or limited liability company, as applicable, to transact business and is in good standing

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or equivalent status in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except for such jurisdictions where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. All of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other ownership interest of each subsidiary of the Parent Guarantor has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and nonassessable and is owned by the Parent Guarantor, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance or claim, except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum. The Parent Guarantor does not own or control, directly or indirectly, any corporation, association or other entity other than the subsidiaries listed in Exhibit 21 to the Parent Guarantor's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 29, 2012, except for Carter's International Trading Company Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong on May 21, 2013.

(p) Non-Contravention of Existing Instruments; No Further Authorizations or Approvals Required. Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter, by laws or other constitutive document, or (ii) in default (or, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, would be in default) ("Default") under any indenture, mortgage, loan or credit agreement, note, contract, franchise, lease or other instrument to which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound (including, without limitation, the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of August 31, 2012, among the Company, as U.S. Borrower, The Genuine Canadian Corp., as Canadian Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, the other agents party thereto and the other lenders from time to time party thereto (the "Credit Agreement"), or to which any of the property or assets of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries is subject (each, an "Existing Instrument"), except, in the case of clause (i) or (ii) above, for such violations or Defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. The execution, delivery and performance of the Transaction Documents by the Company and the Guarantors party thereto, and the issuance and delivery of the Securities and the Exchange Securities, and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and by the Offering Memorandum (i) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership or limited liability company, as applicable, action and will not result in any violation of the provisions of the charter, bylaws or other constitutive document of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) will not conflict with or constitute a breach of, or Default or a Debt Repayment Triggering Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, or require the consent of any other party to, any Existing Instrument, except for such conflicts, breaches, Defaults, liens, charges or encumbrances as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change and (iii) will not in any material respect result in any violation of any law, administrative regulation or administrative or court decree applicable to the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries. No consent, approval, authorization or other order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental or regulatory authority or agency is required for the execution, delivery and performance of the Transaction Documents by the Company and the Guarantors to the extent a party thereto, or the issuance and delivery

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of the Securities or the Exchange Securities, or consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby and by the Offering Memorandum, except such as have been obtained or made by the Company and are in full force and effect under the Securities Act, applicable securities laws of the several states of the United States or provinces of Canada and except such as may be required by the securities laws of the several states of the United States or provinces of Canada with respect to the Company's obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement. As used herein, a "**Debt Repayment Triggering Event**" means any event or condition which gives, or with the giving of notice or lapse of time would give, the holder of any note, debenture or other evidence of indebtedness (or any person acting on such holder's behalf) the right to require the repurchase, redemption or repayment of all or a portion of such indebtedness by the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries.

(q) **No Material Actions or Proceedings.** Except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum, there are no legal or governmental actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, threatened (i) against or affecting the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries or (ii) which has as the subject thereof any property owned or leased by, the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries and any such action, suit or proceeding, that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change or materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. No labor dispute with the employees of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, exists or, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, is threatened or imminent, except for such disputes that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change.

(r) **Intellectual Property Rights.** The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries own or possess sufficient trademarks, trade names, patent rights, copyrights, licenses, approvals, trade secrets and other similar rights (collectively, "**Intellectual Property Rights**") reasonably necessary to conduct their businesses as now conducted; and the expected expiration of any of such Intellectual Property Rights would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of infringement or conflict with asserted Intellectual Property Rights of others that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change.

(s) **All Necessary Permits, etc.** The Parent Guarantor and each of its subsidiaries possess such valid and current certificates, authorizations or permits issued by the appropriate state, federal or foreign regulatory agencies or bodies necessary to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct their respective businesses, except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change, and neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of, or non-compliance with, any such certificate, authorization or permit which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change.

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(t) **Title to Properties.** The Parent Guarantor and each of its subsidiaries has good and marketable title to all the properties and assets reflected as owned in the financial statements referred to in Section 1(n) hereof (or elsewhere in the Offering Memorandum), in each case free and clear of any security interests, mortgages, liens, encumbrances, equities, claims and other defects, except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum and except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. The real property, improvements, equipment and personal property held under lease by the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries are held, to the Company's knowledge, under valid and enforceable leases, with such exceptions as are not material and do not materially interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such real property, improvements, equipment or personal property by the Parent Guarantor or such subsidiary.

(u) **Tax Law Compliance.** The Parent Guarantor and its consolidated subsidiaries have filed all necessary federal, state and foreign income and franchise tax returns and have paid all taxes required to be paid by any of them and, if due and payable, any related or similar assessment, fine or penalty levied against any of them, except, in each case, where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. The Parent Guarantor has made adequate charges, accruals and reserves in accordance with GAAP in the applicable financial statements referred to in Section 1(n) hereof in respect of all federal, state and foreign income and franchise taxes for all periods as to which the tax liability of the Parent Guarantor or any of its consolidated subsidiaries has not been finally determined.

(v) **Company and Guarantors Not an "Investment Company".** The Company has been advised of the rules and requirements under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "**Investment Company Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder). Neither the Company nor any Guarantor is, or after receipt of payment for the Securities will be, an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.

(w) **Insurance**. Each of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries are insured by recognized, financially sound institutions with policies in such amounts and with such deductibles and covering such risks as are generally deemed adequate and customary for their businesses including, without limitation, policies covering real and personal property owned or leased by the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries against theft, damage, destruction, acts of vandalism, flood and earthquakes, except where failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change. The Company has no reason to believe that the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries will not be able (i) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (ii) to obtain comparable coverage from similar institutions as may be necessary or appropriate to conduct its business as now conducted and at a cost that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change.

(x) **No Price Stabilization or Manipulation.** None of the Company or any of the Guarantors has taken or will take, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that might be reasonably expected to cause or result in stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities.

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(y) **Solvency.** The Company and the Guarantors, taken as a whole, are, and immediately after the Closing Date will be, Solvent. As used herein, the term "**Solvent**" means, with respect to any person on a particular date, that on such date (i) the fair market value of the assets of such person is greater than the total amount of liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of such person, (ii) the present fair salable value of the assets of such person is greater than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liabilities of such person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (iii) such person is able to realize upon its assets and pay its debts and other liabilities, including contingent obligations, as they mature and (iv) such person does not have unreasonably small capital in relation to the business of such person contemplated as of the date hereof.

(z) **Compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley.** The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries and their respective officers and directors are in all material respects in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the "**Sarbanes-Oxley Act**," which term, as used herein, includes the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder).

(aa) **Company's Accounting System.** The Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries maintain a system of accounting controls that is in compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and is sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that: (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences

(bb) **Disclosure Controls and Procedures.** The Parent Guarantor has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries is made known to the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Parent Guarantor by others within the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, and such disclosure controls and procedures are reasonably effective to perform the functions for which they were established subject to the limitations of any such control system; the Parent Guarantor's auditors and the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Parent Guarantor have been advised of: (i) any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Parent Guarantor's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data; and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a role in the Parent Guarantor's internal controls; and since the date of the most recent evaluation of such disclosure controls and procedures, there have been no changes in internal controls that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Parent Guarantor's internal controls with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses that are reasonably likely to materially affect the Parent Guarantor's internal controls.

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(cc) **Regulations T, U, X.** Neither the Company nor any Guarantor nor any of their respective subsidiaries nor any agent thereof acting on their behalf has taken, and none of them will take, any action that might cause this Agreement or the issuance or sale of the Securities to violate Regulation T, Regulation U or Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

(dd) Compliance with and Liability Under Environmental Laws. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change: (i) each of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries and their respective operations and facilities are in compliance with, and not subject to any known liabilities under, applicable Environmental Laws, which compliance includes, without limitation, having obtained and being in compliance with any permits, licenses or other governmental authorizations or approvals, and having made all filings and provided all financial assurances and notices, required for the ownership and operation of the business as presently conducted, properties and facilities of the Parent Guarantor or its subsidiaries under applicable Environmental Laws, and compliance with the terms and conditions thereof; (ii) neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries has received any written communication, whether from a governmental authority, citizens group, employee or otherwise, that alleges that the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries is in violation of any Environmental Law; (iii) there is no claim, action or cause of action filed with a court or governmental authority, no investigation with respect to which the Parent Guarantor has received written notice, and no written notice by any person or entity alleging actual or potential liability on the part of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries based on or pursuant to any Environmental Law pending or, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, threatened against the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries or any person or entity whose liability under or pursuant to any Environmental Law the Company or any of its subsidiaries has retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law; (iv) neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries is conducting or paying for, in whole or in part, any investigation, response or other corrective action pursuant to any Environmental Law at any site or facility, nor is any of them subject or a party to any order, judgment, decree, contract or agreement which imposes any obligation or liability under any Environmental Law; (v) to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, no lien, charge, encumbrance or restriction has been recorded pursuant to any Environmental Law with respect to any assets, facility or property owned, operated or leased by the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries; and (vi) to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, there are no past or present actions, activities, circumstances, conditions or occurrences, including, without limitation, the Release or threatened Release of any Material of Environmental Concern, that could reasonably be expected to result in a violation of or liability under any Environmental Law on the part of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, including without limitation, any such liability which the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries has retained or assumed either contractually or by operation of law.

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For purposes of this Agreement, "**Environment**" means ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, drinking water, soil, surface and subsurface strata, and natural resources such as wetlands, flora and fauna. "**Environmental Laws**" means the common law and all federal, state, local and foreign laws or regulations, ordinances, codes, orders, decrees, judgments and injunctions issued, promulgated or entered thereunder, relating to pollution or protection of the Environment or human health, including without limitation, those relating to (i) the Release or threatened Release of Materials of Environmental Concern; and (ii) the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, generation, treatment, storage, transport, handling or recycling of Materials of Environmental Concern. "**Materials of Environmental Concern**" means any substance, material, pollutant, contaminant, chemical, waste, compound, or constituent, in any form, including without limitation, petroleum and petroleum products, subject to regulation or which can give rise to liability under any Environmental Law. "**Release**" means any release, spill, emission, discharge, deposit, disposal, leaking, pumping, pouring, dumping, emptying, injection or leaching into the Environment, or into, from or through any building, structure or facility.

#### (ee) [Reserved].

(ff) ERISA Compliance. Except as disclosed in the Offering Memorandum or would not reasonable be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change, (i) the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries and any "employee benefit plan" (as defined under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (as amended, "ERISA," which term, as used herein, includes the regulations and published interpretations thereunder) established or maintained by the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries or their ERISA Affiliates (as defined below) are in compliance in all respects with ERISA and, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, each "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 4001 of ERISA) to which the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries or an ERISA Affiliate contributes (a "Multiemployer Plan") is in compliance in all respects with ERISA. "ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to the Parent Guarantor or its subsidiaries, any member of any group of organizations described in Section 414 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended, the "Code," which term, as used herein, includes the regulations and published interpretations thereunder) of which the Parent Guarantor or such subsidiary is a member, (ii) no "reportable event" (as defined under ERISA) has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur with respect to any "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates, (iii) no "single employer plan" (as defined in Section 4001 of ERISA) established or maintained by the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates, if such "employee benefit plan" were terminated, would have any "amount of unfunded benefit liabilities" (as defined under ERISA), (iv) neither the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries nor any of their ERISA Affiliates has incurred or reasonably expects to incur any material liability under (A) Title IV of ERISA with respect to termination of, or withdrawal from, any "employee benefit plan" or (B) Sections 412, 4971, 4975 or 4980B of the Code, and (e) each "employee benefit plan" established or maintained by the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries or any of their ERISA Affiliates that is intended to be qualified under Section 401 of the Code is so qualified and nothing has occurred, whether by action or failure to act, which would cause the loss of such qualification.

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(gg) **Compliance with Labor Laws.** Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Change, (i) there is (A) no unfair labor practice complaint pending or, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, threatened against the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries before the National Labor Relations Board, and no grievance or arbitration proceeding arising out of or under collective bargaining agreements pending, or to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, threatened against the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries, (B) no strike, labor dispute, slowdown or stoppage pending or, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, threatened against the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries and (C) no union representation question existing with respect to the employees of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries and, to the Company's and the Guarantors' knowledge, no union organizing activities taking place and (ii) there has been no violation of any federal, state or local law relating to discrimination in hiring, promotion or pay of employees or of any applicable wage or hour laws.

(hh) **Related Party Transactions**. No material relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among any of the Company or any controlled affiliate of the Company or Parent Guarantor, on the one hand, and any director, officer, member, stockholder, customer or supplier of the Company or any controlled affiliate of the Company or Parent Guarantor, on the other hand, which is required by the Securities Act to be disclosed in a registration statement on Form S-1 pursuant to Item 404 of Regulation S-K which is not so disclosed in the Offering Memorandum. There are no outstanding loans, advances (except advances for business expenses in the ordinary course of business) or guarantees of indebtedness by the Company or any controlled affiliate of the Company or Parent Guarantor to or for the benefit of any of the officers or directors of the Company or any controlled affiliate of the Company or parent Guarantor to any of their respective family members.

(ii) **No Unlawful Contributions or Other Payments.** Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries (i) is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the FCPA, including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any "foreign official" (as such term is defined in the FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA or (ii) has made any bribe, rebate, payoff, influence payment, kickback or other unlawful payment and the Parent Guarantor, its subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company and Guarantors, their affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

"FCPA" means Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder.

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(jj) **No Conflict with Money Laundering Laws.** The operations of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all applicable jurisdictions, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "**Money Laundering Laws**") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, threatened.

(kk) **No Conflict with Sanctions Laws.** Neither the Parent Guarantor nor any of its subsidiaries nor, to the knowledge of the Company and the Guarantors, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Parent Guarantor or any of its subsidiaries located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions. The Company will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person, (i) to fund any activities of or business with any person that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions, or is in Burma/Myanmar, Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Sudan or in any other country or territory, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions, or (ii) in any other manner that will result in a violation by any person (including any person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(ll) **Regulation S.** The Company, the Guarantors and their respective affiliates and all persons acting on their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to whom the Company and the Guarantors make no representation) have complied with and will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S in connection with the offering of the Securities outside the United States and, in connection therewith, the Offering Memorandum will contain the disclosure required by Rule 902. The Parent Guarantor is a "reporting issuer", as defined in Rule 902 under the Securities Act.

Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company or any Guarantor and delivered to the Initial Purchasers or to counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company or such Guarantor to each Initial Purchaser as to the matters set forth therein.

### SECTION 2. Purchase, Sale and Delivery of the Securities.

(a) **The Securities.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors agrees to issue and sell to the Initial Purchasers, severally and not jointly, all of the Securities, and, subject to the conditions

set forth herein, the Initial Purchasers agree, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Company and the Guarantors the aggregate principal amount of Securities set forth opposite their names on Schedule A, at a purchase price of % of the principal amount thereof payable on the Closing Date, in each case, on the basis of the representations, warranties and agreements herein contained, and upon the terms herein set forth.

(b) **The Closing Date.** Delivery of certificates for the Securities in definitive form to be purchased by the Initial Purchasers and payment therefor shall be made at the offices of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP (or such other place as may be agreed to by the Company and Merrill Lynch) at 9:00 a.m. New York City time, on August 12, 2013, or such other time and date as Merrill Lynch shall designate by notice to the Company (the time and date of such closing are called the **"Closing Date"**).

(c) **Delivery of the Securities.** The Company shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Representative for the accounts of the several Initial Purchasers certificates for the Notes at the Closing Date against the irrevocable release of a wire transfer of immediately available funds for the amount of the purchase price therefor. The certificates for the Notes shall be in such denominations and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depositary, pursuant to the DTC Agreement, and shall be made available for inspection on the business day preceding the Closing Date at a location in New York City, as the Representative may designate. Time shall be of the essence, and delivery at the time and place specified in this Agreement is a further condition to the obligations of the Initial Purchasers.

(d) **Initial Purchasers as Qualified Institutional Buyers.** Each Initial Purchaser severally and not jointly represents and warrants to, and agrees with, the Company that:

(i) it will offer and sell Securities only to (a) persons who it reasonably believes are "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of Rule 144A ("**Qualified Institutional Buyers**") in transactions meeting the requirements of Rule 144A or (b) upon the terms and conditions set forth in <u>Annex I</u> to this Agreement;

(ii) it is an institutional "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act; and

(iii) it will not offer or sell Securities by, any form of general solicitation or general advertising (as those terms are used in Regulation D under the Securities Act), including but not limited to the methods described in Rule 502(c) under the Securities Act.

SECTION 3. Additional Covenants. Each of the Company and the Guarantors further covenants and agrees with each Initial Purchaser as follows:

(a) **Preparation of Final Offering Memorandum; Initial Purchasers' Review of Proposed Amendments and Supplements and Company Additional Written Communications.** As promptly as practicable following the Time of Sale and in any event not later than the second business day following the date hereof, the Company will prepare and deliver to the Initial Purchasers the Final Offering Memorandum, which shall consist of the Preliminary Offering Memorandum as modified only by the information

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contained in the Pricing Supplement. The Company will not amend or supplement the Preliminary Offering Memorandum or the Pricing Supplement. The Company will not amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum prior to the Closing Date unless the Representative shall previously have been furnished a copy of the proposed amendment or supplement a reasonable period of time prior to the proposed use or filing, and shall not have objected to such amendment or supplement. Before making, preparing, using, authorizing, approving or distributing any Company Additional Written Communication, the Company will furnish to the Representative a copy of such written communication for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve or distribute any such written communication to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(b) Amendments and Supplements to the Final Offering Memorandum and Other Securities Act Matters. If at any time prior to the Closing Date (i) any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which any of the Pricing Disclosure Package as then amended or supplemented would include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading or (ii) it is necessary to amend or supplement any of the Pricing Disclosure Package to comply with law, the Company and the Guarantors will immediately notify the Initial Purchasers thereof and forthwith prepare and (subject to Section 3(a) hereof) furnish to the Initial Purchasers such amendments or supplements to any of the Pricing Disclosure Package as may be necessary so that the statements in any of the Pricing Disclosure Package as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, be misleading or so that any of the Pricing Disclosure Package will comply with all applicable law. If, prior to the completion of the placement of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers with the Subsequent Purchasers, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum, as then amended or supplemented, in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Final Offering Memorandum is delivered to a Subsequent Purchaser, not misleading, or if in the judgment of the Representative or counsel for the Initial Purchasers it is otherwise necessary to amend or supplement the Final Offering Memorandum to comply with law, the Company and the Guarantors agree to promptly prepare (subject to Section 3 hereof) and furnish at its own expense to the Initial Purchasers, amendments or supplements to the Final Offering Memorandum so that the statements in the Final Offering Memorandum as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances at the Closing Date and at the time of sale of Securities, be misleading or so that the Final Offering Memorandum, as amended or supplemented, will comply with all applicable law.

Following the consummation of the Exchange Offer or the effectiveness of an applicable shelf registration statement and for so long as the Securities are outstanding, if, in the judgment of the Representative, the Initial Purchasers or any of their affiliates (as such term is defined in the Securities Act) are required to deliver a prospectus in connection with sales of, or market-making activities with respect to, the Securities, the Company and the Guarantors agree to periodically amend the applicable registration statement so that the information contained therein complies with the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act, to amend the applicable registration statement or supplement the related

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prospectus or the documents incorporated therein when necessary to reflect any material changes in the information provided therein so that the registration statement and the prospectus will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing as of the date the prospectus is so delivered, not misleading and to provide the Initial Purchasers with copies of each amendment or supplement filed and such other documents as the Initial Purchasers may reasonably request.

The Company and the Guarantors hereby expressly acknowledge that the indemnification and contribution provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereof are specifically applicable and relate to each offering memorandum, registration statement, prospectus, amendment or supplement referred to in this Section 3.

(c) **Copies of the Offering Memorandum.** The Company agrees to furnish the Initial Purchasers, without charge, as many copies of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendments and supplements thereto as they shall reasonably request.

(d) **Blue Sky Compliance.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors shall cooperate with the Representative and counsel for the Initial Purchasers to qualify or register (or to obtain exemptions from qualifying or registering) all or any part of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of the several states of the United States, the provinces of Canada or any other jurisdictions designated by the Representative, shall comply with such laws and shall continue such qualifications, registrations and exemptions in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Securities. None of the Company or any of the Guarantors shall be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to take any action that would subject it to general service of process in any such jurisdiction where it is not presently qualified or where it would be subject to taxation as a foreign corporation. The Company will advise the Representative promptly of the suspension of the qualification or registration of (or any such exemption relating to) the Securities for offering, sale or trading in any jurisdiction or any initiation or threat of any proceeding for any such purpose, and in the event of the issuance of any order suspending such qualification, registration or exemption, each of the Company and the Guarantors shall use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal thereof at the earliest possible moment.

(e) **Use of Proceeds.** The Company shall apply the net proceeds from the sale of the Securities sold by it in the manner described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in the Pricing Disclosure Package.

(f) **The Depositary.** The Company will cooperate with the Initial Purchasers and use its best efforts to permit the Securities to be eligible for clearance and settlement through the facilities of the Depositary.

(g) Additional Issuer Information. Prior to the completion of the placement of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers with the Subsequent Purchasers, the Company shall file, on a timely basis, with the Commission and the NYSE (as defined below) reports and documents required to be filed under Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act.

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Additionally, at any time when the Company is not subject to Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act, for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners from time to time of the Securities, the Company shall furnish, at its expense, upon request, to holders and beneficial owners of Securities and prospective purchasers of Securities information ("Additional Issuer Information") satisfying the requirements of Rule 144A(d); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the filing of any such required information by the Parent Guarantor (if the Parent Guarantor continues to hold all of the equity of the Company and has no material assets or liabilities other than guarantees of the debt that appears on the consolidated balance sheet of the Parent Guarantor and its subsidiaries) with the Commission shall be deemed to satisfy this clause (g).

(h) **Agreement Not To Offer or Sell Additional Securities.** During the period of 90 days following the date hereof, the Company will not, without the prior written consent of the Representative (which consent may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Representative), directly or indirectly, sell, offer, contract or grant any option to sell, pledge, transfer or establish an open "put equivalent position" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1 under the Exchange Act, or otherwise dispose of or transfer, or announce the offering of, or file any registration statement under the Securities Act in respect of, any long-term debt securities of the Company that are not (by their terms) convertible into equity securities (other than as contemplated by this Agreement and to register the Exchange Securities).

(i) **Future Reports to the Initial Purchasers.** At any time when the Parent Guarantor is not subject to Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act and any Securities or Exchange Securities remain outstanding, the Company will furnish to the Representative and, upon request, to each of the other Initial Purchasers: (i) as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, copies of the Annual Report of the Company containing the balance sheet of the Company as of the close of such fiscal year and statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended and the opinion thereon of the Company's independent public or certified public accountants; (ii) as soon as practicable after the filing thereof, copies of each proxy statement, Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, Current Report on Form 8-K or other report filed by the Company with the Commission, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("**FINRA**") or any securities exchange; and (iii) as soon as available, copies of any report or communication of the Company mailed generally to holders of its capital stock or debt securities (including the holders of the Securities), if, in each case, such documents are not filed with the Commission within the time periods specified by the Commission's rules and regulations under Section 13 or 15 of the Exchange Act.

(j) **No Integration.** The Company agrees that it will not and will cause its Affiliates not to make any offer or sale of securities of the Company of any class if, as a result of the doctrine of "integration" referred to in Rule 502 under the Securities Act, such offer or sale would render invalid (for the purpose of (i) the sale of the Securities by the Company to the Initial Purchasers, (ii) the resale of the Securities by the Company to the Initial Purchasers (ii) the resale of the Securities by the Subsequent Purchasers or (iii) the resale of the Securities by such Subsequent Purchasers to others) the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 4(a)(2) thereof or by Rule 144A or by Regulation S thereunder or otherwise.

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(k) **No General Solicitation or Directed Selling Efforts.** The Company agrees that it will not and will not permit any of its Affiliates or any other person acting on its or their behalf (other than the Initial Purchasers, as to which no covenant is given) to (i) solicit offers for, or offer or sell, the Securities by means of any form of general solicitation or general advertising within the meaning of Rule 502(c) of Regulation D or in any manner involving a public offering within the meaning of Section 4(2) of the Securities Act or (ii) engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Securities within the meaning of Regulation S, and the Company will and will cause all such persons to comply with the offering restrictions requirement of Regulation S with respect to the Securities.

(l) **No Restricted Resales.** The Company will not, and will not permit any of its affiliates (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) to resell any of the Notes that have been acquired by any of them.

(m) **Legended Securities.** Each certificate for a Note will bear the legend contained in "Transfer Restrictions" in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum for the time period and upon the other terms stated in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum.

The Representative on behalf of the several Initial Purchasers, may, in its sole discretion, waive in writing the performance by the Company or any Guarantor of any one or more of the foregoing covenants or extend the time for their performance.

SECTION 4. **Payment of Expenses.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agrees to pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with the performance of its obligations hereunder and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, (i) all expenses incident to the issuance and delivery of the Securities (including all printing and engraving costs), (ii) all necessary issue, transfer and other stamp taxes in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities to the Initial Purchasers, (iii) all fees and expenses of the Company's and the Guarantors' counsel, independent public or certified public accountants and other advisors, (iv) all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, printing, filing, shipping and distribution of the Pricing Disclosure Package and the Final Offering Memorandum (including financial statements and exhibits), and all amendments and supplements thereto, and the Transaction Documents, (v) all filing fees, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the Company, the Guarantors or the Initial Purchasers in connection with qualifying or registering (or obtaining exemptions from the qualification or registration of) all or any part of the Securities for offer and sale under the securities laws of the several states of the United States, the provinces of Canada or other jurisdictions designated by the Initial Purchasers (including, without limitation, the cost of preparing, printing and mailing preliminary and final blue sky or legal investment memoranda and any related supplements to the Pricing Disclosure Package or the Final Offering Memorandum, (vi) the fees and expenses of the Trustee, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Trustee in connection with the Indenture, the Securities and the Exchange Securities, (vii) any fees payable in connection with the ratings agencies, (viii) any

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filing fees incident to, and any reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Initial Purchasers in connection with the review by FINRA, if any, of the terms of the sale of the Securities or the Exchange Securities, (ix) all fees and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) of the Company and the Guarantors in connection with approval of the Securities by the Depositary for "book-entry" transfer, and the performance by the Company and the Guarantors of their respective other obligations under this Agreement and (x) all expenses incident to the "road show" for the offering of the Securities, including the cost of any chartered airplane or other transportation (it being understood that the Initial Purchasers, collectively, shall bear their own transportation and other "road show" travel expenses and one-half of the costs associated with any chartered aircraft). Except as provided in this Section 4 and Sections 6, 8 and 9 hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall pay their own expenses, including the fees and disbursements of their counsel.

SECTION 5. **Conditions of the Obligations of the Initial Purchasers.** The obligations of the several Initial Purchasers to purchase and pay for the Securities as provided herein on the Closing Date shall be subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Company and the Guarantors set forth in Section 1 hereof as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date as though then made and to the timely performance by the Company of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to each of the following additional conditions:

(a) Accountants' Comfort Letter. On the date hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall have received from PwC, the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company, a "comfort letter" dated the date hereof addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, covering the financial information in the Pricing Disclosure Package and other customary matters. In addition, on the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers shall have received from such accountants a "bring-down comfort letter" dated the Closing Date addressed to the Initial Purchasers, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative, in the form of the "comfort letter" delivered on the date hereof, except that (i) it shall cover the financial information in the Final Offering Memorandum and any amendment or supplement thereto and (ii) procedures shall be brought down to a date no more than 3 days prior to the Closing Date.

(b) **No Material Adverse Change or Ratings Agency Change.** For the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date:

(i) in the reasonable judgment of the Representative there shall not have occurred any Material Adverse Change; and

(ii) there shall not have occurred any downgrading, nor shall any notice have been given of any intended or potential downgrading or of any review for a possible change that does not indicate the direction of the possible change, in the rating accorded the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of their securities or indebtedness by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" registered under Section15E of the Exchange Act.

(c) **Opinion of Counsel for the Company.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received the favorable opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP, counsel for the Company, dated as of such Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representative.

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(d) **Opinion of Counsel for the Initial Purchasers.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received the favorable opinion of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, counsel for the Initial Purchasers, dated as of such Closing Date, with respect to such matters as may be reasonably requested by the Initial Purchasers.

(e) **Officers' Certificate.** On the Closing Date the Initial Purchasers shall have received a written certificate executed by the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer or President of the Company and each Guarantor and the Chief Financial Officer or Chief Accounting Officer of the Company and each Guarantor, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect set forth in Section 5(b)(ii) hereof, and further to the effect that:

(i) for the period from and after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date there has not occurred any Material Adverse Change;

(ii) the representations, warranties and covenants of the Company and the Guarantors set forth in Section 1 hereof were true and correct as of the date hereof and are true and correct as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as though expressly made on and as of the Closing Date; and

(iii) each of the Company and the Guarantors has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Date.

(f) **Indenture; Registration Rights Agreement.** The Company and the Guarantors shall have executed and delivered the Indenture, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers shall have received executed copies thereof. The Company and the Guarantors shall have executed and delivered the Registration Rights Agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers, and the Initial Purchasers shall have received executed copies thereof.

## (g) [Reserved].

(h) Additional Documents. On or before the Closing Date, the Initial Purchasers and counsel for the Initial Purchasers shall have received such information, documents and opinions as they may reasonably require for the purposes of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as contemplated herein, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations and warranties, or the satisfaction of any of the conditions or agreements, herein contained.

If any condition specified in this Section 5 is not satisfied when and as required to be satisfied, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice to the Company at any time on or prior to the Closing Date, which termination shall be without liability on the part of any party to any other party, except that Sections 4, 6, 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

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SECTION 6. **Reimbursement of Initial Purchasers' Expenses.** If this Agreement is terminated by the Representative pursuant to Section 5 or 10(i)(x), (iv) or (v) hereof or because of any refusal, inability or failure on the part of the Company to perform any agreement herein or to comply with any provision hereof, the Company agrees to reimburse the Initial Purchasers, severally, upon demand for all out-of-pocket expenses that shall have been reasonably incurred by the Initial Purchasers in connection with the proposed purchase and the offering and sale of the Securities, including, without limitation, fees and disbursements of counsel, printing expenses, travel expenses, postage, facsimile and telephone charges.

SECTION 7. **Offer, Sale and Resale Procedures.** Each of the Initial Purchasers, on the one hand, and the Company and each of the Guarantors, on the other hand, hereby agree to observe the following procedures in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities:

(a) Offers and sales of the Securities will be made only by the Initial Purchasers or Affiliates thereof qualified to do so in the jurisdictions in which such offers or sales are made. Each such offer or sale shall only be made to persons whom the offeror or seller reasonably believes to be Qualified Institutional Buyers or non-U.S. persons outside the United States to whom the offeror or seller reasonably believes offers and sales of the Securities may be made in reliance upon Regulation S upon the terms and conditions set forth in Annex I hereto, which Annex I is hereby expressly made a part hereof.

(b) No general solicitation or general advertising (within the meaning of Rule 502 under the Securities Act) will be used in the United States in connection with the offering of the Securities.

(c) Upon original issuance by the Company, and until such time as the same is no longer required under the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Notes (and all securities issued in exchange therefor or in substitution thereof, other than the Exchange Notes) shall bear the following legend:

"THE SECURITY (OR ITS PREDECESSOR) EVIDENCED HEREBY WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN A TRANSACTION EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "**SECURITIES ACT**"), AND THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION OR AN APPLICABLE EXEMPTION THEREFROM. EACH PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANY THAT (A) SUCH SECURITY MAY BE RESOLD,

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PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED, ONLY (1)(a) INSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A PERSON WHO THE SELLER REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (b) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO A FOREIGN PERSON IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 903 OR RULE 904 OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (c) PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144 THEREUNDER (IF APPLICABLE) OR (d) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT (AND BASED UPON AN OPINION OF COUNSEL ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMPANY IF THE COMPANY SO REQUESTS), (2) TO THE COMPANY OR (3) PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT AND, IN EACH CASE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION AND (B) THE HOLDER WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY OF THE RESALE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN CLAUSE (A) ABOVE. NO REPRESENTATION CAN BE MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED BY RULE 144 FOR RESALE OF THE SECURITY EVIDENCED HEREBY."

Following the sale of the Securities by the Initial Purchasers to Subsequent Purchasers pursuant to the terms hereof, the Initial Purchasers shall not be liable or responsible to the Company for any losses, damages or liabilities suffered or incurred by the Company, including any losses, damages or liabilities under the Securities Act, arising from or relating to any resale or transfer of any Security.

## SECTION 8. Indemnification.

(a) **Indemnification of the Initial Purchasers.** Each of the Company and the Guarantors, jointly and severally, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Initial Purchaser, its affiliates, directors, officers and employees, and each person, if any, who controls any Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which such Initial Purchaser, affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based: upon any untrue statement or alleged

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untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and to reimburse each Initial Purchaser and each such affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by the Representative) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by such Initial Purchaser or such affiliate, director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action; provided, however, that the foregoing indemnity agreement shall not apply, with respect to an Initial Purchaser, to any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense to the extent, but only to the extent, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto). The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(a) shall be in addition to any liabilities that the Company may otherwise have.

(b) Indemnification of the Company and the Guarantors. Each Initial Purchaser agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, each Guarantor, each of their respective directors, officers and employees, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any loss, claim, damage, liability or expense, as incurred, to which the Company, any Guarantor or any such director, officer, employee or controlling person may become subject, under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or other federal or state statutory law or regulation, or at common law or otherwise (including in settlement of any litigation, if such settlement is effected with the written consent of such Initial Purchaser), insofar as such loss, claim, damage, liability or expense (or actions in respect thereof as contemplated below) arises out of or is based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, in each case to the extent, but only to the extent, that such untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission was made in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto), in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by such Initial Purchaser through the Representative expressly for use therein; and to reimburse the Company, any Guarantor and each such director, officer, employee or controlling person for any and all expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel) as such expenses are reasonably incurred by the Company, any Guarantor or such director, officer, employee or controlling person in connection with investigating, defending, settling, compromising or paying any such loss, claim, damage, liability, expense or action. Each of the Company and the Guarantors hereby acknowledges that the only information that the Initial Purchasers through the Representative have furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum, the Pricing Supplement, any Company Additional

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Written Communication or the Final Offering Memorandum (or any amendment or supplement thereto) are the statements set forth in the first sentence of the fifth paragraph, third and fourth sentence of the seventh paragraph, ninth paragraph and tenth paragraph under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Preliminary Offering Memorandum and the Final Offering Memorandum. The indemnity agreement set forth in this Section 8(b) shall be in addition to any liabilities that each Initial Purchaser may otherwise have.

(c) Notifications and Other Indemnification Procedures. Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 8 of notice of the commencement of any action, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against an indemnifying party under this Section 8, notify the indemnifying party in writing of the commencement thereof; provided that the failure to so notify the indemnifying party will not relieve it from any liability which it may have to any indemnified party under this Section 8 except to the extent that it has been materially prejudiced (through the forfeiture of substantive rights and defenses) by such failure and shall not relieve the indemnifying party from any liability that the indemnifying party may have to an indemnified party other than under this Section 8. In case any such action is brought against any indemnified party and such indemnified party seeks or intends to seek indemnity from an indemnifying party, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and, to the extent that it shall elect, jointly with all other indemnifying parties similarly notified, by written notice delivered to the indemnified party promptly after receiving the aforesaid notice from such indemnified party, to assume the defense thereof with counsel reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party; provided, however, if the defendants in any such action include both the indemnified party and the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that a conflict may arise between the positions of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party in conducting the defense of any such action or that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party, the indemnified party or parties shall have the right to select separate counsel to assume such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on behalf of such indemnified party or parties. Upon receipt of notice from the indemnifying party to such indemnified party of such indemnifying party's election so to assume the defense of such action and approval by the indemnified party of counsel, the indemnifying party will not be liable to such indemnified party under this Section 8 for any legal or other expenses subsequently incurred by such indemnified party in connection with the defense thereof unless (i) the indemnified party shall have employed separate counsel in accordance with the proviso to the immediately preceding sentence (it being understood, however, that the indemnifying party shall not be liable for the expenses of more than one separate counsel (together with local counsel (in each relevant jurisdiction)), which shall be selected by the Representative (in the case of counsel representing the Initial Purchasers or their related persons), representing the indemnified parties who are parties to such action) or (ii) the indemnifying party shall not have employed counsel satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party (if so required) within a reasonable time after notice of commencement of the action, in each of which cases the fees and expenses of counsel shall be at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) **Settlements.** The indemnifying party under this Section 8 shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, which will not be unreasonably withheld, but if settled with such consent or if there be a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party against any loss, claim, damage,

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liability or expense by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by this Section 8, the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request and (ii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement, compromise or consent to the entry of judgment in any pending or threatened action, suit or proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such action, suit or proceeding and (ii) does not include any statements as to or any findings of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

SECTION 9. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 8 hereof is for any reason held to be unavailable to or otherwise insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount paid or payable by such indemnified party, as incurred, as a result of any losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to therein (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause (i) above but also the relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions or inaccuracies in the representations and warranties herein which resulted in such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, in connection with the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the total net proceeds from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement (before deducting expenses) received by the Company, and the total discount received by the Initial Purchasers bear to the aggregate initial offering price of the Securities. The relative fault of the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether any such untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact or any such inaccurate or alleged inaccurate representation or warranty relates to information supplied by the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, or the Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission or inaccuracy.

The amount paid or payable by a party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses referred to above shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 8 hereof, any legal or other fees or expenses reasonably incurred by such party in connection with investigating or defending any action or claim. The provisions set forth in Section 8

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hereof with respect to notice of commencement of any action shall apply if a claim for contribution is to be made under this Section 9; provided, however, that no additional notice shall be required with respect to any action for which notice has been given under Section 8 hereof for purposes of indemnification.

The Company, the Guarantors and the Initial Purchasers agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 9 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Initial Purchasers were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation which does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in this Section 9.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9, no Initial Purchaser shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the discount received by such Initial Purchaser in connection with the Securities distributed by it. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The Initial Purchasers' obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 9 are several, and not joint, in proportion to their respective commitments as set forth opposite their names in Schedule A. For purposes of this Section 9, each director, officer and employee of an Initial Purchaser and each person, if any, who controls an Initial Purchaser within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as such Initial Purchaser, and each director, officer or employee of the Company or any Guarantor, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or any Guarantor with the meaning of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company and the Guarantors.

SECTION 10. **Termination of this Agreement.** Prior to the Closing Date, this Agreement may be terminated by the Representative by notice given to the Company if at any time: (i)(x) trading or quotation in any of the Company's or Parent Guarantor's securities shall have been suspended or limited by the Commission or by the New York Stock Exchange (the "**NYSE**"), or (y) trading in securities generally on either the Nasdaq Stock Market or the NYSE shall have been suspended or limited, or minimum or maximum prices shall have been generally established on any of such quotation system or stock exchange by the Commission or FINRA; (ii) a general banking moratorium shall have been declared by any of federal, New York or Delaware authorities; (iii) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of national or international hostilities or any crisis or calamity, or any change in the United States or international financial markets, or any substantial change or development involving a prospective substantial change in United States' or international political, financial or economic conditions, as in the judgment of the Representative is material and adverse and makes it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering, sale or delivery of the Securities in the manner and on the terms described in the Pricing Disclosure Package or to enforce contracts for the sale of securities; (iv) in the judgment of the Representative there shall have occurred any Material Adverse Change; or (v) the Company shall have sustained a loss by strike, fire, flood, earthquake, accident or other calamity of such character as in the judgment of the Representative may interfere materially with the conduct of the business and operations of the Company regardless of whether or not such loss shall have been insured. Any termination pursuant to this Section 10, shall be without liability on the part of (x) the Company or any Guarantor to any Initial Purchaser, except that the Company and the Guarantors shall be obligated to reimburse t

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to Sections 4 and 6 hereof, (y) any Initial Purchaser to the Company, or (z) any party hereto to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination.

SECTION 11. **Representations and Indemnities to Survive Delivery.** The respective indemnities, rights of contribution, agreements, representations, warranties and other statements of the Company, the Guarantors, their respective officers and the several Initial Purchasers set forth in or made pursuant to this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of any Initial Purchaser, the Company, any Guarantor or any of their partners, officers or directors or any controlling person, as the case may be, and will survive delivery of and payment for the Securities sold hereunder and any termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 12. **Notices.** All communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be mailed, hand delivered, couriered or facsimiled and confirmed to the parties hereto as follows:

If to the Initial Purchasers:

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated 50 Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10020 Facsimile: (917) 267-7085 Attention: HY Legal Department

with a copy to:

Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP 80 Pine Street, 17th Floor New York, New York 10005 Facsimile: (212) 269-5420 Attention: James J. Clark, Esq. Darren Silver, Esq.

If to the Company or the Guarantors:

The William Carter Company The Proscenium 1170 Peachtree Street NE, Suite 900 Atlanta, Georgia 30309 Facsimile: (404) 892-0968 Attention: Richard F. Westenberger, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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with a copy to:

Ropes & Gray LLP Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street Boston, Massachusetts 02199-3600 Facsimile: (617) 235- 0375 Attention: Joel F. Freedman, Esq.

Any party hereto may change the address or facsimile number for receipt of communications by giving written notice to the others.

SECTION 13. **Successors.** This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, and to the benefit of the indemnified parties referred to in Sections 8 and 9 hereof, and in each case their respective successors, and no other person will have any right or obligation hereunder. The term "successors" shall not include any Subsequent Purchaser or other purchaser of the Securities as such from any of the Initial Purchasers merely by reason of such purchase.

SECTION 14. **Authority of the Representative.** Any action by the Initial Purchasers hereunder may be taken by the Representative on behalf of the Initial Purchasers, and any such action taken by the Representative shall be binding upon the Initial Purchasers.

SECTION 15. **Partial Unenforceability.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, paragraph or provision hereof. If any section, paragraph or provision of this Agreement is for any reason determined to be invalid or unenforceable, there shall be deemed to be made such minor changes (and only such minor changes) as are necessary to make it valid and enforceable.

## SECTION 16. Governing Law Provisions.

(a) THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, CONTROVERSY OR DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO AGREEMENTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE WITHOUT REGARD TO CONFLICTS OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

(b) **Consent to Jurisdiction.** Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby ("**Related Proceedings**") may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York or the courts of the State of New York in each case located in the City and County of New York (collectively, the "**Specified Courts**"), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for suits, actions, or proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any Specified Court in a Related Proceeding a "**Related Judgment**", as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of the Specified Courts in any Related Proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail to such party's address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any Related Proceeding brought in

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any Specified Court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any Specified Proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any Specified Court that any Related Proceeding brought in any Specified Court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 17. **Default of One or More of the Several Initial Purchasers.** If any one or more of the several Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase Securities that it or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on the Closing Date, and the aggregate number of Securities which such defaulting Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or refused to purchase does not exceed 10% of the aggregate number of the Securities to be purchased on such date, the other Initial Purchasers shall be obligated, severally, in the proportions that the number of Securities set forth opposite their respective names on Schedule A bears to the aggregate number of Securities set forth opposite the non-defaulting Initial Purchasers, or in such other proportions as may be specified by the Initial Purchasers with the consent of the non-defaulting Initial Purchaser, to purchase the Securities which such defaulting Initial Purchaser or Initial Purchasers agreed but failed or refused to purchase on the Closing Date. If any one or more of the Initial Purchasers shall fail or refuse to purchase on the Closing Date, and the aggregate number of Securities with respect to which such default occurs exceeds 10% of the aggregate number of Securities to be purchased on the Closing Date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Initial Purchasers and the Company for the purchase of such Securities are not made within 48 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Sections 4, 6, 8 and 9 hereof shall at all times be effective and shall survive such termination. In any such case either the Initial Purchasers or the Company shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, as the case may be, but in no event for longer than seven days in order that the required changes, if any, to the Final Offering Memorandum or any other documents or arrangements may be effected.

As used in this Agreement, the term "**Initial Purchaser**" shall be deemed to include any person substituted for a defaulting Initial Purchaser under this Section 17. Any action taken under this Section 17 shall not relieve any defaulting Initial Purchaser from liability in respect of any default of such Initial Purchaser under this Agreement.

SECTION 18. No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility. Each of the Company and the Guarantors acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the several Initial Purchasers, on the other hand, and the Company and the Guarantors are capable of evaluating and understanding and understand and accept the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) in connection with each transaction contemplated hereby and the process leading to such transaction each Initial Purchaser is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, and the Guarantors or their respective affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other party; (iii) no Initial Purchaser has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company and the Guarantors with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Initial Purchaser has advised or is currently advising the Company and the Guarantors on other matters) or any other obligation to the Company and the Guarantors except

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the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement; (iv) the several Initial Purchasers and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Company and the Guarantors, and the several Initial Purchasers have no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any fiduciary or advisory relationship; and (v) the Initial Purchasers have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the offering contemplated hereby, and the Company and the Guarantors have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent they deemed appropriate.

This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between the Company, the Guarantors and the several Initial Purchasers, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof. The Company and the Guarantors hereby waive and release, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that the Company and the Guarantors may have against the several Initial Purchasers with respect to any breach or alleged breach of fiduciary duty.

SECTION 19. **Compliance with USA Patriot Act.** In accordance with the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), the Initial Purchasers are required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies their respective clients, including the Company, which information may include the name and address of their respective clients, as well as other information that will allow the Initial Purchasers to properly identify their respective clients.

SECTION 20. **General Provisions.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to this Agreement and supersedes all prior written or oral and all contemporaneous oral agreements, understandings and negotiations with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each one of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by telecopier, facsimile or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart thereof. This Agreement may not be amended or modified unless in writing by all of the parties hereto, and no condition herein (express or implied) may be waived unless waived in writing by each party whom the condition is meant to benefit. The section headings herein are for the convenience of the parties only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

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If the foregoing is in accordance with your understanding of our agreement, kindly sign and return to the Company the enclosed copies hereof, whereupon this instrument, along with all counterparts hereof, shall become a binding agreement in accordance with its terms.

Very truly yours,

THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY as the Company

By: /s/ Richard F. Westenberger Name: Richard F. Westenberger Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CARTER'S, INC., as the Parent Guarantor

By:/s/ Richard F. WestenbergerName:Richard F. WestenbergerTitle:Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OSHKOSH B'GOSH, INC. CARTER'S RETAIL, INC. TWCC PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND SALES, INC. CARTER'S GIFTCARD COMPANY, INC., as Guarantors

 By:
 /s/ Richard F. Westenberger

 Name:
 Richard F. Westenberger

 Title:
 Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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The foregoing Purchase Agreement is hereby confirmed and accepted by the Initial Purchasers as of the date first above written.

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED Acting on behalf of itself and as the Representative of the several Initial Purchasers

- By: Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated
- By: /s/ Matt Holbrook Director

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## SCHEDULE A

Initial Purchasers	Aggregate Principal Amount of Securities to be Purchased	
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated	\$	240,000,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC		60,000,000
Wells Fargo Securities, LLC		16,000,000
BB&T Capital Markets, a division of BB&T Securities, LLC		12,000,000
BMO Capital Markets Corp.		12,000,000
Fifth Third Securities, Inc.		12,000,000
HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.		12,000,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC		12,000,000
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.		12,000,000
U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc.		12,000,000
Total	\$	400,000,000

Schedule A-1

Resale Pursuant to Regulation S or Rule 144A. Each Initial Purchaser understands that:

Such Initial Purchaser agrees that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell the Securities in the United States or to, or for the benefit or account of, a U.S. person (other than a distributor), in each case, as defined in Rule 902 of Regulation S (i) as part of its distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering of the Securities pursuant hereto and the Closing Date, other than in accordance with Regulation S or another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Such Initial Purchaser agrees that, during such 40-day restricted period, it will not cause any advertisement with respect to the Securities (including any "tombstone" advertisement) to be published in any newspaper or periodical or posted in any public place and will not issue any circular relating to the Securities, except such advertisements as are permitted by and include the statements required by Regulation S.

Such Initial Purchaser agrees that, at or prior to confirmation of a sale of Securities by it to any distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration during the 40-day restricted period referred to in Rule 903 of Regulation S, it will send to such distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration a confirmation or notice to substantially the following effect:

"The Securities covered hereby have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and may not be offered and sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (i) as part of your distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the date the Securities were first offered to persons other than distributors in reliance upon Regulation S and the Closing Date, except in either case in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act (or in accordance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act or to accredited investors in transactions that are exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act), and in connection with any subsequent sale by you of the Securities covered hereby in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act during the period referred to above to any distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration, you must deliver a notice to substantially the foregoing effect. Terms used above have the meanings assigned to them in Regulation S under the Securities Act."

Annex I-1