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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): January 20, 2021

Dream Finders Homes, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Sec. 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

001-39916 (Commission File Number) 85-2983036 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14701 Philips Highway, Suite 300 Jacksonville, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)

32256 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (904) 644-7670

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:				
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Class A Common Stock DFH Nasdaq Global Select Market

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Emerging growth company ⊠

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Underwriting Agreement

On January 20, 2021, Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") by and among the Company, Dream Finders Holdings, LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("DFH LLC"), and BofA Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC and BTIG, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named in Schedule A thereto (the "Underwriters"), providing for the offer and sale by the Company (the "Offering"), and the purchase by the Underwriters, of 9,600,000 shares of Class A common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), at a price to the public of \$13.00 per share. Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company also granted the Underwriters an option for a period of 30 days (the "Option") to purchase up to an additional 1,440,000 shares of Class A Common Stock on the same terms, which Option was exercised by the Underwriters in full on January 21, 2021.

The material terms of the Offering are described in the prospectus, dated January 20, 2021 (the "Prospectus"), filed by the Company with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on January 22, 2021 pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The Offering is registered with the Commission pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-251612), initially filed by the Company with the Commission on December 22, 2020, as amended on January 11, 2021 and January 15, 2021 (the "Registration Statement").

The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the parties, and customary conditions to closing, obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The Company has agreed to indemnify the Underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The foregoing description of the Underwriting Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Underwriting Agreement, which Underwriting Agreement is included as Exhibit 1.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Closing of Initial Public Offering

On January 25, 2021, the Company completed the Offering of 11,040,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, including the Underwriters' full exercise of the Option, and received proceeds (net of underwriting discounts and structuring fees but before offering expenses) from the Offering of approximately \$133.5 million. As described in the Prospectus, the Company expects to use the net proceeds from the offering, cash on hand and borrowings under the Credit Agreement (as defined below), to repay all borrowings under its existing secured vertical construction lines of credit facilities and, upon such repayment, terminate such facilities. As of September 30, 2020, the Company had 17 vertical construction lines of credit facilities with cumulative maximum availability of \$504.0 million, and an aggregate outstanding balance of approximately \$251.2 million.

As more fully described in the Prospectus, certain of the Underwriters and their affiliates have provided in the past to the Company and its affiliates and may provide from time to time in the future certain commercial banking, financial advisory, investment banking and other services for the Company and such affiliates in the ordinary course of their business, for which they have received and may continue to receive customary fees and commissions. In addition, from time to time, certain of the Underwriters and their affiliates may effect transactions for their own account or the account of customers, and hold on behalf of themselves or their customers, long or short positions in the Company's debt or equity securities or loans, and may do so in the future.

Agreement and Plan of Merger

On January 25, 2021, the Company implemented an internal reorganization (the "Merger") pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of January 20, 2021, among the Company, DFH LLC, and DFH Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Merger Sub"). Pursuant to the Merger, (1) the Company became a holding company and the sole manager of DFH LLC, with no material assets other than 100% of the voting membership interest in DFH LLC, (2) all of the common units of DFH LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Merger were converted into 8,590,623 shares of Class A Common Stock, (3) all of the outstanding Series A preferred units of DFH LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Merger were converted into 12,664,706 shares of Class A Common Stock, (4) all of the outstanding common units of DFH LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Merger were converted into 60,226,153 shares of Class B common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class B Common Stock"), (5) the Series B preferred units of DFH LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Merger remain as outstanding Series B preferred units of DFH LLC and (6) the Series C preferred units of DFH LLC.

The foregoing descriptions of the Merger and the Merger Agreement are not complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, which Merger Agreement is included as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

Registration Rights Agreement

On January 25, 2021, in connection with the closing of the Offering, the Company entered into a Registration Rights Agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") with certain stockholders.

Pursuant to, and subject to the limitations set forth in, the Registration Rights Agreements, at any time after 180 days after the effective date of the Registration Statement, Mr. Patrick Zalupski, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, has the right to require the Company by written notice to prepare and file a registration statement on Form S-1 or any successor form thereto, registering the offer and sale of a number of his shares of Class A Common Stock. In addition, at such time as the Company shall have qualified for the use of a registration statement on Form S-3 (or the then-appropriate form for an offering to be made on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act), Mr. Zalupski shall have the right to require that the Company file a registration statement on Form S-3 or any successor form thereto covering all eligible capital stock requested to be included in such registration.

In addition, Mr. Zalupski has the right to require the Company, subject to certain limitations set forth therein, to effect a distribution of any or all of his shares of Class A Common Stock by means of an underwritten offering. Further, subject to certain exceptions, if at any time the Company proposes to conduct an underwritten offering, whether or not for its account, then the Company must notify the stockholders party to the Registration Rights Agreements of such proposal reasonably in advance of the commencement of the underwritten offering, to allow them to include a specified number of their shares in that underwritten offering.

These registration rights are subject to certain conditions and limitations, including the right of the underwriters to limit the number of shares to be included in a registration or offering and the Company's right to delay or withdraw a registration statement under certain circumstances. Subject to certain limitations, the Company will generally be obligated to pay all registration expenses in connection with its other obligations under the Registration Rights Agreements.

The obligation to register shares under the Registration Rights Agreements will terminate as to any stockholder at such time as Rule 144(b)(1) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision) is available for the sale of all of such stockholder's shares without any need to comply with the public information requirements of Rule 144(b)(1) (or any successor provision) or any such shares are sold pursuant to Rule 144.

The foregoing description of the Registration Rights Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Registration Rights Agreement, which Registration Rights Agreement is included as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

The information provided in Item 5.02 hereto under the headings "Indemnification Agreements" and "2021 Equity Incentive Plan" is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

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

On January 25, 2021, the Company entered into a credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with a syndicate of lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, providing for a senior unsecured revolving credit facility with initial aggregate commitments of up to \$450.0 million. The Credit Agreement includes provisions for any existing lender to, at the Company's request, increase its revolving commitment under the Credit Agreement, add new revolving loan tranches under the Credit Agreement or add new term loan tranches under the Credit Agreement, in all cases not to exceed an aggregate of \$300.0 million.

Certain of the Company's subsidiaries will guarantee the Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement will mature on January 25, 2024, unless the Company requests, and the requisite lenders agree, to extend it pursuant to its terms.

The Credit Agreement provides for interest rate options on advances at rates equal to either: (a) in the case of base rate advances, the highest of (1) Bank of America, N.A.'s announced "prime rate", (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%, and (3) the one-month LIBOR plus 1.0%, in each case not to be less than 1.5%; or (b) in the case of Eurodollar rate advances, the reserve adjusted LIBOR, not to be less than 0.5%. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at the interest rate option plus an applicable margin ranging from (i) 2.00% to 2.75% per annum for base rate advances and (ii) 3.00% to 3.75% per annum for Eurodollar rate advances. The applicable margin will vary depending on the Company's debt to capitalization ratio.

Interest on base rate advances borrowed under the Credit Agreement is payable in arrears on a monthly basis. Interest on each Eurodollar rate advance borrowed under the Credit Agreement is payable in arrears at the end of the interest period applicable to such advance, or, if less than such interest period, three months after the beginning of such interest period. The Company pays the lenders a commitment fee on the amount of the unused commitments on a quarterly basis at a rate per annum that will vary from 0.20% to 0.30% depending on the Company's debt to capitalization ratio.

Outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement are subject to, among other things, a borrowing base. The borrowing base includes, among other things, (a) 90% of the net book value of presold housing units, (b) 85% of the net book value of speculative housing units and (d) 70% of the net book value of finished lots, in each case subject to certain exceptions and limitations set forth in the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains certain financial, operational, and legal covenants. The financial covenants include (1) a maximum debt to capitalization ratio, (2) a minimum interest coverage ratio, (3) a minimum liquidity ratio, (4) a minimum tangible net worth test, (5) a maximum risk assets ratio, (6) an investments in unconsolidated affiliates test and (7) a maximum non-recourse indebtedness test. The minimum tangible net worth test is tested at all times. All other financial covenants are tested on a quarterly basis as of the last day of each fiscal quarter. Upon the Company's breach of certain covenants governing the Credit Agreement, amounts outstanding under the Credit Agreement, if any, may immediately become due and payable.

The foregoing description of the Credit Agreement is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Credit Agreement, which Credit Agreement is included as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

Item 3.02 Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities.

The description in Item 1.01 of the issuances by the Company of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock to the holders of common units, non-voting common units and Series A preferred units of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Merger on January 25, 2021 in connection with the consummation of the Merger is incorporated herein by reference. Additionally, upon the Company's formation as a Delaware corporation on September 11, 2020, the Company issued 1,000 shares of common stock to DFH LLC for \$1.00 per share, which shares were cancelled in the Merger.

The foregoing issuances were undertaken in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements in Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act, and no underwriters were involved in such issuances.

Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders.

The information provided in Item 1.01 hereto under the heading "Registration Rights Agreement" and in Item 5.03 hereto is incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Indemnification Agreements

In connection with the Offering, the Company entered into Indemnification Agreements ("Indemnification Agreements") with each of the executive officers and directors of the Company. These Indemnification Agreements require the Company to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to the Company, and to advance certain expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified. The foregoing description of the Indemnification Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Indemnification Agreements, a form of which is included as Exhibit 10.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

2021 Equity Incentive Plan

On January 20, 2021, the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") adopted the 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") to incentivize employees, officers, directors and consultants of the Company and its affiliates. The Plan will become effective in connection with the Offering and provides for the grant, from time to time, at the discretion of the Board or a committee thereof, of cash, stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options, restricted stock, dividend equivalents, restricted stock units, stock appreciation units and other stock or cash-based awards. Subject to adjustment each year as well as in the event of certain transactions or changes of capitalization in accordance with the Plan, 9,100,000 shares of Common Stock have been reserved for issuance pursuant to awards under the Plan.

The foregoing description of the Plan is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan, which Plan is included as Exhibit 10.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Changes in Fiscal Year.

Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

Effective as of January 25, 2021, the Company amended and restated its Certificate of Incorporation (as amended and restated, the "Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation") in connection with the closing of the Offering. The descriptions of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation contained in the sections of the Prospectus entitled "Description of Capital Stock" and "Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to Be in Effect Upon the Completion of This Offering" are incorporated herein by reference.

The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation is filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

Amended and Restated Bylaws

Effective as of January 20, 2021, the Company amended and restated its bylaws (as amended and restated, the "Amended and Restated Bylaws") in connection with the closing of the Offering. The description of the Amended and Restated Bylaws contained in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws to Be in Effect Upon the Completion of This Offering" is incorporated herein by reference.

The foregoing description of the Amended and Restated Bylaws is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amended and Restated Bylaws, which Amended and Restated Bylaws are filed as Exhibit 3.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.03.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated January 20, 2021, by and among Dream Finders Homes, Inc., Dream Finders Holdings LLC, BofA Securities Inc., RBC Capital
	Markets, LLC and BTIG, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein.

- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 20, 2021, by and among Dream Finders Homes, Inc., Dream Finders Holdings LLC and DFH Merger Sub
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Dream Finders Homes, Inc.
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Dream Finders Homes, Inc.
- 4.1 Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 25, 2021, by and among Dream Finders Homes, Inc. and certain stockholders party thereto.
- 10.1* Credit Agreement, dated as of January 25, 2021, among Dream Finders Homes, Inc., Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, collateral agent and issuing bank, and the lenders named therein as parties thereto.
- 10.2+ Form of Director and Employee Indemnification Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Form S-1 filed on January 11, 2021).
- 10.3+ Dream Finders Homes, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.
- + Indicated management contract or compensatory plan.
- * Certain schedules and similar attachments have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The registrant undertakes to furnish supplemental copies of any of the omitted schedules upon request by the SEC

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.

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

By: /s/ Robert E. Riva

Robert E. Riva

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Date: January 25, 2021

Exhibit 1.1

Execution Version

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

9,600,000 Shares of Class A Common Stock

and

DREAM FINDERS HOLDINGS, LLC

(a Florida limited liability company)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

Dated: January 20, 2021

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

(a Delaware corporation)

9,600,000 Shares of Class A Common Stock

and

DREAM FINDERS HOLDINGS LLC

(a Florida limited liability company)

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

January 20, 2021

BofA Securities, Inc. RBC Capital Markets, LLC BTIG, LLC

as Representatives of the several Underwriters

c/o BofA Securities, Inc. One Bryant Park New York, NY 10036

> RBC Capital Markets, LLC 200 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281

BTIG, LLC 65 E. 55th Street New York, NY 10022

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), confirms its agreement with BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofA"), RBC Capital Markets, LLC and BTIG, LLC and each of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto (collectively, the "Underwriters," which term shall also include any underwriter substituted as hereinafter provided in Section 10 hereof), for whom BofA, RBC Capital Markets, LLC and BTIG, LLC are acting as representatives (collectively, in such capacity, the "Representatives"), with respect to (i) the sale by the Company and the purchase by the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the respective numbers of shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company ("Class A Common Stock") and collectively with all of the Company's other classes of common stock, including the Company's Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, the "Common Stock") set forth in Schedule A hereto and (ii) the grant by the Company to the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, of the option described in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any part of 1,440,000 additional shares of Class A Common Stock. The aforesaid 9,600,000 shares of Class A Common Stock (the "Initial Securities") to be purchased by the Underwriters and all or any part of the 1,440,000 shares of Class A Common Stock subject to the option described in Section 2(b) hereof (the "Option Securities") are herein called, collectively, the "Securities."

Immediately prior to or concurrently with the Closing Time (as defined below), DFH Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("Merger Sub"), will merge with and into Dream Finders Holdings LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("DFH LLC"), with DFH LLC as the surviving entity, pursuant to the terms of that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization among Merger Sub, the Company and DFH LLC, to be dated as of the Closing Time (the "Merger Agreement"). The transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and certain other related events and transactions described under the heading "Corporate Reorganization" in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus are referred to herein as the "Corporate Reorganization." Immediately following the Corporate Reorganization, (1) the Company will be a holding company and the sole manager of DFH LLC, with no material assets other than 100% of the voting membership interests in DFH LLC, and (2) the holders of common units, non-voting common units and Series A preferred units of DFH LLC will become stockholders of the Company, (3) the holders of the Series B preferred units of DFH LLC outstanding immediately prior to the Corporate Reorganization will hold all 26,000 of the outstanding Series C preferred units of DFH LLC.

The Company and DFH LLC each understand that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of the Securities as soon as the Representatives deem advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered.

The Company and the Underwriters agree that up to 3,300,000 shares of the Initial Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters (the "Reserved Securities") shall be reserved for sale by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (an affiliate of BofA, hereinafter referred to as "Merrill Lynch") to certain persons designated by the Company (the "Invitees"), as part of the distribution of the Securities by the Underwriters, subject to the terms of this Agreement, the applicable rules, regulations and interpretations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Company solely determined, without any direct or indirect participation by the Underwriters or Merrill Lynch, the Invitees who will purchase Reserved Securities (including the amount to be purchased by such persons) sold by Merrill Lynch. To the extent that such Reserved Securities are not orally confirmed for purchase by Invitees by 11:59 P.M. (New York City time) on the date of this Agreement, such Reserved Securities may be offered to the public as part of the public offering contemplated hereby.

The Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a registration statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-251612), including the related preliminary prospectus or prospectuses, covering the registration of the sale of the Securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"). Promptly after execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Company will prepare and file a prospectus in accordance with the provisions of Rule 430A ("Rule 430A") of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the 1933 Act (the "1933 Act Regulations") and Rule 424(b) ("Rule 424(b)") of the 1933 Act Regulations. The information included in such prospectus that was omitted from such registration statement at the time it became effective pursuant to Rule 430A(b) is herein called the "Rule 430A Information." Such registration statement, including the amendments thereto, the exhibits thereto and any schedules thereto, at the time it became effective, and including the Rule 430A Information, is herein called the "Registration Statement." Any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the 1933 Act Regulations is herein called the "Rule 462(b) Registration Statement." Any registration Statement shall include the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement. Each prospectus used prior to the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, and each prospectus that omitted the Rule 430A Information that was used after such effectiveness and prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, is herein called a "preliminary prospectus." The final prospectus, in the form first furnished to the Underwriters for use in connection with the offering of the Securities, is herein called the "Prospectus." For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval s

As used in this Agreement:

"Applicable Time" means 4:20 P.M., New York City time, on January 20, 2021 or such other time as agreed by the Company and BofA.

"General Disclosure Package" means any Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectuses issued at or prior to the Applicable Time, the most recent preliminary prospectus that is distributed to investors prior to the Applicable Time and the information included on Schedule B-1 hereto, all considered together.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 433"), including without limitation any "free writing prospectus" (as defined in Rule 405 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 405")) relating to the Securities that is (i) required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (ii) a "road show that is a written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i), whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (iii) exempt from filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Securities or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company's records pursuant to Rule 433(g).

"Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is intended for general distribution to prospective investors (other than a "bona fide electronic road show," as defined in Rule 433 (the "Bona Fide Electronic Road Show")), as evidenced by its being specified in Schedule B-2 hereto

"Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus" means any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that is not an Issuer General Use Free Writing Prospectus.

"Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any oral or written communication with potential investors undertaken in reliance on Section 5(d) of the 1933 Act.

"Written Testing-the-Waters Communication" means any Testing-the-Waters Communication that is a written communication within the meaning of Rule 405 under the 1933 Act.

SECTION 1. Representations and Warranties.

- (a) Representations and Warranties by the Company and DFH LLC. Each of the Company and DFH LLC represents and warrants, jointly and severally, to each Underwriter as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery (as defined below), and agrees with each Underwriter, as follows:
 - (i) <u>Registration Statement and Prospectuses</u>. Each of the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto has become effective under the 1933 Act. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, contemplated. The Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information.

Each of the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the time it became effective, the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. Each preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the time each was filed with the Commission, and, in each case, at the Applicable Time, the Closing Time and any Date of Delivery complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations. Each preliminary prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering and the Prospectus was or will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

(ii) Accurate Disclosure. Neither the Registration Statement nor any amendment thereto, at its effective time, on the date hereof, at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, contained, contains or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. At the Applicable Time and any Date of Delivery, none of (A) the General Disclosure Package, (B) any individual Issuer Limited Use Free Writing Prospectus, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package and (C) any individual Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, when considered together with the General Disclosure Package, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will 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. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of its issue date, at the time of any filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b), at the Closing Time or at any Date of Delivery, included, includes or will include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted, omits or will 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.

The representations and warranties in this subsection shall not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company or DFH LLC by any Underwriter through BofA expressly for use therein. For purposes of this Agreement, the only information so furnished shall be the information in the first paragraph under the heading "Underwriting—Commissions and Discounts" and the information in the second, third and fourth paragraphs under the heading "Underwriting—Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids" in each case contained in the Prospectus (collectively, the "Underwriter Information").

- (iii) <u>Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses.</u> No Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, and any preliminary or other prospectus deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. The Company has made available a Bona Fide Electronic Road Show in compliance with Rule 433(d)(8)(ii) such that no filing of any "road show" (as defined in Rule 433(h)) is required in connection with the offering of the Securities.
- (iv) <u>Testing-the-Waters Materials</u>. Neither the Company nor DFH LLC (A) has engaged in any Testing-the-Waters Communication other than Testing-the-Waters Communications with the consent of the Representatives with entities that are qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the 1933 Act or institutions that are accredited investors within the meaning of Rule 501 under the 1933 Act and (B) has authorized anyone other than the Representatives to engage in Testing-the-Waters Communications. The Company and DFH LLC reconfirm that the Representatives have been authorized to act on their behalf in undertaking Testing-the-Waters Communications. Neither the Company nor DFH LLC has distributed any Written Testing-the-Waters Communications other than those listed on Schedule B-3 hereto.

- (v) <u>Company Not Ineligible Issuer.</u> At the time of filing the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto, at the earliest time thereafter that the Company or another offering participant made a *bona fide* offer (within the meaning of Rule 164(h)(2) of the 1933 Act Regulations) of the Securities and at the date hereof, the Company was not and is not an "ineligible issuer," as defined in Rule 405, without taking account of any determination by the Commission pursuant to Rule 405 that it is not necessary that the Company be considered an ineligible issuer.
- (vi) <u>Emerging Growth Company Status.</u> From the time of the initial confidential submission of the Registration Statement to the Commission (or, if earlier, the first date on which the Company engaged directly or through any Person authorized to act on its behalf in any Testing-the-Waters Communication) through the date hereof, the Company has been and is an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the 1933 Act (an "Emerging Growth Company").
- (vii) Independent Accountants (Company and DFH LLC). PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules of the Company and DFH LLC and their consolidated subsidiaries, each included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, is an independent public accountant with respect to the Company and DFH LLC, as required by the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
- (viii) Independent Accountants (H&H). Yount, Hyde and Barbour, P.C., who certified the financial statements and supporting schedules of H&H Constructors, Inc. ("H&H Homes") and its consolidated subsidiaries, each included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, is an independent public accountant with respect to H&H Homes, as required by the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
- Financial Statements; Non-GAAP Financial Measures. The financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, together with the related schedules and notes, present fairly the financial position of the Company and DFH LLC and their consolidated subsidiaries and of H&H Homes and its consolidated subsidiaries, as applicable, at the dates indicated and the statement of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of DFH LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries and of H&H Homes and its consolidated subsidiaries, as applicable, for the periods specified; said financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved. The supporting schedules, if any, present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. The selected financial data and the summary financial information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein and have been compiled on a basis consistent with that of the audited financial statements included therein. The pro forma financial statements and the related notes thereto included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus present fairly the information shown therein, have been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines with respect to pro forma financial statements and have been properly compiled on the bases described therein, and the assumptions used in the preparation thereof are reasonable and the adjustments used therein are appropriate to give effect to the transactions and circumstances referred to therein. Except as included therein, no historical or pro forma financial statements or supporting schedules are required to be included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus under the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations. All disclosures contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act") and Item 10 of Regulation S-K of the 1933 Act, to the extent applicable.

- (x) No Material Adverse Change in Business. Except as otherwise stated therein, since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, (A) there has been no material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs, properties or business prospects of the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business (a "Material Adverse Effect"), (B) there have been no transactions entered into by the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries, other than those in the ordinary course of business, which are material with respect to the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, and (C) there has been no dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made by either the Company or DFH LLC on any class of its capital stock.
- (xi) Good Standing of the Company and DFH LLC. Each of the Company and DFH LLC has been duly organized and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization and has corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and to enter into and perform its obligations under this Agreement; and each of the Company and DFH LLC is duly qualified as a foreign corporation to transact business and is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which such qualification is required, whether by reason of the ownership or leasing of property or the conduct of business, except where the failure so to qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xii) Good Standing of Subsidiaries. Each "significant subsidiary" of DFH LLC (as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X) (each, a "Subsidiary" and, collectively, the "Subsidiaries") has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, has corporate or similar power and authority to own, lease and operate its properties and to conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing 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 where the failure to so qualify or to be in good standing would not result in a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity interests of each Subsidiary has been duly authorized and validly issued, is fully paid and non-assessable and is owned by DFH LLC, directly or through subsidiaries, free and clear of any security interest, mortgage, pledge, lien, encumbrance, claim or equity. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of any Subsidiary were issued in violation of the preemptive or similar rights of any securityholder of such Subsidiary. The only subsidiaries of DFH LLC are (A) the subsidiaries listed on Exhibit 21 to the Registration Statement and (B) certain other subsidiaries which, considered in the aggregate as a single subsidiary, do not constitute a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X. Prior to the Corporate Reorganization, the only subsidiary of the Company is Merger Sub.

- (xiii) <u>Capitalization</u>. The authorized, issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the DFH LLC are as set forth in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus in the column entitled "Actual" under the caption "Capitalization" (except for subsequent issuances, if any, pursuant to this Agreement, pursuant to reservations, agreements or employee benefit or equity incentive plans referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or pursuant to the exercise of convertible securities or options referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus). At the Closing Time, the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company will have been duly authorized and will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable. None of the outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company will have been issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company.
 - (xiv) Authorization of Agreement. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and DFH LLC.
- (xv) Authorization and Description of Securities. The Securities to be purchased by the Underwriters from the Company have been duly authorized for issuance and sale to the Underwriters pursuant to this Agreement and, when issued and delivered by the Company pursuant to this Agreement against payment of the consideration set forth herein, will be validly issued and fully paid and non-assessable; and the issuance of the Securities is not subject to the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Company. The Common Stock conforms to all statements relating thereto contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and such description conforms to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same. No holder of Securities will be subject to personal liability by reason of being such a holder.
- (xvi) Registration Rights. There are no persons with registration rights or other similar rights to have any securities registered for sale pursuant to the Registration Statement or otherwise registered for sale or sold by the Company or DFH LLC under the 1933 Act pursuant to this Agreement, other than those rights that have been disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus and have been waived.
- Absence of Violations, Defaults and Conflicts. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries is (A) in violation of its charter, bylaws or similar organizational document, (B) in default in the performance or observance of any obligation, agreement, covenant or condition contained in any contract, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan or credit agreement, note, lease or other agreement or instrument to which the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of them may be bound or to which any of the properties or assets of the Company, DFH LLC or any subsidiary is subject (collectively, "Agreements and Instruments"), except for such defaults that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (C) in violation of any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any arbitrator, court, governmental body, regulatory body, administrative agency or other authority, body or agency having jurisdiction over the Company, DFH LLC or any of its subsidiaries or any of their respective properties, assets or operations (each, a "Governmental Entity"), except for such violations that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the Merger Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein, therein and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus (including the issuance and sale of the Securities, the use of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities as described therein under the caption "Use of Proceeds" and the consummation of the Corporate Reorganization) and compliance by the Company and DFH LLC with its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or similar action and do not and will not, whether with or without the giving of notice or passage of time or both, conflict with or constitute a breach of, or default or Repayment Event (as defined below) under, or result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any properties or assets of the Company, DFH LLC or any subsidiary pursuant to, the Agreements and Instruments (except for such conflicts, breaches, defaults or Repayment Events or liens, charges or encumbrances that would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect), nor will such action result in any violation of the provisions of the charter, by-laws or similar organizational document of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries or any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ or decree of any Governmental Entity. As used herein, a "Repayment Event" means any event or condition which gives 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 Company, DFH LLC or any of its subsidiaries.

- (xviii) <u>Absence of Labor Dispute</u>. No labor dispute with the employees of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, is imminent that would result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xix) Absence of Proceedings. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation before or brought by any Governmental Entity now pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, threatened, against or affecting the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries, or to which any of their respective properties or assets is, or to the knowledge of the Company or DFH LLC, would reasonably be expected to be, subject, which might result in a Material Adverse Effect, or which might materially and adversely affect the consummation of the transactions contemplated in this Agreement or the performance by either the Company or DFH LLC of its obligations hereunder. There are no current or pending actions, suits, proceedings, inquiries or investigations before or brought by any Governmental Entity that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus pursuant to the 1934 Act that are not so described therein.
- (xx) <u>Accuracy of Exhibits.</u> There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement which have not been so described and filed as required.
- (xxi) <u>Absence of Further Requirements.</u> No filing with, or authorization, approval, consent, license, order, registration, qualification or decree of, any Governmental Entity is necessary or required for the performance by the Company or DFH LLC of its obligations hereunder, in connection with the offering, issuance or sale of the Securities hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except (A) such as have been already obtained or as may be required under the 1933 Act, the 1933 Act Regulations, the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the "Nasdaq"), state securities laws, the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), (B) such as have been obtained under the laws and regulations of jurisdictions outside the United States in which the Reserved Securities were offered or (C) in connection with the Corporate Reorganization.
- (xxii) <u>Possession of Licenses and Permits.</u> The Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries possess such permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations (collectively, "Governmental Licenses") issued by the appropriate Governmental Entities necessary to conduct the business now operated by them, except where the failure so to possess would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries are in compliance with the terms and conditions of all Governmental Licenses, except where the failure so to comply would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. All of the Governmental Licenses are valid and in full force and effect, except when the invalidity of such Governmental Licenses or the failure of such Governmental Licenses to be in full force and effect would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any Governmental Licenses which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.

- (xxiii) Title to Property. The Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by them and good title to all other properties owned by them that are material to the business of the Company, DFH LLC and its subsidiaries, in each case, free and clear of all mortgages, pledges, liens, security interests, claims, restrictions or encumbrances of any kind except such as (A) are described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or (B) do not, singly or in the aggregate, materially affect the value of such property and do not interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries, considered as one enterprise, and under which the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and clear of all mortgages, pleading on the Registration Statement, on the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property owned by them and good title to all real property on the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries have good and marketable title to all real property of all property of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries, claims, restrictions of the Company, DFH LLC or
- (xxiv) <u>Possession of Intellectual Property.</u> Each of the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries own or possess, or can acquire on reasonable terms, adequate patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks, trade names or other intellectual property (collectively, "Intellectual Property") necessary to carry on the business now operated by them, and none of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries has received any notice of any infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any Intellectual Property that would render any Intellectual Property invalid or inadequate to protect the interest of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries therein, and which infringement or conflict (if the subject of any unfavorable decision, ruling or finding) or invalidity or inadequacy, singly or in the aggregate, would result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (xxv) Environmental Laws. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus or as would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, (A) none of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries is in violation of any federal, state, local or foreign statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, policy or rule of common law or any judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any judicial or administrative order, consent, decree or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of human health, the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air, surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata) or wildlife, including, without limitation, laws and regulations relating to the release or threatened release of chemicals, pollutants, contaminants, wastes, toxic substances, hazardous substances, petroleum or petroleum products, asbestos-containing materials or mold (collectively, "Hazardous Materials") or to the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of Hazardous Materials (collectively, "Environmental Laws"), (B) the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries have all permits, authorizations and approvals required under any applicable Environmental Laws and are each in compliance with their requirements, (C) there are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, threatened administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, demands, demand letters, claims, liens, notices of noncompliance or violation, investigations or proceedings relating to any Environmental Law against the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries and (D) there are no events or circumstances that would reasonably be expected to form the basis of an order for clean-up or remediation, or an action, suit or proceeding by any private party or Governmental Entity, against or affecting the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries relating to Hazardous Materia

(xxvi) Accounting Controls. The Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, maintain a system of effective internal control over financial reporting (as defined under Rule 13-a15 and 15d-15 under the regulations of the Commission under the 1934 Act ("1934 Act Regulations")) and a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that (A) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; (B) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for assets; (C) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (D) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, since the end of the most recent audited fiscal year, there has been (1) no material weakness in the Company's or DFH LLC's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (2) no change in the Company's or DFH LLC's internal control over financial reporting.

(xxvii) Compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Company has taken all necessary actions to ensure that, upon the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, it will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or implementing the provisions thereof (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") that are then in effect, and is actively taking steps to ensure that it will be in compliance with other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act not currently in effect, upon the effectiveness of such provisions, or which will become applicable to the Company at all times after the effectiveness of the Registration Statement.

(xxviii) Payment of Taxes. All United States federal income tax returns of the Company and DFH LLC required by law to be filed have been filed and all taxes shown by such returns or otherwise assessed, which are due and payable, have been paid, except assessments against which appeals have been or will be promptly taken and as to which adequate reserves have been provided. The Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries have filed all other tax returns that are required to have been filed by them pursuant to applicable foreign, federal, state, local or other law except insofar as the failure to file such returns would not result in a Material Adverse Effect, and have paid all taxes due pursuant to such returns or pursuant to any assessment received by the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries, except for such taxes, if any, as are being contested in good faith and as to which adequate reserves have been established by the Company or DFH LLC, as applicable. The charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and DFH LLC in respect of any income and corporation tax liability for any years not finally determined are adequate to meet any assessments or re-assessments for additional income tax for any years not finally determined, except to the extent of any inadequacy that would not result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(xxix) Insurance. DFH LLC and its subsidiaries carry or are entitled to the benefits of insurance, with financially sound and reputable insurers, in such amounts and covering such risks as is generally maintained by companies of established repute engaged in the same or similar business, and all such insurance is in full force and effect. DFH LLC has no reason to believe that it or any of its subsidiaries will not be able (A) to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such policies expire or (B) 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 result in a Material Adverse Effect. Neither of DFH LLC nor any of its subsidiaries has been denied any insurance coverage that it has sought or for which it has applied.

- (xxx) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. Neither the Company nor DFH LLC is required, and upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated and the application of the net proceeds therefrom as described in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus will be required, to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").
- (xxxi) <u>Absence of Manipulation</u>. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their affiliates has taken, nor will take, directly or indirectly, any action which is designed, or would be expected, to cause or result in, or which constitutes, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Securities or to result in a violation of Regulation M under the 1934 Act.
- (xxxii) Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (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 and each of the Company and DFH LLC and, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, its 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.
- (xxxiii) Money Laundering Laws. The operations of the Company, DFH LLC and their 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, applicable money laundering statutes, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any Governmental Entity (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"); and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any Governmental Entity involving the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, threatened.
- (xxxiv) OFAC. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor any of their subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Company and DFH LLC, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or representative of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries is an individual or entity ("Person") currently the subject or target of any sanctions administered or enforced by the United States Government, including, without limitation, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Trasury, or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), nor is the Company or DFH LLC located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions; and neither the Company nor DFH LLC will directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the sale of the Securities, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiaries, joint venture partners or other Person, to fund any activities of or business with any Person, or in any country or territory, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any Person (including any Person participating in the transaction, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise) of Sanctions.

(xxxv) <u>Sales of Reserved Securities</u> In connection with any offer and sale of Reserved Securities outside the United States, each preliminary prospectus, the Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto, at the time it was filed, complied and will comply in all material respects with any applicable laws or regulations of foreign jurisdictions in which the same is distributed. The Company has not offered, or caused the Representatives or Merrill Lynch to offer, Reserved Securities to any person with the specific intent to unlawfully influence (i) a customer or supplier of the Company or any of its affiliates to alter the customer's or supplier's level or type of business with any such entity or (ii) a trade journalist or publication to write or publish favorable information about the Company or any of its affiliates, or their respective businesses or products.

(xxxvi) <u>Lending Relationship</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor DFH LLC (i) has any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of any Underwriter nor (ii) intends to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of any Underwriter.

(xxxvii) <u>Statistical and Market-Related Data</u>. Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company and DFH LLC believe, after reasonable inquiry, to be reliable and accurate and, to the extent required, the Company has obtained the written consent to the use of such data from such sources.

(xxxviii) No Rated Securities. None of the Company, DFH LLC nor their subsidiaries have any debt securities or preferred stock that are rated by any "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" (as defined in Section 3(a)(62) of the 1934 Act)."

(xxxix) Cybersecurity. (A) There has been no security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure, or other compromise of or relating to the Company, DFH LLC or their subsidiaries information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data and databases (including the data and information of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained, processed or stored by the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries, and any such data processed or stored by third parties on behalf of the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries), equipment or technology (collectively, "IT Systems and Data"); (B) none of the Company, DFH LLC nor their subsidiaries have been notified of, and each of them have no knowledge of any event or condition that could result in, any security breach or incident, unauthorized access or disclosure or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data and (C) the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries have implemented appropriate controls, policies, procedures, and technological safeguards to maintain and protect the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of their IT Systems and Data reasonably consistent with industry standards and practices, or as required by applicable regulatory standards. Except as would not, singly or in the aggregate, result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries are presently in compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

- (xl) Merger Sub. Prior to the Corporate Reorganization, the only subsidiary of the Company is Merger Sub. Prior to the Corporate Reorganization, Merger Sub, (a) since the date of incorporation, has not owned any assets, carried on any business or conducted any operations, (b) is not and has not ever been a party to or otherwise bound by any contract to which the Company or DFH LLC is not a party, (c) does not and has not ever had any employees or independent contractors, (d) does not have any subsidiaries or investments, and (e) has no liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether known or unknown, accrued, contingent, asserted or otherwise.
- (xli) <u>Corporate Reorganization</u>. (A) Prior to the Corporate Reorganization, the Company has not conducted any activities other than in connection with its incorporation and in preparation for the offering of the Securities; and (B) the Merger Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company, DFH LLC and Merger Sub.
- (b) Officer's Certificates. Any certificate signed by any officer of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries delivered to the Representatives or to counsel for the Underwriters shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Company and DFH LLC to each Underwriter as to the matters covered thereby.

SECTION 2. Sale and Delivery to Underwriters; Closing

- (a) Initial Securities. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company agrees to sell to each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, and each Underwriter, severally and not jointly, agrees to purchase from the Company, at the price per share set forth in Schedule A, that number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter, plus any additional number of Initial Securities which such Underwriter may become obligated to purchase pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 hereof, subject, in each case, to such adjustments among the Underwriters as BofA in its sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.
- (b) Option Securities. In addition, on the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Company hereby grants an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional 1,440,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, at the price per share set forth in Schedule A, less an amount per share equal to any dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities. The option hereby granted may be exercised for 30 days after the date hereof and may be exercised in whole or in part at any time from time to time upon notice by the Representatives to the Company setting forth the number of Option Securities as to which the several Underwriters are then exercising the option and the time and date of payment and delivery for such Option Securities. Any such time and date of delivery (a "Date of Delivery") shall be determined by the Representatives, but shall not be later than seven full business days after the exercise of said option, nor in any event prior to the Closing Time. If the option is exercised as to all or any portion of the Option Securities, each of the Underwriters, acting severally and not jointly, will purchase that proportion of the total number of Option Securities then being purchased which the number of Initial Securities set forth in Schedule A opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Initial Securities, subject, in each case, to such adjustments as BofA in its sole discretion shall make to eliminate any sales or purchases of fractional shares.
- (c) Payment. Payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, the Initial Securities shall be made at the offices of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company, at 9:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the second (third, if the pricing occurs after 4:30 P.M. (New York City time) on any given day) business day after the date hereof (unless postponed in accordance with the provisions of Section 10), or such other time not later than ten business days after such date as shall be agreed upon by the Representatives and the Company (such time and date of payment and delivery being herein called "Closing Time").

In addition, in the event that any or all of the Option Securities are purchased by the Underwriters, payment of the purchase price for, and delivery of certificates or security entitlements for, such Option Securities shall be made at the above-mentioned offices, or at such other place as shall be agreed upon by the Representative and the Company, on each Date of Delivery as specified in the notice from BofA to the Company.

Payment shall be made to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds to a bank account designated by the Company against delivery to the Representatives for the respective accounts of the Underwriters of certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to be purchased by them. It is understood that each Underwriter has authorized the Representatives, for its account, to accept delivery of, receipt for, and make payment of the purchase price for, the Initial Securities and the Option Securities, if any, which it has agreed to purchase. BofA, individually and not as representative of the Underwriters, may (but shall not be obligated to) make payment of the purchase price for the Initial Securities or the Option Securities, if any, to be purchased by any Underwriter whose funds have not been received by the Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, but such payment shall not relieve such Underwriter from its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 3. <u>Covenants of the Company and DFH LLC</u>. Each of the Company and DFH LLC covenants, jointly and severally, with each Underwriter as follows:

(a) Compliance with Securities Regulations and Commission Requests. The Company, subject to Section 3(b), will comply with the requirements of Rule 430A, and will notify the Representatives immediately, and confirm the notice in writing, (i) when any post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement shall become effective or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus shall have been filed, (ii) of the receipt of any comments from the Commission, (iii) of any request by the Commission for any amendment to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplement to the Prospectus or for additional information, (iv) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment or of any order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus, or of the suspension of the qualification of the Securities for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceedings for any of such purposes or of any examination pursuant to Section 8(d) or 8(e) of the 1933 Act concerning the Registration Statement and (v) if the Company becomes the subject of a proceeding under Section 8A of the 1933 Act in connection with the offering of the Securities. The Company will effect all filings required under Rule 424(b), in the manner and within the time period required by Rule 424(b) (without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8)), and will take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain promptly whether the form of prospectus transmitted for filing under Rule 424(b) was received for filing by the Commission and, in the event that it was not, it will promptly file such prospectus. The Company will make every reasonable effort to prevent the issuance of any stop order, prevention or suspension and, if any such order is issued, to obtain the lifting thereof at the earliest possible moment.

- (b) Continued Compliance with Securities Laws. The Company will comply with the 1933 Act and the 1933 Act Regulations so as to permit the completion of the distribution of the Securities as contemplated in this Agreement and in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. If at any time when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172 of the 1933 Act Regulations ("Rule 172"), would be) required by the 1933 Act to be delivered in connection with sales of the Securities, any event shall occur or condition shall exist as a result of which it is necessary, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters or for the Company, to (i) amend the Registration Statement in order that the Registration Statement will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, (ii) amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, will not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances existing at the time it is delivered to a purchaser or (iii) amend the Registration Statement or amend or supplement the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, as the case may be, in order to comply with the requirements of the 1933 Act or the 1933 Act Regulations, the Company will promptly (A) give the Representatives notice of such event, (B) prepare any amendment or supplement as may be necessary to correct such statement or omission or to make the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus comply with such requirements and, a reasonable amount of time prior to any proposed filing or use, furnish the Representatives with copies of any such amendment or supplement and (C) file with the Company shall not file or use any such amendment or supplemen
- (c) Delivery of Registration Statements. The Company has furnished or will deliver to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters, without charge, signed copies of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (including exhibits filed therewith) and signed copies of all consents and certificates of experts, and will also deliver to the Representatives, without charge, a conformed copy of the Registration Statement as originally filed and each amendment thereto (without exhibits) for each of the Underwriters. The copies of the Registration Statement and each amendment thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- (d) Delivery of Prospectuses. The Company has delivered to each Underwriter, without charge, as many copies of each preliminary prospectus as such Underwriter reasonably requested, and the Company hereby consents to the use of such copies for purposes permitted by the 1933 Act. The Company will furnish to each Underwriter, without charge, during the period when a prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, such number of copies of the Prospectus (as amended or supplemented) as such Underwriter may reasonably request. The Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto furnished to the Underwriters will be identical to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- (e) Blue Sky Qualifications. The Company will use its best efforts, in cooperation with the Underwriters, to qualify the Securities for offering and sale under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Representatives may designate and to maintain such qualifications in effect so long as required to complete the distribution of the Securities; provided, however, that neither the Company nor DFH LLC shall be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject.
- (f) Rule 158. The Company will timely file such reports pursuant to the 1934 Act, as are necessary in order to make generally available to its securityholders as soon as practicable an earnings statement for the purposes of, and to provide to the Underwriters the benefits contemplated by, the last paragraph of Section 11(a) of the 1933 Act.
- (g) Use of Proceeds. The Company will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Securities in the manner specified in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus under "Use of Proceeds."

- (h) Listing. The Company will use its best efforts to effect and maintain the listing of the Class A Common Stock (including the Securities) on the Nasdaq.
- (i) Restriction on Sale of Securities. During a period of 180 days from the date of the Prospectus, each of the Company and DFH LLC will not, without the prior written consent of BofA, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or file or confidentially submit any registration statement under the 1933 Act with respect to any of the foregoing or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such swap or transaction described in clause (i) or (ii) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise. The foregoing sentence shall not apply to (A) the Securities to be sold hereunder, (B) any shares of Common Stock issued by the Company in connection with the Corporate Reorganization or upon the exercise of an option or warrant or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof and disclosed in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus, (C) any shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to existing employee benefit plans of the Company referred to in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (j) Lock-up Release. If BofA, in its sole discretion, agrees to release or waive the restrictions set forth in a lock-up agreement described in Section 5(i) hereof for an officer or director of the Company and provides the Company with notice of the impending release or waiver at least three business days before the effective date of the release or waiver, the Company agrees to announce the impending release or waiver by a press release substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto through a major news service at least two business days before the effective date of the release or waiver.
- (k) Reporting Requirements. The Company, during the period when a Prospectus relating to the Securities is (or, but for the exception afforded by Rule 172, would be) required to be delivered under the 1933 Act, will file all documents required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to the 1934 Act within the time periods required by the 1934 Act and 1934 Act Regulations. Additionally, the Company shall report the use of proceeds from the issuance of the Shares as may be required under Rule 463 under the 1933 Act.
- (l) Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses. The Company agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Representatives, it will not make any offer relating to the Securities that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," or a portion thereof, required to be filed by the Company with the Commission or retained by the Company under Rule 433; provided that the Representatives will be deemed to have consented to the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses listed on Schedule B-2 hereto and any "road show that is a written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8)(i) that has been reviewed by the Representatives. The Company represents that it has treated or agrees that it will treat each such free writing prospectus consented to, or deemed consented to, by the Representatives as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and that it has complied and will comply with the applicable requirements of Rule 433 with respect thereto, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. If at any time following issuance of an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus conflicted or would conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus or included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus to eliminate or correct such conflict, untrue statement or omission.

- (m) Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners. The Company will deliver to the Representatives, on the date of execution of this Agreement, a properly completed and executed Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers, together with copies of identifying documentation, and the Company undertakes to provide such additional supporting documentation as the Representatives may reasonably request in connection with the verification of the foregoing certification.
- (n) Compliance with FINRA Rules. The Company hereby agrees that it will ensure that the Reserved Securities will be restricted as required by FINRA or the FINRA rules from sale, transfer, assignment, pledge or hypothecation for a period of three months following the date of this Agreement. Merrill Lynch will notify the Company as to which persons will need to be so restricted. At the request of the Underwriters or Merrill Lynch, the Company will direct the transfer agent to place a stop transfer restriction upon such securities for such period of time. Should the Company release, or seek to release, from such restrictions any of the Reserved Securities, the Company agrees to reimburse the Underwriters and Merrill Lynch for any reasonable expenses (including, without limitation, legal expenses) they incur in connection with such release.
- (o) <u>Testing-the-Waters Materials</u>. If at any time following the distribution of any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication there occurred or occurs an event or development as a result of which such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication included or would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or would omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances existing at that subsequent time, not misleading, the Company will promptly notify the Representatives and will promptly amend or supplement, at its own expense, such Written Testing-the-Waters Communication to eliminate or correct such untrue statement or omission.
- (p) Emerging Growth Company Status. The Company will promptly notify the Representatives if the Company ceases to be an Emerging Growth Company at any time prior to the later of (i) completion of the distribution of the Securities within the meaning of the 1933 Act and (ii) completion of the 180-day restricted period referred to in Section 3(i).

SECTION 4. Payment of Expenses.

Expenses. The Company and DFH LLC, jointly and severally, will pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation, printing and filing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and each amendment thereto, (ii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Underwriters of copies of each preliminary prospectus, each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto and any costs associated with electronic delivery of any of the foregoing by the Underwriters to investors, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates or security entitlements for the Securities to the Underwriters, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any stamp or other duties payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Securities to the Underwriters, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the Company's and DFH LLC's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (v) the qualification of the Securities under securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(e) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection therewith and in connection with the preparation of the Blue Sky Survey and any supplement thereto, (vi) the fees and expenses of any transfer agent or registrar for the Securities, (vii) the costs and expenses of the Company and DFH LLC relating to investor presentations on any "road show" undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Securities, including without limitation, expenses associated with the production of road show slides and graphics, fees and expenses of any consultants engaged in connection with the road show presentations, travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Company and DFH LLC and any such consultants, and the cost of aircraft and other transportation chartered in connection with the road show (provided that 50% of the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show shall be paid by the Underwriters and 50% of the cost of any aircraft chartered in connection with the road show shall be paid by the Company), (viii) the filing fees incident to, and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters in connection with, the review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Securities; provided, such fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters shall not exceed \$30,000 in the aggregate; (ix) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Securities on the Nasdaq, (x) the costs and expenses (including, without limitation, any damages or other amounts payable in connection with legal or contractual liability) associated with the reforming of any contracts for sale of the Securities made by the Underwriters caused by a breach of the representation contained in the third sentence of Section 1(a)(ii) and (xi) all costs and expenses of the Underwriters and Merrill Lynch, including the fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters and counsel for Merrill Lynch, in connection with matters related to the Reserved Securities which are designated by the Company for sale to Invitees.

- (b) Termination of Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated by the Representatives in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Section 9(a)(i) or (iii) or Section 10 hereof, the Company and DFH LLC shall reimburse the Underwriters for all of their out-of-pocket expenses, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters.
- SECTION 5. <u>Conditions of Underwriters' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the several Underwriters hereunder are subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the Company and DFH LLC contained herein or in certificates of any officer of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries delivered pursuant to the provisions hereof, to the performance by each of the Company and DFH LLC, jointly and severally, of its covenants and other obligations hereunder, and to the following further conditions:
- (a) Effectiveness of Registration Statement; Rule 430A Information. The Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has become effective and, at the Closing Time, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been issued under the 1933 Act, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to the Company's knowledge, contemplated; and the Company has complied with each request (if any) from the Commission for additional information. A prospectus containing the Rule 430A Information shall have been filed with the Commission in the manner and within the time frame required by Rule 424(b) without reliance on Rule 424(b)(8) or a post-effective amendment providing such information shall have been filed with, and declared effective by, the Commission in accordance with the requirements of Rule 430A.
- (b) Opinion of Counsel for Company and DFH LLC. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Closing Time, of Baker Botts L.L.P., counsel for the Company and DFH LLC, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters.
- (c) Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received the favorable opinion and negative assurance letter, dated the Closing Time, of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, together with signed or reproduced copies of such letter for each of the other Underwriters with respect to such matters as the Representatives may require. In giving such opinion such counsel may rely, as to all matters governed by the laws of jurisdictions other than the law of the State of New York, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal securities laws of the United States, upon the opinions of counsel satisfactory to the Representatives. Such counsel may also state that, insofar as such opinion involves factual matters, they have relied, to the extent they deem proper, upon certificates of officers and other representatives of the Company and its subsidiaries and certificates of public officials.

- (d) Officers' Certificate. At the Closing Time, there shall not have been, since the date hereof or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs, properties or business prospects of the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, and the Representatives shall have received a certificate of the Chief Executive Officer or the President of each of the Company and DFH LLC and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of each of the Company and DFH LLC, dated the Closing Time, to the effect that (i) there has been no such material adverse change, (ii) the representations and warranties of the Company and DFH LLC in this Agreement are true and correct with the same force and effect as though expressly made at and as of the Closing Time, (iii) each of the Company and DFH LLC has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the Closing Time, and (iv) no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the 1933 Act has been issued, no order preventing or suspending the use of any preliminary prospectus or the Prospectus has been issued and no proceedings for any of those purposes have been instituted or are pending or, to their knowledge, contemplated.
- (e) Accountant's Comfort Letters. At the time of the execution of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received from each of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Yount, Hyde and Barbour, P.C. a letter, dated such date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, together with signed or reproduced copies of each such letter for each of the other Underwriters containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to certain financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (f) Bring-down Comfort Letter. At the Closing Time, the Representatives shall have received from each of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Yount, Hyde and Barbour, P.C. a letter, dated as of the Closing Time, to the effect that it reaffirms the statements made in the respective letters furnished pursuant to subsection (e) of this Section, except that the specified date referred to shall be a date not more than two business days prior to the Closing Time.
 - (g) Approval of Listing. At the Closing Time, the Securities shall have been approved for listing on the Nasdaq, subject only to official notice of issuance.
- (h) No Objection. FINRA has confirmed that it has not raised any objection with respect to the fairness and reasonableness of the underwriting terms and arrangements relating to the offering of the Securities.
- (i) Lock-up Agreements. At the date of this Agreement, the Representatives shall have received an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto signed by the directors and officers of the Company and DFH LLC and persons listed on Schedule C hereto.
- (j) CFO Certificate. The Representatives shall have received, on each of the date hereof and at the Closing Time, a certificate dated the date hereof or the Closing Time, as the case may be, in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives, from the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and DFH LLC as to the accuracy of certain financial and other information included in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package and the Prospectus.
- (k) Corporate Reorganization. Prior to or concurrently with the Closing Time, the Corporate Reorganization shall have been completed on the terms described in the Registration Statement, the Disclosure Package and the Prospectus. The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company shall have been filed with the Secretary of State for the State of Delaware and shall be in full force and effect.

- (l) Conditions to Purchase of Option Securities. In the event that the Underwriters exercise their option provided in Section 2(b) hereof to purchase all or any portion of the Option Securities, the representations and warranties of the Company contained herein and the statements in any certificates furnished by the Company, DFH LLC and any of their subsidiaries hereunder shall be true and correct as of each Date of Delivery and, at the relevant Date of Delivery, the Representatives shall have received:
 - (i) Officers' Certificate. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the President or a Vice President of the Company and DFH LLC and of the chief financial or chief accounting officer of the Company and DFH LLC confirming that the certificate delivered at the Closing Time pursuant to Section 5(d) hereof remains true and correct as of such Date of Delivery.
 - (ii) Opinion of Counsel for Company and DFH LLC. If requested by the Representatives, the favorable opinion and negative assurance letter of Baker Botts L.L.P., counsel for the Company and DFH LLC, in form and substance satisfactory to counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(b) hereof.
 - (iii) <u>Opinion of Counsel for Underwriters.</u> If requested by the Representatives, the favorable opinion and negative assurance letter of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated such Date of Delivery, relating to the Option Securities to be purchased on such Date of Delivery and otherwise to the same effect as the opinion required by Section 5(c) hereof.
 - (v) <u>Bring-down Comfort Letter.</u> If requested by the Representatives, a letter from each of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and Yount, Hyde and Barbour, P.C., in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives and dated such Date of Delivery, substantially in the same form and substance as the respective letter furnished to the Representatives pursuant to Section 5(e) hereof, except that the "specified date" in the letter furnished pursuant to this paragraph shall be a date not more than two business days prior to such Date of Delivery.
 - (vi) <u>CFO Certificate</u>. A certificate, dated such Date of Delivery, of the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and DFH LLC in form and substance satisfactory to the Representatives.
- (m) Additional Documents. At the Closing Time and at each Date of Delivery (if any) counsel for the Underwriters shall have been furnished with such documents and opinions as they may require for the purpose of enabling them to pass upon the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated, or in order to evidence the accuracy of any of the representations or warranties, or the fulfillment of any of the conditions, herein contained; and all proceedings taken by the Company and DFH LLC in connection with the issuance and sale of the Securities as herein contemplated shall be satisfactory in form and substance to the Representatives and counsel for the Underwriters.
- (n) Termination of Agreement. If any condition specified in this Section shall not have been fulfilled when and as required to be fulfilled, this Agreement, or, in the case of any condition to the purchase of Option Securities on a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, the obligations of the several Underwriters to purchase the relevant Option Securities, may be terminated by the Representatives by notice to the Company and DFH LLC at any time at or prior to Closing Time or such Date of Delivery, as the case may be, and such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 and except that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16 and 17 shall survive any such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Indemnification.

- (a) Indemnification of Underwriters. Each of the Company and DFH LLC agrees, jointly and severally, to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, its affiliates (as such term is defined in Rule 501(b) under the 1933 Act (each, an "Affiliate")), its selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act as follows:
 - (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included (A) in any preliminary prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or (B) in any materials or information provided to investors by, or with the approval of, the Company or DFH LLC in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Securities ("Marketing Materials"), including any roadshow or investor presentations made to investors by the Company or DFH LLC (whether in person or electronically), or the omission or alleged omission in any preliminary prospectus, Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, any Written Testing-the-Waters Communication, Prospectus or in any Marketing Materials 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;
 - (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 6(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company or DFH LLC;
 - (iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel chosen by BofA), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above;

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(b) Indemnification of Company, DFH LLC, Directors and Officers. Each Underwriter severally agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company, DFH LLC, their directors, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or DFH LLC within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in subsection (a) of this Section, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), including the Rule 430A Information, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

- (c) Actions against Parties; Notification. Each indemnified party shall give notice as promptly as reasonably practicable to each indemnifying party of any action commenced against it in respect of which indemnity may be sought hereunder, but failure to so notify an indemnifying party shall not relieve such indemnifying party from any liability hereunder to the extent it is not materially prejudiced as a result thereof and in any event shall not relieve it from any liability which it may have otherwise than on account of this indemnity agreement. In the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(a) above, counsel to the indemnified parties shall be selected by BofA, and, in the case of parties indemnified pursuant to Section 6(b) above, counsel to the indemnified party may participate at its own expense in the defense of any such action; provided, however, that counsel to the indemnifying party shall not (except with the consent of the indemnified party) also be counsel to the indemnified party. In no event shall the indemnifying parties be liable for fees and expenses of more than one counsel (in addition to any local counsel) separate from their own counsel for all indemnified parties in connection with any one action or separate but similar or related actions in the same jurisdiction arising out of the same general allegations or circumstances. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified parties, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever in respect of which indemnification or contribution could be sought under this Section 6 or Section 7 hereof (whether or not the indemnified parties are actual or potential parties thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (i) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation
- (d) Settlement without Consent if Failure to Reimburse. If at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for fees and expenses of counsel, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by Section 6(a)(ii) or settlement of any claim in connection with any violation referred to in Section 6(e) effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.
- (e) Indemnification for Reserved Securities. In connection with the offer and sale of the Reserved Securities, the Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Underwriters, their Affiliates (including Merrill Lynch) and selling agents and each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter or Merrill Lynch within the meaning of either Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act, from and against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending, investigating or settling any such action or claim), as incurred, (i) arising out of the violation of any applicable laws or regulations of foreign jurisdictions where Reserved Securities have been offered, (ii) arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any other material prepared by or with the consent of the Company for distribution to Invitees in connection with the offering of the Reserved Securities or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; provided, however, that no indemnification shall be available under this clause (ii) for any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission in any material prepared by or with the consent of the Company for distribution to Invitees in connection with the offering of the Reserved Securities in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by the Underwriters or their affiliates expressly for use therein, (iii) caused by the failure of any Invitee to pay for and accept delivery of Reserved Securities which have been orally confirmed for purchase by any Invitee by 11:59 P.M. (New York City time) on the date of the Agreement or (iv) related to, or arising out of or in connection with, the offering of the Reserv

SECTION 7. Contribution. If the indemnification provided for in Section 6 hereof is for any reason unavailable to or insufficient to hold harmless an indemnified party in respect of any losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses referred to therein, then each indemnifying party shall contribute to the aggregate amount of such losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by such indemnified party, as incurred, (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company and DFH LLC, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, on the other hand, from the offering of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause (i) 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 DFH LLC, on the one hand, and of the Underwriters, on the other hand, in connection with the statements or omissions, or in connection with any violation of the nature referred to in Section 6(e) hereof, which resulted in such losses, liabilities, claims, damages or expenses, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

The relative benefits received by the Company and DFH LLC, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, 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 DFH LLC, on the one hand, and the total underwriting discount received by the Underwriters, on the other hand, in each case as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus, bear to the aggregate initial public offering price of the Securities as set forth on the cover of the Prospectus.

The relative fault of the Company and DFH LLC, on the one hand, and the Underwriters, 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 relates to information supplied by the Company or DFH LLC, on the one hand, or by the Underwriters, on the other hand, and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission or any violation of the nature referred to in Section 6(e) hereof.

The Company, DFH LLC and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just and equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 7 were determined by pro rata allocation (even if the Underwriters 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 above in this Section 7. The aggregate amount of losses, liabilities, claims, damages and expenses incurred by an indemnified party and referred to above in this Section 7 shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 7, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the underwriting commissions received by such Underwriter in connection with the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public.

No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the 1933 Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

For purposes of this Section 7, each person, if any, who controls an Underwriter within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act and each Underwriter's Affiliates and selling agents shall have the same rights to contribution as such Underwriter, and each director of the Company and DFH LLC, each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company or DFH LLC within the meaning of Section 15 of the 1933 Act or Section 20 of the 1934 Act shall have the same rights to contribution as the Company and DFH LLC. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 7 are several in proportion to the number of Initial Securities set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule A hereto and not joint.

SECTION 8. Representations, Warranties and Agreements to Survive. All representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Agreement or in certificates of officers of the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries submitted pursuant hereto, shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter or its Affiliates or selling agents, any person controlling any Underwriter, its officers or directors or any person controlling the Company or DFH LLC and (ii) delivery of and payment for the Securities.

SECTION 9. Termination of Agreement.

- (a) Termination. The Representatives may terminate this Agreement, by notice to the Company and DFH LLC, at any time at or prior to the Closing Time (i) if there has been, in the judgment of the Representatives, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the respective dates as of which information is given in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus, any material adverse change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business affairs or business prospects of the Company, DFH LLC and their subsidiaries considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Representatives, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the completion of the offering or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Securities, or (iii) if trading in any securities of the Company has been suspended or materially limited by the Commission or the Nasdaq, or (iv) if trading generally on the NYSE MKT or the New York Stock Exchange or in the Nasdaq has been suspended or materially limited, or minimum or maximum prices for trading have been fixed, or maximum ranges for prices have been required, by any of said exchanges or by order of the Commission, FINRA or any other governmental authority, or (v) a material disruption has occurred in commercial banking or securities settlement or clearance services in the United States or with respect to Clearstream or Euroclear systems in Europe, or (vi) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either Federal or New York authorities.
- (b) *Liabilities*. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except as provided in Section 4 hereof, and provided further that Sections 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 16 and 17 shall survive such termination and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. <u>Default by One or More of the Underwriters</u>. If one or more of the Underwriters shall fail at the Closing Time or a Date of Delivery to purchase the Securities which it or they are obligated to purchase under this Agreement (the "Defaulted Securities"), the Representatives shall have the right, within 24 hours thereafter, to make arrangements for one or more of the non-defaulting Underwriters, or any other underwriters, to purchase all, but not less than all, of the Defaulted Securities in such amounts as may be agreed upon and upon the terms herein set forth; if, however, the Representatives shall not have completed such arrangements within such 24-hour period, then:

- (i) if the number of Defaulted Securities does not exceed 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, each of the non-defaulting Underwriters shall be obligated, severally and not jointly, to purchase the full amount thereof in the proportions that their respective underwriting obligations hereunder bear to the underwriting obligations of all non-defaulting Underwriters, or
- (ii) if the number of Defaulted Securities exceeds 10% of the number of Securities to be purchased on such date, this Agreement or, with respect to any Date of Delivery which occurs after the Closing Time, the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase, and the Company to sell, the Option Securities to be purchased and sold on such Date of Delivery shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter.

No action taken pursuant to this Section shall relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of its default.

In the event of any such default which does not result in a termination of this Agreement or, in the case of a Date of Delivery which is after the Closing Time, which does not result in a termination of the obligation of the Underwriters to purchase and the Company to sell the relevant Option Securities, as the case may be, either the (i) Representatives or (ii) the Company shall have the right to postpone Closing Time or the relevant Date of Delivery, as the case may be, for a period not exceeding seven days in order to effect any required changes in the Registration Statement, the General Disclosure Package or the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements. As used herein, the term "Underwriter" includes any person substituted for an Underwriter under this Section 10.

SECTION 11. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed or transmitted by any standard form of telecommunication. Notices to the Underwriters shall be directed to BofA at One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, attention of Syndicate Department (facsimile: (646) 855-3073), with a copy to ECM Legal (facsimile: (212) 230-8730); notices to the Company and DFH LLC shall be directed to them at Dream Finders Homes, Inc., 14701 Philips Highway, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, to the attention of the General Counsel (facsimile: (904) 212-4704). All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly given: when delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five business days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; and one business day after being timely delivered to a next-day air courier.

SECTION 12. No Advisory or Fiduciary Relationship. Each of the Company and DFH LLC acknowledges and agrees that (a) the purchase and sale of the Securities pursuant to this Agreement, including the determination of the initial public offering price of the Securities and any related discounts and commissions, is an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Company and DFH LLC, on the one hand, and the several Underwriters, on the other hand, and does not constitute a recommendation, investment advice, or solicitation of any action by the Underwriters, (b) in connection with the offering of the Securities and the process leading thereto, each Underwriter is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the agent or fiduciary of the Company, DFH LLC, any of their subsidiaries or their respective stockholders, creditors, employees or any other party, (c) no Underwriter has assumed or will assume an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Company or DFH LLC with respect to the offering of the Securities or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether such Underwriter has advised or is currently advising the Company, DFH LLC or any of their subsidiaries on other matters) and no Underwriter has any obligation to the Company or DFH LLC with respect to the offering of the Securities except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement, (d) the Underwriters and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of each of the Company and DFH LLC, and (e) the Underwriters have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory, investment or tax advice with respect to the offering of the Securities and the Company and DFH LLC have consulted their own respective legal, accounting, financial, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent they deemed appropriate, and (f) none of the activities of the Underwriters in connection with the transactions contemplated herein constitutes a recommendation, investment advice or sol

SECTION 13. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes

- (a) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Underwriter of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.
- (b) In the event that any Underwriter that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Underwriter becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Underwriter are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

For purposes of this Section 13, a "BHC Act Affiliate" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. Sec. 1841(k). "Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Sec. 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Sec. 382.2(b). "Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Secs. 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable. "U.S. Special Resolution Regime" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

SECTION 14. <u>Parties.</u> This Agreement shall each inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Underwriters and the Company and DFH LLC and their respective successors. Nothing expressed or mentioned in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to give any person, firm or corporation, other than the Underwriters and the Company and DFH LLC and their respective successors and the controlling persons and officers and directors referred to in Sections 6 and 7 and their heirs and legal representatives, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or in respect of this Agreement or any provision herein contained. This Agreement and all conditions and provisions hereof are intended to be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Underwriters and the Company and DFH LLC and their respective successors, and said controlling persons and officers and directors and their heirs and legal representatives, and for the benefit of no other person, firm or corporation. No purchaser of Securities from any Underwriter shall be deemed to be a successor by reason merely of such purchase.

SECTION 15. Trial by Jury. Each of the Company and DFH LLC (on its behalf and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, on behalf of its stockholders and affiliates) and each of the Underwriters 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 Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 16. GOVERNING LAW. 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 LAWS OF, THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS.

SECTION 17. Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Immunity. Any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby ("Related Proceedings") shall be instituted in (i) the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan or (ii) the courts of the State of New York located in the City and County of New York, Borough of Manhattan (collectively, the "Specified Courts"), and each party irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction (except for proceedings instituted in regard to the enforcement of a judgment of any such court (a "Related Judgment"), as to which such jurisdiction is non-exclusive) of such courts in any such suit, action or 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 suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The parties irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim in any such court that any such suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

SECTION 18. TIME. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN, SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME.

SECTION 19. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including any electronic signature covered by the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law, e.g., www.docusign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.

SECTION 20. <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

	eement, please sign and return to the Company and DFH LLC a counterpart hereof, whereupor among the Underwriters, the Company and DFH LLC in accordance with its terms.
	Very truly yours,
	DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.
	By /s/ Patrick O. Zalupski Name: Patrick O. Zalupski Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors
	DREAM FINDERS HOLDINGS LLC
	By /s/ Patrick O. Zalupski Name: Patrick O. Zalupski Title: Chief Executive Officer
CONFIRMED AND ACCEPTED, as of the date first above written:	
BOFA SECURITIES, INC.	
By /s/ Tim Olsen Authorized Signatory	
Audiorized Signatory	
RBC CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC	
By /s/ Michael Goldberg	

BTIG, LLC.

By /s/ Stephen Ortiz

Authorized Signatory

Authorized Signatory

For itself and as Representatives of the other Underwriters named in Schedule A hereto.

SCHEDULE A

The initial public offering price per share for the Securities shall be \$13.00.

The purchase price per share for the Securities to be paid by the several Underwriters shall be \$12.09, being an amount equal to the initial public offering price set forth above less \$0.91 per share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 2(b) for dividends or distributions declared by the Company and payable on the Initial Securities but not payable on the Option Securities.

Name of Underwriter		Number of Initial Securities
D. Cl. Cl		4.050.000
BofA Securities, Inc.		4,272,000
RBC Capital Markets, LLC		1,440,000
BTIG, LLC		1,152,000
Builder Advisor Group, LLC		1,296,000
Zelman Partners LLC		768,000
Wedbush Securities Inc.		480,000
Woodrock Securities L.P.		192,000
Total		9,600,000
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SCHEDULE B-1

Pricing Terms

- 1. The Company is selling 9,600,000 shares of Class A Common Stock.
- 2. The Company has granted an option to the Underwriters, severally and not jointly, to purchase up to an additional 1,440,000 shares of Class A Common Stock.
- 3. The initial public offering price per share for the Securities shall be \$13.00.

SCHEDULE B-2

Free Writing Prospectuses

Issuer Free Writing Prospectus dated January 20, 2021

SCHEDULE B-3

Testing-the-Waters Materials

1. Dream Finders Homes – Investor Presentation – December 2020

Sch B-1

SCHEDULE C

List of Persons and Entities Subject to Lock-up

Patrick Zalupski Rick A. Moyer John Douglas Moran Jr. Robert E. Riva, Jr. John O. Blanton Batey Camp McGraw William H. Walton, III W. Radford Lovett II Justin Udelhofen Megha H. Parekh

DFH Investors, LLC
POZ Holdings, Inc.
BOC DFH, LLC
MDB4L Investment, LLC
Blake Wilson
Steven J. Fischer
Robert W. Hughes Jr. and Mary C. Hughes
Keith Goldfaden
Dennis A. Zalupski
Robert J. Zalupski
The Varde Private Debt Opportunities Fund (Onshore), L.P.

Sch C-1

 $[\bullet], 2020$

BofA Securities, Inc.,

as Representative of the several Underwriters to be named in the within-mentioned Underwriting Agreement

One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036

Re: Proposed Public Offering by Dream Finders Homes, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

The undersigned, a stockholder [and an officer and/or director] of Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), understands that BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofA") proposes to enter into an Underwriting Agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") with the Company providing for the public offering of shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"). The undersigned further understands that, prior to the consummation of the public offering of the Class A Common Stock (the "Public Offering"), the Company will be authorized to issue, in addition to the Class A Common Stock, shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Class B Common Stock" and, together with the Class A Common Stock, the "Common Stock").

In recognition of the benefit that the Public Offering will confer upon the undersigned as a stockholder [and an officer and/or director] of the Company, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned agrees with each underwriter to be named in the Underwriting Agreement that, during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the date that is 180 days from the date of the Underwriting Agreement (the "Lock-Up Period"), the undersigned will not, without the prior written consent of BofA, (i) directly or indirectly, offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase or otherwise transfer or dispose of any shares of Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock, whether now owned or hereafter acquired by the undersigned or with respect to which the undersigned has or hereafter acquires the power of disposition (collectively, the "Lock-Up Securities"), or exercise any right with respect to the registration of any of the Lock-up Securities, or file, cause to be filed or cause to be confidentially submitted any registration statement in connection therewith, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or (ii) enter into any swap or any other agreement or any transaction that transfers, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, the economic consequence of ownership of the Lock-Up Securities, whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise. If the undersigned is an officer or director of the Company, the undersigned further agrees that the foregoing provisions shall be equally applicable to any issuer-directed Class A Common Stock the undersigned may purchase in the Public Offering.

If the undersigned is an officer or director of the Company, (1) BofA agrees that, at least three business days before the effective date of any release or waiver of the foregoing restrictions in connection with a transfer of shares of the Common Stock, BofA will notify the Company of the impending release or waiver, and (2) the Company has agreed or will agree in the Underwriting Agreement to announce the impending release or waiver by press release through a major news service (or other medium and method acceptable to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.) at least two business days before the effective date of the release or waiver. Any release or waiver granted by BofA hereunder to any such officer or director shall only be effective two business days after the publication date of such public notification. The provisions of this paragraph will not apply if (i) the release or waiver is effected solely to permit a transfer not for consideration and (ii) the transferce has agreed in writing to be bound by the same terms described in this lock-up agreement to the extent and for the duration that such terms remain in effect at the time of the transfer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and subject to the conditions below, as applicable, the undersigned may transfer the Lock-Up Securities without the prior written consent of BofA, provided that (1) with respect to clauses (i) through (viii) below, BofA receives a signed lock-up agreement for the balance of the Lock-Up Period from each donee, trustee, distributee, nominee, transferee, or custodian, as the case may be, (2) with respect to each of clauses (i), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (viii) and (xii) (with respect to clause (viii), solely regarding dispositions or transfers otherwise permissible under clauses (i), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi)), any such transfer shall not involve a disposition for value and does not require reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 4 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), of a reduction in beneficial ownership of Common Stock, and (3) the undersigned does not otherwise voluntarily effect any public filing or report regarding such transfers:

- as a bona fide gift or gifts or charitable contribution;
- (ii) upon death or by will, other testamentary document or intestate succession to the legal representative, heir, beneficiary or a member of the immediate family (as defined below) of the undersigned upon the death of the undersigned;
- (iii) for bona fide tax or estate planning purposes;
- (iv) to the immediate family of the undersigned or any trust, partnership, limited liability company or other entity for the direct or indirect benefit of the undersigned or the immediate family of the undersigned (for purposes of this lock-up agreement, "immediate family" shall mean any relationship by blood, marriage or adoption, not more remote than first cousin), or if the undersigned is a trust, to any beneficiary of the undersigned (including such beneficiary's estate);
- (v) as a distribution to limited partners, general partners, members, stockholders or other equityholders of the undersigned;
- (vi) to the undersigned's affiliates or to any investment fund or other entity controlled or managed by the undersigned;
- (vii) pursuant to an order of a court or regulatory agency (for purposes of this lock-up agreement, a "court or regulatory agency" means any domestic or foreign, federal, state or local government, including any political subdivision thereof, any governmental or quasi-governmental authority, department, agency or official, any court or administrative body or any national securities exchange or similar self-regulatory body or organization, in each case of competent jurisdiction) or pursuant to a qualified domestic order or in connection with a divorce settlement; provided, that any filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in connection with such transfer shall indicate that such transfer is made in connection with one or more of the foregoing;

- (viii) to a nominee or custodian of a person or entity to whom a disposition or transfer would be permissible under clauses (i)-(vii) above;
- (ix) upon the exercise of any rights to purchase, exchange or convert any stock options granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans described in the Prospectus (as defined in the Underwriting Agreement) or any other securities described in the Prospectus, including the Class B Common Stock; provided, that any required filing under Section 16 of the Exchange Act made during the Lock-Up Period with respect to the matters described in this clause (ix) shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto that (1) the filing relates to the circumstances described above and (2) the underlying shares of Common Stock continue to be subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this lock-up agreement;
- (x) to the Company in connection with the termination of the undersigned's employment or other service with the Company, *provided*, that any required filing under Section 16 of the Exchange Act made during the Lock-Up Period with respect to the matters described in this clause (x) shall clearly indicate in the footnotes thereto that (1) the filing relates to the circumstances described above and (2) no Lock-Up Securities were sold by the reporting person other than such transfers to the Company as described above;
- (xi) after the completion of the proposed Public Offering, pursuant to a bona fide third-party tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction approved by the Company's board of directors and made to all holders of the Company's securities involving a change of control of the Company; provided, that, in the event that such tender offer, merger, consolidation or other such transaction is not completed, such Lock-Up Securities held by the undersigned shall remain subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth in this lock-up agreement (for purposes hereof, "change of control" shall mean the transfer (whether by tender offer, merger, consolidation or other similar transaction), in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to a person or group of affiliated persons, of shares of capital stock if, after such transfer, such person or group of affiliated persons would become the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 of the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of the total voting power of the voting securities of the Company (or the surviving entity)); or
- (xii) to the Company or its subsidiaries (A) in connection with the repurchase of the undersigned's Common Stock upon death or disability pursuant to an employment agreement or equity award granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans described in the Prospectus, (B) pursuant to arrangements described in the Prospectus under which the Company has the option to repurchase such shares or a right of first refusal with respect to transfers of such securities or (C) in the exercise of outstanding options, warrants, restricted stock units or other equity interests, including transfers deemed to occur upon the "net" or "cashless" exercise of options or for the sole purpose of paying the exercise price of such options, warrants, restricted stock units or other equity interests or for paying taxes (including estimated taxes) due as a result of the exercise of such options, warrants, restricted stock units or other equity interests or as a result of the vesting of Common Stock under restricted stock awards, in each case pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans or other arrangement disclosed in the Prospectus; provided, that any Common Stock received upon such exercise or other event described in subclause (C) shall be subject to the terms of this lock-up agreement.

In addition, it is understood and agreed that this lock-up agreement shall not apply to (a) the sale of any Class A Common Stock to the underwriters pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement or (b) any transfer or sale in connection with, and as contemplated by, the reorganization transactions (the "Corporate Reorganization") described under the caption "Corporate Reorganization" in the preliminary prospectus relating to the Public Offering at the time of its effectiveness.

Furthermore, the undersigned may sell shares of Common Stock purchased by the undersigned in the Public Offering or on the open market following the consummation of the Public Offering if and only if (i) such sales are not required to be reported in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and (ii) the undersigned does not otherwise voluntarily effect any public filing or report regarding such sales.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the undersigned may establish or amend a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of Lock-Up Securities; provided, that (i) such plan does not provide for the transfer of Lock-Up Securities during the Lock-Up Period and (ii) to the extent a public announcement or filing under the Exchange Act, if any, is required of or voluntarily made by or on behalf of the undersigned or the Company regarding the establishment or amendment of such plan, such announcement or filing shall include a statement to the effect that no transfer of Lock-Up Securities may be made under such plan during the Lock-Up Period.

This lock-up agreement and any claim, controversy or dispute arising under or related to this lock-up agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of, the state of New York without regard to its choice of law provisions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this lock-up agreement will automatically terminate and the undersigned will be released from all obligations hereunder upon the earliest to occur, if any, of: (i) if BofA, on behalf of the Underwriters, on the one hand, or the Company, on the other hand, informs the other in writing, prior to the execution of the Underwriting Agreement, that it has determined not to proceed with the Public Offering; (ii) the date the Company files an application with the SEC to withdraw the registration statement related to the Public Offering; (iii) the date the Underwriting Agreement is terminated (other than the provisions thereof which survive termination) prior to payment for and delivery of the shares of Common Stock to be sold thereunder; or (iv) March 31, 2021, in the event that the Underwriting Agreement has not been executed by such date (provided that the Company may, by written notice to the undersigned prior to such date, extend such date for a period of up to an additional three months). This lock-up agreement shall not be amended without the prior written consent of the undersigned.

The undersigned hereby consents to receipt of this lock-up agreement in electronic form and understands and agrees that this lock-up agreement may be signed electronically. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission, electronic mail, or otherwise by electronic transmission evidencing an intent to sign this lock-up agreement, such facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other electronic transmission shall create a valid and binding obligation of the undersigned with the same force and effect as if such signature were an original. Execution and delivery of this lock-up agreement by facsimile transmission, electronic mail or other electronic transmission is legal, valid and binding for all purposes.

The undersigned also agrees and consents to the entry of stop transfer instructions with the Company's transfer agent and registrar against the transfer of the Lock-Up Securities during the Lock-Up Period except in compliance with the foregoing restrictions.

Very truly y	ours,
Signature:	
Print Name:	
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FORM OF PRESS RELEASE

TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(j)

Dream Finders Homes, Inc. [Date]

Dream Finders Homes, Inc. (the "Company") announced today that BofA, the lead book-running manager in the Company's recent public sale of [•] shares of Class A common stock, is [waiving] [releasing] a lock-up restriction with respect to officer or director] of the Company. The [waiver] [release] will take effect on 2021, and the shares may be sold on or after such date.

This press release is not an offer for sale of the securities in the United States or in any other jurisdiction where such offer is prohibited, and such securities may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "Agreement") is entered into as of January 20, 2021, by and among Dream Finders Holdings LLC, a Florida limited liability company ("DFH LLC"), Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation and, prior to the consummation of the Merger (as defined below), a wholly owned subsidiary of DFH LLC ("DFH Inc."), and DFH Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of DFH Inc. ("Merger Sub").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, DFH LLC has the authority to issue 222,666 units, consisting of: (i) 73,123 Common Units (the **DFH LLC Voting Common Units**"), of which 73,123 units are issued and outstanding; (ii) 100,000 Non-Voting Common Units (the "**DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units**" and, together with the DFH LLC Voting Common Units, the "**DFH LLC Common Units**"), of which 10,543 units are issued and outstanding; (iii) 15,400 Series A Preferred Units (the "**DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units**"), of which 15,400 units are issued and outstanding; (iv) 7,143 Series B Preferred Units (the "**DFH LLC Series B Preferred Units**"), of which 7,143 units are issued and outstanding; and (v) 27,000 Series C Preferred Units (the "**DFH LLC Series C Preferred Units**") and, together with the DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units and DFH LLC Series B Preferred Units, the "**DFH LLC Preferred Units**"), of which 26,000 units are issued and outstanding.

WHEREAS, as of the Effective Time (as defined below), DFH Inc. will have the authority to issue 350,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, consisting of: 289,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock (the "DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock") and 61,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock (the "DFH Inc. Class B Common Stock"), and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "DFH Inc. Preferred Stock").

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, DFH Inc. is the sole member of Merger Sub and owns all of the membership interests of Merger Sub.

WHEREAS, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub are each a newly formed corporation and limited liability company, respectively, organized for the sole purpose of participating in the transactions herein contemplated and actions related thereto, own no assets (other than DFH Inc.'s ownership of Merger Sub and nominal capital) and have taken no actions other than those necessary or advisable to organize the new entities and to effect the transactions herein contemplated and actions related thereto.

WHEREAS, DFH LLC desires to cause Merger Sub to merge with and into DFH LLC, with DFH LLC as the surviving entity (the "Merger") of the Merger in accordance with Chapter 605.1021 of the Florida Revised Limited Liability Company Act (the "Florida LLC Act") and Section 18-209 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "Delaware LLC Act"), whereby DFH Inc. would become the sole member of DFH LLC immediately prior to the closing of an initial public offering of the DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock, and (i) all of the outstanding DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units and DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units as of immediately prior to the Effective Time being converted in the Merger into shares of DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock, (ii) all of the outstanding DFH LLC Voting Common Units as of immediately prior to the Effective Time being converted in the Merger into shares of DFH Inc. Class B Common Stock and (iii) all of the outstanding DFH LLC Series B Preferred Units and DFH LLC Series C Preferred Units as of immediately prior to the Effective Time remain unchanged as outstanding DFH LLC Series B Preferred Units and DFH LLC Series C Preferred Units (collectively, the "Reorganization").

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors or Board of Managers, as applicable, of each of DFH LLC, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub have unanimously declared that this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Reorganization, are advisable and in the best interest of DFH LLC, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub, respectively, and their respective stockholders or members, as applicable;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors or Board of Managers, as applicable, of each of DFH LLC, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub have unanimously authorized and approved this Agreement, the Reorganization and the performance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

WHEREAS, immediately following the execution and delivery of this Agreement, DFH Inc., in its capacity as the sole member of Merger Sub, shall approve and adopt the Merger, this Agreement and, to the extent applicable, the other transactions described herein upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Merger is intended to consist of a tax-deferred transfer of property under Section 351(a) of the Code (as defined herein).

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the covenants and agreements contained herein, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I THE MERGER

SECTION 1.1 The Merger. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, and in accordance with Chapter 605.1021 of the Florida LLC Act and Section 18-209 of the Delaware LLC Act, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 1.2), Merger Sub shall be merged with and into DFH LLC, the separate limited liability company existence of Merger Sub shall thereupon cease and DFH LLC shall continue as the surviving entity in the Merger (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the "Surviving Company"). At the Effective Time, the effects of the Merger shall be as provided in this Agreement and in Chapter 605.1025 of the Florida LLC Act and Section 18-209 of the Delaware LLC Act.

SECTION 1.2 Filing Certificate of Merger and Articles of Merger; Effective Time. As soon as practicable following the satisfaction or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, waiver of the conditions set forth in Article V, if this Agreement shall not have been terminated prior thereto as provided in Section 6.1, DFH LLC shall cause a certificate of merger meeting the requirements of the Delaware LLC Act (the "Certificate of Merger") and articles of merger meeting the requirements of the Florida LLC Act (the "Articles of Merger") to be properly executed and filed in accordance with such sections and otherwise make all other filings or recordings as required by the Delaware LLC Act and the Florida LLC Act in connection with the Merger. The Merger shall become effective as of the effective time set forth in the Certificate of Merger filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Polida (the "Effective Time").

SECTION 1.3 Tax Distribution Prior to Effective Time. No later than one business day prior to the Effective Time, DFH LLC shall make a distribution of a total amount of \$22,603,101.59 in accordance with Section 4.4(b) of the Fourth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of DFH LLC, dated effective as of May 28, 2019 (and as to be amended and restated by the Fifth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of DFH LLC, dated effective as of the date of the Effective Time) with respect to taxable income of DFH LLC accrued prior to the Effective Time.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS, DIRECTORS / MANAGERS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 2.1 Name of Surviving Company. The name of the Surviving Company shall be "Dream Finders Holdings LLC."

SECTION 2.2 Articles of Organization of Surviving Company. From and after the Effective Time, the Articles of Organization of DFH LLC as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain unchanged and shall be the Articles of Organization of the Surviving Company until thereafter further amended as provided therein and in accordance with the Florida LLC Act.

SECTION 2.3 Operating Agreement of Surviving Company. From and after the Effective Time, the Fourth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of DFH LLC, dated effective as of May 28, 2019, shall be replaced by the Fifth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of DFH LLC, dated effective as of the date of the Effective Time.

SECTION 2.4 Sole Manager of Surviving Company. From and after the Effective Time, DFH Inc. shall be the sole manager of the Surviving Company.

SECTION 2.5 Officers of Surviving Company. From and after the Effective Time, the officers of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be the officers of the Surviving Company, each such officer to serve in such capacity until his or her successor is duly elected or appointed or his or her earlier death, resignation or removal.

SECTION 2.6 Directors and Officers of DFH Inc. Prior to the Effective Time, DFH LLC, in its capacity as the sole stockholder of DFH Inc., agrees to take or cause to be taken all such actions as are necessary to cause the persons identified on Exhibit A hereto to be elected or appointed as the directors of DFH Inc., effective as of the listing of the DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock on The Nasdaq Global Select Market, with each such person to serve until his or her respective successor is elected and qualified (or his or her earlier death, disability or retirement).

Prior to the Effective Time, DFH LLC, in its capacity as the sole stockholder of DFH Inc., agrees to take or cause to be taken all such actions as are necessary to cause those persons serving as the officers of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Effective Time to be appointed as the officers of DFH Inc. (to the extent the officers of DFH Inc. and DFH LLC are not already identical), each such person to have the same office(s) with DFH Inc. as he or she held with DFH LLC.

SECTION 2.7 Certificate of Incorporation of DFH Inc. On or prior to the Effective Time, (i) the Board of Directors of DFH Inc. shall have approved, and DFH LLC, in its capacity as sole stockholder of DFH Inc., shall have adopted, the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DFH Inc. (the "DFH Inc. Charter"), and the DFH Inc. Charter shall have been filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and shall have become effective, and (ii) the Amended and Restated Bylaws of DFH Inc. (the "DFH Inc. Bylaws") shall have been adopted and shall be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE III CANCELLATION AND CONVERSION OF EQUITY

SECTION 3.1 Effect on Capital Stock. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder of any shares or units of either DFH LLC, DFH Inc. or Merger Sub:

- (a) Conversion of Merger Sub Shares. All of the issued and outstanding membership interests of Merger Sub as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, automatically be converted into an aggregate number of 97,830 validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable DFH LLC Voting Common Units.
- (b) Conversion of DFH LLC Units. The issued and outstanding DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units owned by a member of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, automatically be converted into the number of validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock set forth opposite the name of such holder of DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units on Schedule I attached hereto (and incorporated by reference herein). The issued and outstanding DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units owned by a member of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, automatically be converted into the number of validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of DFH Inc. Class A Common Stock set forth opposite the name of such holder of DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units on Schedule I attached hereto (and incorporated by reference herein). The issued and outstanding DFH LLC Voting Common Units owned by a member of DFH LLC immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, automatically be converted into the number of validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of DFH Inc. Class B Common Stock set forth opposite the name of such holder of DFH LLC Voting Common Units on Schedule I attached hereto (and incorporated by reference herein). The number of shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock issued to members of DFH LLC holding DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units, DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units and DFH LLC Voting Common Units, as the case may be, held by such members immediately prior to the Effective Time was determined based on the number of DFH LLC Non-Voting Common Units, DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units and DFH LLC Voting Common Units, as the case may be, held by such members immediately prior to the Effective Time adjusted for the book valu

Each issued and outstanding DFH LLC Series B Preferred Unit as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain unchanged as an issued and outstanding Series B Preferred Unit in the Surviving Company. Each issued and outstanding DFH LLC Series C Preferred Unit as of immediately prior to the Effective Time shall remain unchanged as an issued and outstanding Series C Preferred Unit in the Surviving Company.

(c) Cancellation of DFH Inc. Shares. DFH LLC shall surrender each issued and outstanding share of DFH Inc. common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, that is owned immediately prior to the Effective Time by DFH LLC, and each such share shall thereupon be cancelled and retired and shall cease to exist, and no consideration shall be delivered or deliverable in connection with such cancellation therefor.

SECTION 3.2 Direct Registration of DFH Inc. Common Stock.

- (a) From and after the Effective Time, record ownership of the DFH Inc. Common Stock issued in accordance with Section 3.1(b) shall be kept in uncertificated, book entry form by DFH Inc., unless a replacement physical certificate is requested for cancellation. Following the Effective Time, any certificate representing DFH LLC Common Units or DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be promptly surrendered by the holder of such Units formerly represented by such certificate to DFH LLC.
- (b) From and after the Effective Time, holders of DFH LLC Common Units and DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units as of immediately prior to the Effective Time will cease to be, and will have no rights as, members of DFH LLC, other than the right to receive the applicable shares of DFH Inc. Common Stock pursuant to Section 3.1(b). At the Effective Time, the unit transfer books of DFH LLC shall be closed and from and after the Effective Time, there shall be no further registration of transfers on the unit transfer books of the Surviving Company of the DFH LLC Common Units and DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time.

SECTION 3.3 No Dissenters' Rights. There are no dissenters' rights or appraisal rights available to holders of DFH LLC Common Units or DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units under the Florida LLC Act or the Delaware LLC Act in connection with the Merger.

ARTICLE IV CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The respective obligations of each party to effect the Merger are subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions:

- (a) None of the parties hereto shall be subject to any decree, order or injunction of any court of competent jurisdiction, whether in the U.S. or any other country, that prohibits the consummation of the Merger.
- (b) Other than the filing of the Certificate of Merger and the Articles of Merger provided for under Article I, all consents and authorizations of, filings or registrations with, and notices to, any governmental or regulatory authority required to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall have been obtained or made.

ARTICLE V TERMINATION, AMENDMENT AND WAIVER

SECTION 5.1 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated and the Merger abandoned at any time prior to the Effective Time by action of the Board of Managers of DFH LLC.

SECTION 5.2 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement as provided in <u>Section 5.1</u>, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and have no effect, without any liability or obligation on the part of DFH LLC, DFH Inc. or Merger Sub.

SECTION 5.3 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended by the parties hereto at any time; provided, however, that, any amendment effected subsequent to member approval shall be subject to the restrictions contained in the Delaware LLC Act and Florida LLC Act. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

SECTION 5.4 Waiver. At any time prior to the Effective Time, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the parties may waive compliance with any of the agreements or covenants contained in this Agreement, or may waive any of the conditions to consummation of the Merger contained in this Agreement. Any agreement on the part of a party to any such waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed on behalf of such party. The failure of any party to this Agreement to assert any of its rights under this Agreement or otherwise shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

ARTICLE VI COVENANTS

SECTION 6.1 Further Assurances. Each of DFH LLC, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, all things necessary or reasonably appropriate to consummate and make effective, in the most expeditious manner practicable, the Merger and the other transactions provided for herein.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7.1 Assignment; Binding Effect; Benefit. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned by any of the parties hereto (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other parties. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer on any person other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement.

SECTION 7.2 Entire Agreement. This Agreement and any documents delivered by the parties in connection herewith constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements and understandings among the parties with respect thereto.

SECTION 7.3 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to its rules of conflict of laws that would apply any other law.

SECTION 7.4 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same instrument. Each counterpart may consist of a number of copies hereof, each signed by less than all, but together signed by all of the parties hereto.

SECTION 7.5 Headings. Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Agreement are for the convenience of the parties only and shall be given no substantive or interpretative effect whatsoever.

SECTION 7.6 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined by any court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such provision will be enforced to the maximum extent possible given the intent of the parties hereto. If such clause or provision cannot be so enforced, such provision shall be stricken from this Agreement and the remainder of this Agreement shall be enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable clause or provision had (to the extent not enforceable) never been contained in this Agreement.

SECTION 7.7 Tax Treatment. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Merger shall be treated as a contribution of all of the DFH LLC Common Units and DFH LLC Series A Preferred Units to DFH Inc. by the holders of such units in exchange for the DFH Inc. Common Stock in a transaction governed by Section 351(a) of the Code (in which the separate limited liability company existence of Merger Sub shall be disregarded for such purposes).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, DFH LLC, DFH Inc. and Merger Sub have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, all as of the date first written above.

DREAM FINDERS HOLDINGS LLC,

a Florida limited liability company

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: Chief Executive Officer

Common Members:

POZ HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: President

/s/ Patrick Zalupski

PATRICK ZALUPSKI

Series A Preferred Member:

DFH INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ W. Radford Lovett II

Name: W. Radford Lovett II

Title: Manager

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Series C Preferred Member:

THE VÄRDE PRIVATE DEBT OPPORTUNITIES FUND (ONSHORE), L.P,

a Delaware limited partnership

By: The Värde Private Debt Opportunities Fund GP, L.P., its General Partner

By: Värde Partners, L.P., its General Partner By: Värde Partners, Inc., its General Partner

By: /s/ Brendan Bosman

Name: Brendan Bosman Title: Managing Director

Non-Voting Common Members:

BOC DFH, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Josh Weisenburger

Name: Josh Weisenburger

Title: CFO

MDB4L INVESTMENT, LLC,

a Florida limited liability company

By: /s/ Ankit Desai

Name: Ankit Desai Title: Manager

/s/ Blake Wilson

BLAKE WILSON

/s/ Steven J. Fischer

STEVEN J. FISCHER

/s/ Robert W. Hughes Jr.

ROBERT W. HUGHES JR.

/s/ Mary C. Hughes

MARY C. HUGHES

/s/ Keith Goldfaden

KEITH GOLDFADEN

/s/ Dennis A. Zalupski

DENNIS A. ZALUPSKI

/s/ Robert J. Zalupski

ROBERT J. ZALUPSKI

/s/ Rick A. Moyer

RICK A. MOYER

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/s/ John Blanton

JOHN BLANTON

/s/ Batey Camp McGraw
BATEY CAMP MCGRAW

/s/ John Douglas Moran Jr.

JOHN DOUGLAS MORAN JR.

/s/ Robert E. Riva, Jr.

ROBERT E. RIVA, JR.

DFH MERGER SUB LLC,

a Delaware limited liability company

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: Authorized Person

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.,

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: Chief Executive Officer

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SCHEDULE I

SHARES OF CLASS A COMMON STOCK AND CLASS B COMMON STOCK TO BE ISSUED UPON THE CONVERSION OF DFH LLC UNITS (SECTION 3.1(b))

Name of DFH LLC Member	Type of DFH LLC Units Owned		Shares of Class B Common Stock to be
		Issued	Issued
Batey Camp McGraw	Non-Voting Common Units	591,768	
John Blanton	Non-Voting Common Units	591,768	
John Douglas Moran Jr.	Non-Voting Common Units	755,490	
Rick A. Moyer	Non-Voting Common Units	764,211	
Robert E. Riva, Jr.	Non-Voting Common Units	18,640	
DFH Investors, LLC ¹	Series A Preferred Units		
W. Radford Lovett II GST Exempt Trust u/a dated 12/28/2004	Series A Preferred Units	5,065,883	
Philip H. Lovett	Series A Preferred Units	2,532,941	
William H. Walton, III Living Trust, u/a dated 6/6/2014	Series A Preferred Units	633,235	
The Theodora D. and William H. Walton, III Irrevocable Trust	Series A Preferred Units	1,899,706	
Haskell Singletary Family Trust	Series A Preferred Units	717,667	
Elizabeth Haskell Callaghan Trust	Series A Preferred Units	717,667	
W. Ross Singletary II	Series A Preferred Units	379,941	
Sally H. Singletary	Series A Preferred Units	3,916	
Rushton Haskell Callaghan	Series A Preferred Units	60,975	
The Preston H. Haskell Grandchildren's Trust	Series A Preferred Units	652,775	
Patrick Zalupski	Voting Common Units		59,629,995
POZ Holdings, Inc.	Voting Common Units		596,158
Equity Trust Company Custodian FAO, Rick Moyer	Non-Voting Common Units	139,650	
BOC DFH, LLC	Non-Voting Common Units	4,681,099	
MDB4L Investment, LLC	Non-Voting Common Units	466,178	
Keith Goldfaden	Non-Voting Common Units	46,627	
Stephen J. Fischer	Non-Voting Common Units	139,878	
Blake Wilson	Non-Voting Common Units	233,147	
Robert W. Hughes, Jr. and Mary C. Hughes (Jointly owned)	Non-Voting Common Units	60,797	
Dennis A. Zalupski	Non-Voting Common Units	50,685	
Robert J. Zalupski	Non-Voting Common Units	50,685	
Total:		21,255,329	60,226,153

¹ DFH Investors, LLC intends to distribute the Series A Preferred Units to its members after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Effective Time with such members receiving the number of shares of Class A Common Stock set forth opposite such members' name at the Effective Time. The Series A Preferred Units will be converted into an aggregate 12,664,706 shares of Class A Common Stock at the Effective Time.

EXHIBIT A

DIRECTORS

Patrick O. Zalupski

William H. Walton, III

W. Radford Lovett II

Justin Udelhofen

Megha H. Parekh

Exhibit 3.1

AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

(Pursuant to Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware)

Dream Finders Homes, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "General Corporation Law"), DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: That the name of the Corporation is Dream Finders Homes, Inc. and that the Corporation was originally incorporated pursuant to the General Corporation Law on September 11, 2020 under the name Dream Finders Homes, Inc. by filing of the Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "Certificate of Incorporation").

SECOND: That the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board of Directors") duly adopted resolutions proposing to amend and restate the Certificate of Incorporation, declaring said amendment and restatement to be advisable and in the best interests of the Corporation and its stockholders, and authorizing the appropriate officers of the Corporation to solicit the consent of the stockholders therefor, which resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and restatement is as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is Dream Finders Homes, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The address of the registered office of the Corporation in the State of Delaware is c/o The Corporation Trust Company, The Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

ARTICLE III

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law. The Corporation shall have all power necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of such acts and activities.

ARTICLE IV

The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 355,000,000 shares, consisting of: (i) 350,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock"), of which 289,000,000 shares are designated "Class A Common Stock" ("Class A Common Stock") and of which 61,000,000 shares are designated "Class B Common Stock" ("Class B Common Stock"); and (ii) 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Preferred Stock").

The following is a statement of the designations and the powers, privileges and rights, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof in respect of each class of capital stock of the Corporation.

A. COMMON STOCK

- 1. General. The voting, dividend and liquidation rights of the holders of Common Stock are subject to and qualified by the rights, powers and preferences of the holders of Preferred Stock set forth herein.
- 2. Voting. Except as otherwise required by the General Corporation Law, no holder of Common Stock, as such, shall be entitled to vote on any amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation (including any certificate of designation) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected series of Preferred Stock are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other series of Preferred Stock, to vote thereon pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation or the General Corporation Law. The number of authorized shares of Common Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by (in addition to any vote of the holders of one or more series of Preferred Stock that may be required by the terms of the Certificate of Incorporation (including any certificate of designation)) the affirmative vote of the holders of shares of capital stock of the Corporation representing a majority of the votes represented by all outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote, irrespective of the provisions of Section 242(b)(2) of the General Corporation Law.
- 3. Dividends. Subject to preferences that may apply to any shares of Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, the holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to share equally, identically and ratably, on a per share basis, with respect to any dividend or other distribution paid or distributed by the Corporation out of any funds of the Corporation legally available therefor when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, unless different treatment of the shares of the affected class is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of such affected class.
- 4. Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding-Up. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation, the holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to share equally, identically and ratably in all assets remaining after the payment of any liabilities, liquidation preferences and accrued or declared but unpaid dividends, if any, with respect to any outstanding Preferred Stock, unless a different treatment is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of such affected class, voting separately as a class.

- 5. Change of Control Transactions. The holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall be treated equally and identically with respect to shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock owned by such holders, unless different treatment of the shares of each such class is approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the class treated differently, voting separately as a class, upon the occurrence of a Deemed Liquidation Event. With respect to this Article IV, Section A.5, consideration to be paid or received by a holder of Common Stock in connection with any such Deemed Liquidation Event under any employment, consulting, severance or other compensatory arrangement shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining whether the holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock are treated equally and identically.
- 6. Subdivisions and Combinations. If the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as applicable, are subdivided or combined in any manner, the outstanding shares of the other class shall be subdivided or combined in the same proportion and manner.

B. CLASS A COMMON STOCK

- 1. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law or the Certificate of Incorporation, each holder of Class A Common Stock, as such, is entitled to one vote per share of Class A Common Stock held by such holder on any matter that is submitted to a vote of the stockholders of the Corporation.
- Reclassification of Common Stock into Class A Common Stock. Immediately upon the effectiveness of this Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Effective Time"), each share of common stock issued and outstanding or held in treasury of the Corporation immediately prior to the Effective Time (the "Prior Common Stock") will be, and hereby is, automatically reclassified and changed (without any further act) into one share of Class A Common Stock, and each such reclassified share of Prior Common Stock shall be deemed a fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A Common Stock. From and after the Effective Time, each stock certificate representing shares of Prior Common Stock shall automatically, and without the necessity of presenting the same for exchange, represent that number of whole shares of Class A Common Stock into which such shares of Prior Common Stock represented by such certificates (s) shall have been reclassified. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon surrender to the Corporation or its transfer agent of the certificates evidencing any Prior Common Stock duly endorsed for transfer to the Corporation (or accompanied by duly executed stock powers relating thereto) or an affidavit of loss with respect thereto, the Corporation or its transfer agent shall issue and deliver to the holder so surrendering such certificates or to such holder's designee, at an address designated by such holder, certificates for the number of whole shares of Class A Common Stock into which such holder's Prior Common Stock has been reclassified pursuant to the provisions hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon surrender to the Corporation or its transfer agent of such certificates evidencing any Prior Common Stock, the Corporation may, in lieu of issuing new stock certificates as provided above, determine that the shares of Class A Common Stock represented by such surrendered certificate(s) shall be issued in uncertificated form in accordance with the General Corporation Law.

C. CLASS B COMMON STOCK

- 1. Voting. Except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law or the Certificate of Incorporation, each holder of Class B Common Stock, as such, is entitled to the number of votes equal to the product of (a) the number of whole shares of Class A Common Stock into which the shares of Class B Common Stock held by such holder are convertible as of the record date for determining stockholders of the Corporation entitled to vote on such matter, *multiplied by* (b) three. Except as required by the General Corporation Law, holders of Class B Common Stock shall vote together with the holders of Class A Common Stock as a single class on all matters, including the election of directors of the Corporation, submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation.
 - 2. Optional Conversion. Holders of Class B Common Stock shall have conversion rights as follows (the "Conversion Rights"):
 - 2.1. Conversion Ratio. Each share of Class B Common Stock shall be convertible at any time at the option of the holder thereof, and without the payment of additional consideration by the holder thereof, into one share of Class A Common Stock.

2.2. Mechanics of Conversion.

Notice of Conversion. In order for a holder of Class B Common Stock to voluntarily convert shares of Class B Common Stock into shares of Class A Common Stock, such holder shall surrender the certificate or certificates for such shares of Class B Common Stock (or, if such registered holder alleges that such certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, a lost certificate affidavit and agreement reasonably acceptable to the Corporation to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such certificate), at the office of the transfer agent for Class B Common Stock (or at the principal office of the Corporation if the Corporation serves as its own transfer agent), together with written notice that such holder elects to convert all or any number of the shares of Class B Common Stock represented by such certificate or certificates and, if applicable, any event on which such conversion is contingent. Such notice shall state such holder's name or the names of the nominees in which such holder wishes the certificate or certificates for shares of Class A Common Stock to be issued. If required by the Corporation, certificates surrendered for conversion shall be endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Corporation, duly executed by the registered holder or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing. The close of business on the date of receipt by the transfer agent (or by the Corporation if the Corporation serves as its own transfer agent) of such certificates (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) and notice shall be the time of conversion (the "Conversion Time"), and the shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the shares represented by such certificate so elected to be converted in such notice shall be deemed to be outstanding of record as of the Conversion Time. The Corporation shall, as soon as practicable after the Conversion Time, (i) issue and deliver to such holder of Class B Common Stock, or to his, her or its nominees, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon such conversion in accordance with the provisions hereof and a certificate for the number (if any) of the shares of Class B Common Stock represented by the surrendered certificate that were not converted into Class A Common Stock and (ii) pay all declared but unpaid dividends on the shares of Class B Common Stock converted.

- 2.2.2. Reservation of Shares. The Corporation shall, at all times while Class B Common Stock shall be outstanding, reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued capital stock, for the purpose of effecting the conversion of Class B Common Stock, such number of its duly authorized shares of Class A Common Stock as shall from time to time be sufficient to effect the conversion of all outstanding Class B Common Stock. If, at any time, the number of authorized but unissued shares of Class A Common Stock shall not be sufficient to effect the conversion of all then outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, the Corporation shall take such corporate action as may be necessary to increase its authorized but unissued shares of Class A Common Stock to such number of shares as shall be sufficient for such purposes, including, without limitation, engaging in commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the requisite stockholder approval of any necessary amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation.
- 2.2.3. Effect of Conversion. All shares of Class B Common Stock that shall have been surrendered for conversion as herein provided shall no longer be deemed to be outstanding and all rights with respect to such shares shall immediately cease and terminate at the Conversion Time, except only the right of the holders thereof to receive shares of Class A Common Stock in exchange therefor and to receive payment of any dividends declared but unpaid thereon. Any shares of Class B Common Stock so converted shall be retired and cancelled and may not be reissued as shares of such series, and the Corporation may thereafter take such appropriate action (without the need for stockholder action) as may be necessary to reduce the authorized number of shares of Class B Common Stock accordingly.
- 2.2.4. Taxes. The Corporation shall pay any and all issue and other similar taxes that may be payable in respect of any issuance or delivery of shares of Class A Common Stock upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock pursuant to this Article IV, Section C.2.2.4. The Corporation may pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of shares of Class A Common Stock in a name other than that in which the shares of Class B Common Stock so converted were registered.

2.3. Notice of Record Date.

2.3.1. In the event: (a) the Corporation shall take a record of the holders of its Common Stock (or other capital stock or securities at the time issuable upon conversion of Class B Common Stock) for the purpose of entitling or enabling such holders to receive any dividend or other distribution, or to receive any right to subscribe for or purchase any shares of capital stock of any class or any other securities, or to receive any other security; (b) of any capital reorganization of the Corporation, any reclassification of the Common Stock of the Corporation, or any Deemed Liquidation Event; or (c) of the voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the Corporation, then, and in each such case, the Corporation will send or cause to be sent to the holders of Class B Common Stock a notice specifying, as the case may be, (i) the record date for, and the amount and character of, such dividend, distribution or right or (ii) the effective date on which such reorganization, reclassification, Deemed Liquidation Event, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up is proposed to take place, and the time, if any is to be fixed, as of which the holders of common Stock (or such other capital stock or securities at the time issuable upon the conversion of Class B Common Stock) shall be entitled to exchange their shares of Common Stock (or such other capital stock or securities) for securities or other property deliverable upon such reorganization, reclassification, Deemed Liquidation Event, dissolution, liquidation or winding-up, and the amount per share and character of such exchange applicable to Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. Such notice shall be sent at least ten days prior to the record date or effective date for the event specified in such notice.

2.3.2. Definition. Each of the following events shall be considered a "Deemed Liquidation Event":

(a) a merger or consolidation in which the Corporation or a subsidiary of the Corporation is a constituent party, and the Corporation issues shares of its capital stock pursuant to such merger or consolidation, except any such merger or consolidation involving the Corporation or a subsidiary in which the shares of capital stock of the Corporation outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation continue to represent, or are converted into or exchanged for shares of capital stock that represent, immediately following such merger or consolidation, at least a majority, by voting power, of the capital stock of (i) the surviving or resulting corporation or (ii) if the surviving or resulting corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation immediately following such merger or consolidation, the parent corporation of such surviving or resulting corporation (*provided* that, for the purpose of this Article IV, Section C.2.3.2(a), all shares of Common Stock issuable (x) upon the exercise of rights, options or warrants to subscribe for, purchase or otherwise acquire Convertible Securities (as defined below) or Common Stock (collectively, "Options") outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation or (y) upon conversion of any evidences of indebtedness, shares or other securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for Common Stock, but excluding Options ("Convertible Securities") outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation shall be deemed to be outstanding immediately prior to such merger or consolidation and, if applicable, converted or exchanged in such merger or consolidation on the same terms as the actual outstanding shares of Common Stock are converted or exchanged);

- (b) the sale, lease, transfer, exclusive license or other disposition, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, by the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation of all or substantially all the assets of the Corporation and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, or the sale or disposition (whether by merger or otherwise) of one or more subsidiaries of the Corporation if substantially all of the assets of the Corporation and its subsidiaries taken as a whole are held by such subsidiary or subsidiaries, except where such sale, lease, transfer, exclusive license or other disposition is to a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation; or
- (c) the closing of the transfer (whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise), in one transaction or a series of related transactions, to a person or group of affiliated persons of the capital stock of the Corporation if, after such closing, the transferee person or group of affiliated persons would hold 50% or more of the outstanding voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation (or the surviving or acquiring entity).

3. Mandatory Conversion.

Trigger Events. In the event a holder of Class B Common Stock sells, assigns, gives, pledges, hypothecates, encumbers or otherwise transfers any or all of his, her or its shares of Class B Common Stock (each, a "Transfer") to any third party, then (a) all outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock subject to such Transfer shall automatically be converted into shares of Class A Common Stock and (b) such shares of Class B Common Stock may not be reissued by the Corporation; provided, however, that the following shall not be considered a "Transfer" and such shares of Class B Common Stock shall not automatically be converted into shares of Class A Common Stock as set forth in this Article IV, Section C.3.1: (i) the pledge of shares of Class B Common Stock by a stockholder that creates a mere security interest in such shares pursuant to a bona fide loan or indebtedness transaction for so long as such stockholder continues to exercise voting control over such pledged shares; provided, however, that a foreclosure on such shares or other similar action by the pledgee shall constitute a Transfer; (ii) entering into a trading plan pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, with a broker or other nominee where the holder entering into the plan retains voting control over the shares; provided, however, that a Transfer of such shares of Class B Common Stock by such broker or other nominee shall constitute a "Transfer" at the time of such Transfer; (iii) entering into a support, voting, tender or similar agreement, arrangement or understanding (with or without granting a proxy) in connection with a Deemed Liquidation Event or other merger or consolidation, or taking any actions contemplated thereby; provided, however, that such Deemed Liquidation Event or other merger or consolidation and such agreement or understanding was approved by a majority of the Independent Directors then in office in advance of the entry into such agreement or understanding; (iv) the Transfer of Class B Common Stock to an existing holder of Class B Common Stock; or (v) the Transfer of Class B Common Stock for tax and estate planning purposes to any trust, partnership, corporation, foundation, charity or other entity, so long as a holder of Class B Common Stock controls such trust, partnership, corporation, foundation, charity or other entity; provided, however that, at such time that such holder of Class B Common Stock no longer controls such trust, partnership, corporation, foundation, charity or other entity, the shares of Class B Common Stock held by such entity shall be automatically converted into Class A Common Stock as set forth in this Article IV, Section C.3.1.

In the event that, and at such time that, the holders of Class B Common Stock cease to hold shares of Class B Common Stock representing, in the aggregate, at least ten percent or more of the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding (the "Ownership Trigger"), all outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock shall automatically be converted into shares of Class A Common Stock. The date and time of such Transfer and Ownership Trigger is referred to herein as the "Mandatory Conversion Time".

Procedural Requirements. All holders of record of shares of Class B Common Stock that will automatically convert upon a Transfer or Ownership Trigger shall be sent written notice of the Mandatory Conversion Time pursuant to this Article IV, Section C.3. Such notice need not be sent in advance of the occurrence of the Mandatory Conversion Time. Upon receipt of such notice, each holder of shares of Class B Common Stock in certificated form shall surrender his, her or its certificate or certificates for all such shares (or, if such holder alleges that such certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed, a lost certificate affidavit and agreement reasonably acceptable to the Corporation to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the alleged loss, theft or destruction of such certificate) to the Corporation at the place designated in such notice. If so required by the Corporation, any certificates surrendered for conversion shall be endorsed or accompanied by written instrument or instruments of transfer, in form satisfactory to the Corporation, duly executed by the registered holder or by his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing. All rights with respect to Class B Common Stock converted pursuant to Article IV, Section C.3.1, including the rights, if any, to receive notice and vote (other than as a holder of Class A Common Stock), will terminate at the Mandatory Conversion Time (notwithstanding the failure of the holder thereof to surrender any certificates at or prior to such time), except only the rights of the holder thereof, upon surrender of any certificate or certificates of such holder (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) therefor, to receive the items provided for in this Article IV, Section C.3.2. As soon as practicable following the Mandatory Conversion Time and, if applicable, the surrender of any certificate or certificates (or lost certificate affidavit and agreement) for Class B Common Stock, the Corporation shall (a) issue and deliver to such holder, or to his, her or its nominees, a certificate or certificates for the number of full shares of Class A Common Stock issuable on such conversion in accordance with the provisions hereof and (b) pay cash with respect to any declared but unpaid dividends on the shares of Class B Common Stock converted pursuant to Article IV, Section C.3.1. Such converted Class B Common Stock shall be retired and cancelled and may not be reissued as shares of such series, and the Corporation may thereafter take such appropriate action (without the need for stockholder action) as may be necessary to reduce the authorized number of shares of Class B Common Stock accordingly.

- 4. Acquired Shares. Any shares of Class B Common Stock that are acquired by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries shall be automatically and immediately cancelled and retired and shall not be reissued, sold or transferred. Neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries may exercise any voting or other rights granted to the holders of Class B Common Stock.
- 5. Waiver. Any of the rights, powers, preferences and other terms of Class B Common Stock set forth herein may be waived on behalf of all holders of Class B Common Stock by the affirmative written consent or vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of Class B Common Stock then outstanding.
- 6. Notices. Any notice required or permitted by the provisions of this <u>Article IV</u> to be given to a holder of shares of Class B Common Stock shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the post office address last shown on the records of the Corporation, or given by electronic communication in compliance with the provisions of the General Corporation Law, and shall be deemed sent upon such mailing or electronic transmission.

D. PREFERRED STOCK

- 1. Preferred Stock may be issued in one or more series at such time or times and for such consideration or considerations as the Board of Directors may determine. Each series of Preferred Stock shall be so designated as to distinguish the shares thereof from the shares of all other series and classes. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, different series of Preferred Stock shall not be construed to constitute different classes of shares for the purpose of voting by classes.
- The Board of Directors is expressly authorized, without further action by the stockholders of the Corporation, to provide for the issuance of all or any shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, each with such designations, preferences, voting powers (or no voting powers), relative, participating, optional or other special rights and privileges and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof as shall be stated in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors to create such series, and a certificate of designation shall be filed in accordance with the General Corporation Law. The authority of the Board of Directors with respect to each such series shall include, without limitation of the foregoing, the right to provide that the shares of each such series may: (i) have such distinctive designation and consist of such number of shares; (ii) be subject to redemption at such time or times and at such price or prices; (iii) be entitled to the benefit of a retirement or sinking fund for the redemption of such series on such terms and in such amounts; (iv) be entitled to receive dividends (which may be cumulative or noncumulative) at such rates, on such conditions, and at such times, and payable in preference to, or in such relation to, the dividends payable on any other class or classes or any other series of stock; (v) be entitled to such rights upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs, or upon any distribution of the assets of the Corporation in preference to, or in such relation to, any other class or classes or any other series of stock; (vi) be convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of stock at such price or prices or at such rates of exchange and with such adjustments, if any; (vii) be entitled to the benefit of such conditions, limitations or restrictions, if any, on the creation of indebtedness, the issuance of additional shares of such series or shares of any other series of Preferred Stock, the amendment of the Certification of Incorporation or the bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws"), the payment of dividends or the making of other distributions on, or the purchase, redemption or other acquisition by the Corporation of, any other class or classes or series of stock, or any other corporate action; or (viii) be entitled to such other preferences, powers (including voting power), qualifications, rights and privileges, all as the Board of Directors may deem advisable and as are not inconsistent with the General Corporation Law and the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation; provided that the Board of Directors may not decrease the number of shares of any such series of Preferred Stock below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

ARTICLE V

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by the General Corporation Law:

- A. Subject to the rights of holders of Common Stock and any series of Preferred Stock and the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws, respectively, may be amended, altered, changed or repealed, and new provisions or bylaws made, as applicable, by the majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 - B. Unless and except to the extent that the Bylaws so provide, elections of directors need not be by written ballot.
- C. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors; *provided* that the number of directors of the Corporation shall not be less than three directors. Any vacancies on the Board of Directors or newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors serving on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the majority vote of the directors of the Corporation then in office.
- D. Meetings of stockholders of the Corporation may be held within or without the State of Delaware, as the Bylaws may provide. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, for so long as the Corporation qualifies as a "controlled company" under the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market (or its successor) ("NASDAQ"), any action permitted or required by the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws to be taken at a meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of outstanding capital stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than a unanimous written consent shall be given by the Secretary of the Corporation to those stockholders of the Corporation who have not consented in writing. From and after the date that the Corporation fails to qualify as a "controlled company" under the rules of NASDAQ, the authority contemplated by this Article VI, Section D and Section 228 of the General Corporation Law, which permits stockholders of the Corporation, and, accordingly, the stockholders of the Corporation shall have no ability to take any action unless such action is taken at a duly called and held annual or special meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation.

E. The books of the Corporation may be kept at such place within or without the State of Delaware as the Bylaws may provide or as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

The Corporation hereby expressly elects not to be governed by Section 203 of the General Corporation Law for so long as Patrick Zalupski owns, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. From and after the date that Patrick Zalupski ceases to own, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, the Corporation shall be governed by, and subject to, Section 203 of the General Corporation Law.

ARTICLE VIII

No director of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for any liability for (i) any breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions, as provided under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law or (iv) any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit. If the General Corporation Law, or any other law of the State of Delaware, is amended after approval by the stockholders of the Corporation of this Article VIII to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law or such other law, as so amended.

Any repeal or modification of this <u>Article VIII</u> shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of, or limitation of the liability of, a director of the Corporation existing at, or arising out of facts or incidents occurring prior to, the effective date of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE IX

The following indemnification and advancement provisions shall apply to the persons enumerated below.

- Right to Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was or has agreed to become a director or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving or has agreed to serve at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving or having agreed to serve as a director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the General Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than said law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment), against all expense, liability and loss (including without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith and such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to serve in the capacity which initially entitled such person to indemnity hereunder and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof), other than a proceeding (or part thereof) brought under Article IX, Section B, initiated by such person or his or her heirs, executors and administrators only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors. The right to indemnification conferred in this Article IX shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that, if the General Corporation Law requires, the payment of such expenses incurred by a current, former or proposed director or officer in his or her capacity as a director or officer or proposed director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is or has been agreed to be rendered by such person while a director or officer, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such indemnified person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnified person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Article IX, Section A or otherwise.
- B. Claims by Directors and Officers. If a written claim received by the Corporation from or on behalf of an indemnified party under this Article IX is not paid in full by the Corporation within 30 days after such receipt, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition where the required undertaking, if any is required, has been tendered to the Corporation) that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct which make it permissible under the General Corporation Law for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Corporation. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including the Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or the stockholders of the Corporation) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including the Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or the stockholders of the Corporation) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

- C. Indemnification of Employees and Agents. The Corporation may, by action of the Board of Directors, provide indemnification and advance expenses to employees and agents of the Corporation, individually or as a group, with the same scope and effect as the indemnification of directors and officers provided for in this <u>Article</u> IX.
- D. Non-Exclusivity of Rights. The right to indemnification and the advancement and payment of expenses conferred in this <u>Article IX</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law (common or statutory), provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.
- E. Insurance. The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any person who is or was serving as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense liability or loss under the General Corporation Law.
- F. Savings Clause. If this Article IX or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall nevertheless indemnify and hold harmless each director and officer of the Corporation, as to costs, charges and expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement with respect to any proceeding to the full extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article IX that shall not have been invalidated and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this Article IX shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder for a person protected under this Article IX in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.
- G. Definitions. For purposes of this Article IX, reference to the "Corporation" shall include, in addition to the Corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger prior to (or, in the case of an entity specifically designated in a resolution of the Board of Directors, after) the adoption hereof and which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had the power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article IX with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

ARTICLE X

The name and mailing address of the sole incorporator is as follows:

Name Mailing Address

Robert M. Caine c/o Baker Botts L.L.P.

910 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002

ARTICLE XI

A. Exclusive Forum for Adjudication of Disputes. Subject to the following provisions of this Article XI, Section A, unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternate forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed to the Corporation or its stockholders by any director, officer, other employees, agents or stockholders of the Corporation, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation arising under the General Corporation Law or as to which the General Corporation Law confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (including, without limitation, any action asserting a claim arising out of or pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws) or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation that is governed by the internal affairs doctrine (each, a "Chancery Proceeding"), in the case of each of clauses (i) through (iv), shall be the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware. The foregoing shall not apply to claims subject to exclusive jurisdiction in the federal courts of the United States (a "Federal Proceeding" and, together with Chancery Proceedings, each a "Covered Proceeding"), such as suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the rules and regulations thereunder. With respect to claims subject to the exclusive jurisdiction in the federal courts of the United States, unless the Corporation consents in writing to the selection of an alternate forum, the federal district courts of the United States will, to the fullest extent provided by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of

B. Personal Jurisdiction. If any action the subject matter of which is a Covered Proceeding is filed in a court other than the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or, where permitted in accordance with <u>Article XI, Section A</u>, the federal district courts of the United States (each, a 'Foreign Action'), in the name of any person or entity (a "Claiming Party"), without the prior approval of the Corporation in the manner described in <u>Article XI, Section A</u>, such Claiming Party shall be deemed to have consented to (i) the personal jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or, where applicable, the applicable federal district court of the United States, in connection with any action brought in any such courts to enforce <u>Article XI, Section A</u> (an "Enforcement Action") and (ii) having service of process made upon such Claiming Party in any such Enforcement Action by service upon such Claiming Party's counsel in the Foreign Action as agent for such Claiming Party.

- C. Litigation Costs. Except to the extent prohibited by the General Corporation Law, in the event that a Claiming Party shall initiate, assert, join, offer substantial assistance to or have a direct financial interest in any Foreign Action without the prior approval of the Corporation in the manner described in <u>Article XI</u>, <u>Section A</u>, each such Claiming Party shall be obligated jointly and severally to reimburse the Corporation and any director, officer or other employee or agent of the Corporation made a party to such proceeding for all fees, costs and expenses of every kind and description (including, but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses) that such parties may incur in connection with such Foreign Action.
- D. Notice and Consent. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in the shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this <u>Article XI</u> and waived any argument relating to the inconvenience of the forums referenced in this <u>Article XI</u> in connection with any Covered Proceeding.

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THIRD: The foregoing Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation was approved by the holders of the requisite number of shares of the Corporation in accordance with Section 242 of the General Corporation Law.

FOURTH: That said Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which restates and integrates and further amends the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, has been duly adopted in accordance with Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation has been executed by a duly authorized officer of the Corporation on this 25th day of January, 2021.

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Signature Page to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

Exhibit 3.2

AMENDED AND RESTATED

BYLAWS

OF

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

A DELAWARE CORPORATION

Date of Adoption:

January 20, 2021

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AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

OFFICES

Section 1. Registered Office. The registered office of Dream Finders Homes, Inc. (the "Corporation") required by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "General Corporation Law") to be maintained in the State of Delaware shall be the registered office named in the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation (as the same may be amended and restated from time to time, the "Certificate of Incorporation"), or such other office as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board of Directors") in the manner provided by the General Corporation Law. Should the Corporation maintain a principal office within the State of Delaware, such registered office need not be identical to such principal office of the Corporation.

Section 2. Other Offices. The Corporation may have offices at such other places both within and without the State of Delaware as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or as the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II

STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. Place of Meetings.

- (a) <u>Meetings</u>. All meetings of stockholders may be held within or without the State of Delaware, as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors or, if not so designated, at the registered office of the Corporation.
- (b) Remote Meetings. Notwithstanding ARTICLE II, Section 1(a), the Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, determine that a meeting of stockholders shall not be held at any place but may instead be held solely by means of remote communication, as authorized by Section 211(a)(2) of the General Corporation Law. If so authorized, and subject to such guidelines and procedures as the Board of Directors may adopt, stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting of stockholders may, by means of remote communication, participate in a meeting of stockholders whether such meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication, provided that (i) the Board of Directors shall implement, or shall direct the implementation of, reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present and permitted to vote at such meeting by means of remote communication is a stockholder or proxyholder, (ii) the Board of Directors shall implement, or shall direct the implementation of, reasonable measures to provide such stockholders and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting and to vote on matters submitted to the stockholders, including an opportunity to read or hear the proceedings of such meeting substantially concurrently with such proceedings, and (iii) if any stockholder or proxyholder votes or takes other action at such meeting by means of remote communication, a record of such vote or other action shall be maintained by the Corporation.

Section 2. Meetings of Stockholders.

Timely Notice. At any meeting of stockholders, only such nominations of persons for the election of Directors and such other business shall be (a) conducted as shall have been properly brought before such meeting. To be properly brought before a meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for the election of Directors or such other business must be: (i) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, (ii) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or (iii) otherwise properly brought before a meeting of stockholders by a stockholder (the "Proposing Stockholder") who (x) is a stockholder of record of the Corporation at the time such notice of meeting is delivered, (y) is entitled to vote at such meeting and (z) complies with the notice procedures set forth in this ARTICLE II, Section 2. In addition, any proposal of business (other than the nomination of persons for the election of Directors) brought before a meeting of stockholders by a stockholder must be a proper matter for stockholder action. Other than nominations of persons for the election of Directors made at the direction of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof or proposals for such other business made at the direction of the Board of Directors, for business (including nominations of persons for the election of Directors) to be properly brought before a meeting of stockholders by a stockholder, the Proposing Stockholder must have given timely notice thereof pursuant to this ARTICLE II, Section 2(a), Section 2(b) or Section 2(c), as applicable, in writing to the Secretary of the Corporation (the "Secretary"), even if such matter is already the subject of any notice to the stockholders from the Board of Directors or a disclosure made in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Services, The Associated Press or a comparable national news service or in a document filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Exchange Act"), (each, a "Public Disclosure"). To be timely, a Proposing Stockholder's notice must be delivered to the Secretary or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation by the Secretary: (A) with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, not later than the close of business on the 90th day, nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day in advance of (1) the anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting if such meeting is to be held on a day which is within 30 days of the anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting or (2) the date of the duly called annual meeting in the event that no annual meeting was held in the previous year or such annual meeting is to be held on a day which is not within 30 days of the anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting; or (B) with respect to any other meeting of stockholders, not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date of Public Disclosure of the date of such meeting. In no event shall Public Disclosure of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable, commence a new notice time period (or extend any notice time period).

- (b) Stockholder Nominations. For the nomination of any person or persons for election to the Board of Directors, a Proposing Stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth: (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of each nominee proposed in such notice, (ii) the principal occupation or employment of each such nominee, (iii) the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned of record and beneficially held by each such nominee, if any, (iv) such other information concerning each such nominee as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of each such nominee as a Director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved) or that is otherwise required to be disclosed, under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, (v) the consent of each such nominee to be named in a proxy statement as a nominee and to serve as a Director if elected and (vi) as to the Proposing Stockholder: (A) the name and address of the Proposing Stockholder as they appear on the Corporation's books and of the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is being made, (B) the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are owned by the Proposing Stockholder (beneficially and of record) and owned by the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is being made, as of the date of the Proposing Stockholder's notice, (C) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding with respect to such nomination between or among the Proposing Stockholder and any of its affiliates, and any others (including their names) acting in concert with any of the foregoing, (D) a description of any agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any derivative or short positions, profit interests, options, hedging transactions and borrowed or loaned shares) that has been entered into as of the date of the Proposing Stockholder's notice by, or on behalf of, the Proposing Stockholder or any of its affiliates, the effect or intent of which is to mitigate loss to, manage risk or capture the benefit of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the voting power of, the Proposing Stockholder or any of its affiliates with respect to shares of capital stock of the Corporation, (E) a representation that the Proposing Stockholder is a holder of record of shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice and (F) a representation whether the Proposing Stockholder intends to deliver a proxy statement and/or form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's outstanding capital stock required to approve the nomination and/or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of the nomination. The Corporation may require any proposed nominee for election to the Board of Directors to furnish such other information as it may reasonably require to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as an independent Director or that could be material to a reasonable stockholder's understanding of the independence, or lack thereof, of such proposed nominee.
- (c) Other Stockholder Proposals. For all business other than the nomination of any person or persons for election to the Board of Directors, a Proposing Stockholder's notice to the Secretary shall set forth as to each matter the Proposing Stockholder proposes to bring before the annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable: (i) a brief description of the business desired to be brought before such meeting and the reasons for conducting such business at such meeting, (ii) any other information relating to the Proposing Stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is being made, as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filing required to be made in connection with soliciting proxies for the approval of such proposal, under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, and (iii) the information required by ARTICLE II, Section 2(b)(vi).

- (d) <u>Proxy Rules.</u> The foregoing notice requirements of <u>ARTICLE II</u>, <u>Section 2(c)</u> shall be deemed satisfied by a stockholder with respect to business other than the nomination of any person or persons for election to the Board of Directors if such stockholder has notified the Corporation of his, her or its intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting of stockholders in compliance with the applicable provisions of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and such stockholder's proposal has been included in a proxy statement that has been prepared by the Corporation to solicit proxies for such annual meeting.
- (e) Effect of Noncompliance. Notwithstanding anything in these Amended and Restated Bylaws to the contrary: (i) no nominations shall be made or business shall be conducted at any annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable, except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ARTICLE II and (ii) unless otherwise required by the General Corporation Law, if a Proposing Stockholder intending to propose business or make nominations for of any person or persons for election to the Board of Directors at an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable, pursuant to this ARTICLE II, Section 2 does not provide the information required under this ARTICLE II, Section 2 to the Corporation within the time frames established under ARTICLE II, Section 2(a), or the Proposing Stockholder (or a qualified representative of the Proposing Stockholder) does not appear at such meeting to present such proposed business or nominations, such business or nominations shall not be considered, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such business or nominations may have been received by the Corporation. The requirements of this ARTICLE II, Section 2 shall apply to any business or nominations to be brought before an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable, by a stockholder whether such business or nominations are to be included in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act or presented to stockholders by means of an independently financed proxy solicitation. The requirements of this ARTICLE II, Section 2 are included to provide the Corporation notice of a stockholder's intention to bring business or nominations of any person or persons for election to the Board of Directors before an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders, as applicable, and shall in no event be construed as imposing upon any stockholder the requirement to seek approval from the Corporation as a condition precedent to bringing any such business or make su
- Section 3. Annual Meeting of Stockholders. An annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation shall be held for the election of directors of the Corporation (the "**Directors**") and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting in accordance with these Amended and Restated Bylaws at such date, time and place, if any, as may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time.

- Section 4. Special Meetings. Special meetings of stockholders, for any purpose or purposes, may, unless otherwise prescribed by the General Corporation Law or the Certificate of Incorporation, be called by the Board of Directors and shall be called by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation (the "Chief Executive Officer") or the Secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the Board of Directors or by stockholders owning at least 25% of the Corporation's entire capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote on the election of Directors. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which Directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (x) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof or (y) provided that the Board of Directors (or stockholders pursuant to these Amended and Restated Bylaws) has determined that Directors shall be elected at such meeting, by any stockholder who is a stockholder of record at the time the notice provided for in ARTICLE II, Section 2 is delivered to the Secretary, who is entitled to vote at such meeting and upon such election and who complies with the notice procedures set forth in ARTICLE II, Section 2. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more person or persons to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder entitled to vote in such election may nominate a person or persons (as the case may be) for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice required by ARTICLE II, Section 2 shall be delivered in accordance with the notice procedures set forth in ARTICLE II, Section 2.
- Section 5. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. Except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law, written notice of each meeting of stockholders, annual or special, stating the place, date and hour of the meeting, the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be given not less than ten nor more than 60 days before the date of such meeting to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting.
- Section 6. <u>Voting List</u>. The officer who has charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall prepare and make, at least ten days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at such meeting, arranged in alphabetical order and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to such meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of at least ten days prior to such meeting, either (i) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of meeting, or (ii) at the Corporation's principal place of business. In the event that the Corporation determines to make such list available on an electronic network, the Corporation may take reasonable steps to ensure that such information is available only to its stockholders. If such meeting is to be held at a place, then such list shall be produced and kept at the time and place of such meeting during the whole time thereof and may be inspected by any stockholder who is present at such meeting. If such meeting is to be held solely by means of remote communication, then such list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of such meeting on a reasonably accessible electronic network, and the information required to access such list shall be provided with the notice of the meeting. The stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to examine the stock ledger, the list of stockholders or the books of the Corporation or to vote in person, by means of remote communication or by proxy at any meeting of stockholders.

Section 7. Quorum. The holders of shares of capital stock of the Corporation representing a majority in voting power of the stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote thereat, present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of stockholders for the transaction of business, except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws. Where a separate vote by a class or classes of capital stock of the Corporation is required by the General Corporation Law, capital stock representing a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of such class or classes, present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to such vote. If no quorum shall be present or represented at any meeting of stockholders, such meeting may be adjourned in accordance with ARTICLE II. Section 8, until a quorum shall be present or represented. If a quorum is present when a meeting of stockholders is convened, the subsequent withdrawal of stockholders, even though less than a quorum remains, shall not affect the ability of the remaining stockholders lawfully to transact business.

Section 8. Adjournments. Any meeting of stockholders may be adjourned from time to time to any other time and to any other place at which a meeting of stockholders may be held under these Amended and Restated Bylaws, which time and place shall be announced at such meeting, by the holders of capital stock representing a majority in voting power of the stock present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, at such meeting and entitled to vote (whether or not a quorum is present), or, if no stockholder is present or represented by proxy, by any officer entitled to preside at or to act as Secretary of such meeting, without notice other than announcement at such meeting. At such adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the original meeting, provided that a quorum either was present at the original meeting or is present at the adjourned meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at such meeting.

Section 9. Action at Meetings When a quorum is present at any meeting of stockholders, the affirmative vote of the holders of capital stock of the Corporation representing a majority in voting power of the stock present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, entitled to vote and voting on a matter properly brought before such meeting (or where a separate vote by a class or classes of capital stock of the Corporation is required, the affirmative vote of the holders of capital stock representing a majority in voting power of such class or classes present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, at such meeting) shall decide such matter (other than the election of Directors), unless such matter is one upon which by express provision of the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such matter. The capital stock of holders who abstain from voting on any matter shall be deemed not to have been voted on such matter. Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares of capital stock of the Corporation present in person or by means of remote communication, or represented by proxy, at such meeting, entitled to vote and voting on the election of Directors.

Section 10. Proxies. Each stockholder entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders, or to express consent or dissent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, may authorize another person or persons to act for him, her or it by proxy, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless such proxy provides for a longer period. A duly executed proxy shall be irrevocable if it states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. A stockholder may revoke any proxy which is not irrevocable by attending, in person or by means of remote communication, as the case may be, the meeting of stockholders and voting or by filing with the Secretary an instrument in writing revoking such proxy or another duly executed proxy bearing a later date. Proxies for use at any meeting of stockholders shall be filed with the Secretary, or such other officer as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine by resolution, before or at the time of such meeting. All proxies shall be received and taken charge of and all ballots, if any, shall be received and canvassed by the secretary of such meeting who shall decide all questions relating to the qualification of voters, the validity of the proxies and the acceptance or rejection of votes, unless an inspector or inspectors shall decide all such questions.

Section 11. <u>Treasury Stock.</u> The Corporation shall not vote, directly or indirectly, shares of its own capital stock owned by it or any other corporation, if a majority of shares entitled to vote in the election of the directors of such other corporation is held, directly or indirectly, by the Corporation, and such shares shall not be counted for quorum purposes.

Section 12. Action Without Meeting. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, for so long as the Corporation qualifies as a "controlled company" under the rules of The Nasdaq Global Select Market (or its successor) ("NASDAQ"), any action permitted or required by the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws to be taken at a meeting of stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of outstanding capital stock of the Corporation having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than an unanimous written consent shall be given by the Secretary to those stockholders of the Corporation who have not consented in writing. From and after the date that the Corporation fails to qualify as a "controlled company" under the rules of NASDAQ, the authority contemplated by this ARTICLE II. Section 11 and Section 228 of the General Corporation Law, which permits stockholders to act by written consent, shall be revoked and expressly denied to the stockholders, without need for any further action on behalf of the Corporation, and, accordingly, the stockholders shall have no ability to take any action unless such action is taken at a duly called and held annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders.

ARTICLE III

DIRECTORS

Section 1. Number, Election, Tenure and Qualification. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, the number of Directors that shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be not less than three. Within such limit, the number of Directors shall be determined by the majority vote of the Board of Directors. Only those persons nominated for election to the Board of Directors in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in these Amended and Restated Bylaws shall be eligible for election as Directors. The Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting or any special meeting of stockholders, or by written consent in lieu of an annual meeting of stockholders (provided, however, that if such written consent is less than unanimous, such action by written consent may be in lieu of holding an annual meeting of stockholders only if all of the directorships to which Directors could be elected at an annual meeting of stockholders held at the effective time of such written consent are vacant and are filled by such written consent), except as provided in ARTICLE III, Section 3. Each Director shall hold office for the term for which he or she is elected, and until his or her successor shall have been elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, Directors need not be stockholders nor residents of the State of Delaware.

- Section 2. <u>Size of the Board of Directors</u>. Except as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation and these Amended and Restated Bylaws, the number of Directors may be increased or decreased at any time by the majority vote of the Directors then in office; *provided* that the number of Directors shall not be decreased to an amount less than the number of Directors then in office.
- Section 3. <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of Directors may be filled by the majority vote of the Directors then in office, though less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining Director, and a Director so chosen shall hold office until the next annual election of Directors and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation, disqualification or removal. If there are no Directors in office, then an election of Directors may be held in the manner provided by the General Corporation Law. In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining Directors, except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, may exercise the powers of the full Board of Directors until such vacancy is filled.
- Section 4. <u>Resignation and Removal.</u> Any Director may resign at any time upon notice given in writing or by electronic transmission to the Corporation at its principal place of business or to the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless it is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event. Any Director or the entire Board of Directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of capital stock of the Corporation representing a majority in voting power of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of Directors, unless otherwise specified by the General Corporation Law or the Certificate of Incorporation.
- Section 5. <u>General Powers.</u> The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors, which may exercise all powers of the Corporation and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws restricted, or directed or required to be exercised or done by the stockholders.
- Section 6. <u>Chairman of the Board.</u> If the Board of Directors appoints a chairman or co-chairmen of the Board, either chairman or co-chairman, when present, may (or, if only one chairman or co-chairman is present, such chairman or co-chairman shall) preside at all meetings of stockholders and the Board of Directors. Each chairman or co-chairman shall perform such duties and possess such powers as are customarily vested in the office of the chairman of the board of directors or as may be vested in such chairman or co-chairman by the Board of Directors.
- Section 7. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such place within or without the State of Delaware as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Regular Meetings. Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, a regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held, without call or notice, immediately after and, if the annual meeting of stockholders is held at a place, at the same place as the annual meeting of stockholders, for the purpose of organizing the Board of Directors, electing officers and transacting any other business that may properly come before such meeting. Additional regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without call or notice at such time and place as shall from time to time be determined by the Board of Directors; provided that any Director who is absent when such determination is made shall be given prompt notice of such determination.

Section 9

Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chief Executive Officer, the Secretary or on the written request of any Director. Notice of a special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given by the person or persons calling such special meeting at least twenty-four hours before such special meeting. The purpose or purposes of a special meeting need not be stated in the call or notice.

- Section 10. Notice, Waiver of Notice. Notice or a waiver of notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors need not specify the purposes of such meeting.
- Section 11. Quorum, Action at Meeting, Adjournments. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority of Directors then in office, but in no event less than one third of the entire Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A Director who is directly or indirectly a party to a contract or transaction with the Corporation, or is a director or officer of or has a financial interest in any other corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association or other organization that is a party to a contract or transaction with the Corporation, may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present at any meeting of the Board of Directors or a committee thereof at which such contract or transaction is considered or authorized, and such Director may participate in such meeting and vote on such authorization to the extent permitted by applicable law, including Section 144 of the General Corporation Law. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by the General Corporation Law or the Certificate of Incorporation. For purposes of this ARTICLE III, Section 11, the phrase "entire Board of Directors" shall mean the number of Directors last fixed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation and these Amended and Restated Bylaws; provided, however, that if less than all the number of Directors so fixed were elected, the "entire Board of Directors" shall mean the greatest number of Directors so elected to hold office at any one time pursuant to such authorization. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the Directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at such meeting, until a quorum shall be present.
- Section 12. Action by Written Consent. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board of Directors or committee thereof, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or writings or electronic transmissions or transmissions, and the writing or writings or electronic transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee thereof. Such filing shall be in paper form if such minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if such minutes are maintained in electronic form.

- Section 13. <u>Meetings by Remote Communication.</u> Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, as the case may be, by means of remote communication by means of which all persons participating in such meeting can hear each other, and such participation in such meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.
- Section 14. Committees. The Board of Directors may designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more of the Directors. The Board of Directors may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member of such committee at any meeting of such committee. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors, shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation; provided that no such committee shall have the power or authority in reference to (a) adopting, amending or repealing any of these Amended and Restated Bylaws or (b) approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter expressly required by the General Corporation Law to be submitted to stockholders for approval. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and make such reports to the Board of Directors as the Board of Directors may request. Except as the Board of Directors may otherwise determine, any committee may make rules for the conduct of its business, but, unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors or in such rules, its business shall be conducted as nearly as possible in the same manner as is provided in these Amended and Restated Bylaws for the conduct of business by the Board of Directors.
- Section 15. <u>Compensation</u>. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to fix from time to time the compensation of Directors. The Directors may be paid their expenses, if any, in connection with attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, as the case may be, and the performance of their responsibilities as Directors. The Directors may be paid a fixed sum for attendance at each meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, as the case may be, and/or a stated salary as a Director. No such payment shall preclude any Director from serving the Corporation or its parent or subsidiary corporations in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.
- Section 16. Reliance upon Records. Every Director, and every member of any committee of the Board of Directors, shall, in the performance of his or her duties, be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Corporation and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Corporation by any of its officers or employees, or committees of the Board of Directors, or by any other person as to matters such Director or committee member reasonably believes are within such other person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Corporation, including such records, information, opinions, reports or statements as to the value and amount of the assets, liabilities and/or net profits of the Corporation, or any other facts pertinent to the existence and amount of surplus or other funds from which dividends might properly be declared and paid, or with which the Corporation's capital stock might properly be purchased or redeemed.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

- Section 1. <u>Enumeration.</u> The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen by the Board of Directors and shall be a President, Chief Executive Officer and a Secretary and, if the Board of Directors so elects, a Chairman of the Board of Directors, one or more Vice Presidents (any one or more of whom may be designated Executive Vice President or Senior Vice President), a Treasurer and such other officers with such titles, terms of office and duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, unless otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws. Except for Chairman of the Board of Directors, if any, no officer of the Corporation need be a Director.
- Section 2. <u>Tenure</u>. Each officer of the Corporation shall hold office until his or her successor shall be duly elected and shall qualify, unless a different term is specified in the vote or written consent, as the case may be, choosing or appointing such officer, or until his or her earlier death or until he or she shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided.
- Section 3. <u>Powers and Duties.</u> The officers of the Corporation shall have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their offices, except as modified herein or by the Board of Directors, as well as such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred by the Board of Directors. the Chief Executive Officer shall have general supervision over the business, affairs and property of the Corporation and shall have such duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.
- Section 4. <u>Removal.</u> Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors or by the Chief Executive Officer may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors; *provided* that any officer appointed by the Chief Executive Officer may also be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Chief Executive Officer.
- Section 5. Resignation. Any officer may resign by delivering his or her written resignation to the Corporation at its principal place of business or to the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt, unless such resignation is specified to be effective at some other time or upon the happening of some other event.
 - Section 6. <u>Vacancies.</u> Any vacancy occurring in any office of the Corporation may be filled by the Board of Directors, at its discretion.
- Section 7. <u>Bond.</u> If required by the Board of Directors, any officer shall give the Corporation a bond in such sum and with such surety or sureties and upon such terms and conditions as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors, including a bond for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office and for the restoration to the Corporation of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in his or her possession or under his or her control and belonging to the Corporation.

Section 8. Action with Respect to Securities of Other Corporations. Unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer shall have power to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the Corporation, in person, by means of remote communication or by proxy, at any meeting of security holders of or with respect to any action of security holders of any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other enterprise in which the Corporation may hold securities and to otherwise exercise any and all rights and powers which this Corporation may possess by reason of its ownership of securities in such other corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other enterprise.

ARTICLE V

NOTICES

Section 1. <u>Delivery.</u> Except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, whenever notice is required to be given to any person, such notice may be given by mail, addressed to such person, at such address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid, and such notice shall be deemed to be given at the time when the same shall be deposited in the United States mail. Unless written notice by mail is required by applicable law, notice may also be given by telegram, cable, telecopy, commercial delivery service, telex or similar means, addressed to such person at such address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, in which case such notice shall be deemed to be given when delivered into the control of the persons charged with effecting such transmission, the transmission charge to be paid by the Corporation or the person sending such notice and not by the addressee. Notice may also be given to stockholders by a form of electronic transmission in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Section 232 of the General Corporation Law. Oral notice or other in-hand delivery (in person or by telephone) shall be deemed given at the time it is actually given.

Section 2. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the General Corporation Law, the Certificate of Incorporation or of these Amended and Restated Bylaws, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice or a waiver by electronic transmission by the person entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent thereto. Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when such person attends such meeting for the sole and express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of such meeting, to the transaction of any business because such meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of stockholders, Directors or members of a committee of Directors need be specified in any written waiver of notice unless so required by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. Right to Indemnification of Directors and Officers. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was or has agreed to become a Director or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving or has agreed to serve at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving or having agreed to serve as a director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the General Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than said law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment), against all expense, liability and loss (including without limitation, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith and such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to serve in the capacity which initially entitled such person to indemnity hereunder and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof), other than a proceeding (or part thereof) brought under ARTICLE VI, Section 2, initiated by such person or his or her heirs, executors and administrators only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors. The right to indemnification conferred in this ARTICLE VI shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that, if the General Corporation Law requires, the payment of such expenses incurred by a current, former or proposed director or officer in his or her capacity as a director or officer or proposed director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is or has been agreed to be rendered by such person while a director or officer, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such indemnified person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnified person is not entitled to be indemnified under this ARTICLE VI, Section 1 or otherwise.

Section 2. <u>Claims by Directors and Officers.</u> If a written claim received by the Corporation from or on behalf of an indemnified party under this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> is not paid in full by the Corporation within 30 days after such receipt, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition where the required undertaking, if any is required, has been tendered to the Corporation) that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct which make it permissible under the General Corporation Law for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Corporation. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including the Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or the stockholders of the Corporation) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including the Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or the stockholders of the Corporation) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that the claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

- Section 3. <u>Indemnification of Employees and Agents</u>. The Corporation may, by action of the Board of Directors, provide indemnification and advance expenses to employees and agents of the Corporation, individually or as a group, with the same scope and effect as the indemnification of directors and officers provided for in this <u>ARTICLE VI</u>.
- Section 4. <u>Non-Exclusivity of Rights.</u> The right to indemnification and the advancement and payment of expenses conferred in this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any law (common or statutory), provision of the Certificate of Incorporation or these Amended and Restated Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise.
- Section 5. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any person who is or was serving as a Director or officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense liability or loss under the General Corporation Law.
- Section 6. <u>Savings Clause</u>. If this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall nevertheless indemnify and hold harmless each director and officer of the Corporation, as to costs, charges and expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement with respect to any proceeding to the full extent permitted by any applicable portion of this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> that shall not have been invalidated and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder for a person protected under this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> in respect of any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.
- Section 7. <u>Definitions.</u> For purposes of this <u>ARTICLE VI</u>, reference to the "Corporation" shall include, in addition to the Corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger prior to (or, in the case of an entity specifically designated in a resolution of the Board of Directors, after) the adoption hereof and which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had the power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this <u>ARTICLE VI</u> with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

ARTICLE VII

LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY

Section 1. <u>Limitation of Director Liability.</u> No Director shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a Director, except for any liability for (i) any breach of such Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions, as provided under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law or (iv) any transaction from which such Director derived an improper personal benefit. If the General Corporation Law, or any other law of the State of Delaware, is amended after the adoption date of these Amended and Restated Bylaws to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the liability of directors, then the liability of a Director shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law or such other law, as so amended.

Section 2. <u>Repeal or Modification</u>. Any repeal or modification of this <u>ARTICLE VII</u> shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of, or limitation of the liability of, a Director existing at, or arising out of facts or incidents occurring prior to, the effective date of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE VIII

CAPITAL STOCK

Section 1. Certificates of Stock. Each holder of capital stock in the Corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate, signed by, or in the name of the Corporation by, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, or the President or a Vice President and the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer, or the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Corporation, certifying the number of shares of capital stock owned by such holder in the Corporation. Any or all of the signatures on such certificate may be a facsimile. In case any officer, transfer agent or registrar who has signed or whose facsimile signature has been placed upon a certificate shall have ceased to be such officer, transfer agent or registrar before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Corporation with the same effect as if such person were such officer, transfer agent or registrar at the date of issue. Certificates may be issued for partly paid shares and, in such case, upon the face or back of the certificates issued to represent any such partly paid shares, the total amount of the consideration to be paid therefor and the amount paid thereon shall be specified. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any or all classes and series of shares of capital stock of the Corporation, or any part thereof, may be represented by uncertificated shares to the extent determined by the Board of Directors, except that shares represented by a certificate that is issued and outstanding shall continue to be represented thereby until the certificate is surrendered to the Corporation. Within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of uncertificated shares, the Corporation shall send to the registered owner thereof a written notice containing the information required to be set forth or stated on certificates pursuant to this <u>ARTICLE VIII, Section 1</u>. The rights and obligations of the holders of shares of capital stock of the Corporation represented by certificates and the rights and obligations of the holders of uncertificated shares of t

Section 2. <u>Lost Certificates</u>. The Board of Directors may direct a new certificate or certificates to be issued in place of any certificate or certificates theretofore issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issue of a new certificate or certificates, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or certificates, or his or her legal representative, to give reasonable evidence of such loss, theft or destruction, to advertise the same in such manner as it shall require and/or to give the Corporation a bond in such sum as it may direct as indemnity against any claim that may be made against the Corporation with respect to the certificate or certificates alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed or the issuance of such new certificate or certificates.

Section 3. <u>Transfer of Stock.</u> Upon surrender to the Corporation or the transfer agent or registrar of the Corporation of a certificate for shares, duly endorsed or accompanied by proper evidence of succession, assignment or authority to transfer, and proper evidence of compliance with other conditions to the rightful transfer thereof, it shall be the duty of the Corporation to issue a new certificate to the person entitled thereto, cancel the old certificate and record the transaction upon the books of the Corporation.

Section 4. Record Date.

- (a) In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which shall not (i) precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors and (ii) be more than 60 days nor less than 10 days before the date of such meeting. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; *provided*, *however*, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be the close of business on the day before the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, the close of business on the day before the day on which such meeting is held.
- (i) be more than 10 days after the date upon which the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors and (ii) be more than 10 days after the date upon which the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, when no prior action by the Board of Directors is required by the General Corporation Law, shall be the first date on which a signed written consent setting forth the action taken or proposed to be taken is delivered to the Corporation as provided in <u>ARTICLE II, Section 11</u>. If no record date is fixed and prior action by the Board of Directors is required, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting shall be at the close of business on the date on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution taking such prior action.
- (c) In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights or the stockholders entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of capital stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which shall not (i) precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted and (ii) be more than 60 days prior to such action. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating to such purpose.

Section 5. Registered Stockholders. The Corporation shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a person registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner of shares of capital stock of the Corporation to receive dividends and to vote as such owner and to hold liable for calls and assessments such person registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner of shares. The Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law.

ARTICLE IX

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Section 1. <u>Dividends</u>. Dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation, if any, may be declared by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Board of Directors, or by written consent of the Board of Directors, pursuant to the General Corporation Law. Dividends may be paid in cash, property or shares of capital stock of the Corporation, subject to the Certificate of Incorporation.
- Section 2. Reserves. The Directors may set apart out of any funds of the Corporation available for dividends a reserve or reserves for any proper purpose and may abolish any such reserve or reserves.
- Section 3. <u>Checks.</u> Except as otherwise provided in these Amended and Restated Bylaws, all checks or demands for money and notes of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers or such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.
 - Section 4. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall such as established from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- Section 5. Seal. The Board of Directors may provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the Corporation. The Secretary shall have charge of the seal, if any. If and when so directed by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof, duplicates of the seal may be kept and used by the Treasurer or by the Assistant Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.
- Section 6. <u>Facsimile Signatures</u>. In addition to the provisions for the use of facsimile signatures elsewhere specifically authorized in these Amended and Restated Bylaws, facsimile signatures of any officer or officers of the Corporation may be used whenever and as authorized by the Board of Directors.
- Section 7. Form of Records. Any records maintained by the Corporation in the regular course of business, including the Corporation's stock ledger, books of account and minute books, may be kept on, or by means of, or be in the form of, any information storage device or method, *provided* that the records so kept can be converted into clearly legible paper form within a reasonable time.

Section 8. <u>Claiming Stockholder Threshold.</u> Except where a private right of action at a lower threshold than that required by this <u>ARTICLE IX</u>, <u>Section 6</u> is expressly authorized by the General Corporation Law, a current or prior stockholder or group of stockholders (each, a "Claiming Stockholder") may not initiate a claim in a court of law on behalf of (i) the Corporation and/or (ii) any class of current and/or prior stockholders against the Corporation and/or against any Director and/or officer of the Corporation in his or her official capacity, unless the Claiming Stockholder, no later than the date the claim is asserted, delivers to the Secretary written consents by beneficial stockholders owning capital stock representing at least 1% of the voting power of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Corporation as of (x) the date the claim was discovered (or should have been discovered) by the Claiming Stockholder or (y) if on behalf of a class consisting only of prior stockholders, the last date on which a stockholder must have held shares to be included in such class.

Section 9. <u>Invalid Provisions</u>. If any provision of these Amended and Restated Bylaws is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under any present or future law, and if the rights or obligations of the stockholders would not be materially and adversely affected thereby, such provision shall be fully separable; these Amended and Restated Bylaws shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof; the remaining provisions of these Amended and Restated Bylaws shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision or by its severance herefrom; and in lieu of such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically as a part of these Amended and Restated Bylaws, a legal, valid and enforceable provision as similar in terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible.

Expense Reimbursement Provision. Notwithstanding anything in these Amended and Restated Bylaws to the contrary, to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law, in the event that (i) any current or prior stockholder or anyone on such person's behalf (a "Claiming Party") initiates any proceeding or asserts any claim or counterclaim (each, a "Claim") or joins, offers substantial assistance to or has a direct financial interest in any Claim against the Corporation (including any Claim purportedly filed on behalf of any other stockholder) and/or any Director, officer, employee, agent or affiliate thereof (each, a "Company Party") and (ii) the Claiming Party (or the third party, who such Claiming Party joined, who received substantial assistance from the Claiming Party or in whose Claim the Claiming Party had a direct financial interest) does not obtain a judgment on the merits that substantially achieves, in substance and amount, the full remedy sought, then each Claiming Party shall be obligated jointly and severally to reimburse the applicable Company Party for all fees, costs and expenses of every kind and description (including all reasonable attorneys' fees and other litigation expenses) that the applicable Company Party may incur in connection with such Claim. If any provision (or any part thereof) of this ARTICLE IX, Section 10 shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, facially or as applied to any circumstance for any reason whatsoever: (x) the validity, legality and enforceability of such provision (or part thereof) in any other circumstance and of the remaining provisions of this ARTICLE IX, Section 10 (including each portion of any subsection of this ARTICLE IX, Section 10 containing any such provision (or part thereof) held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable that is not itself held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby and (y) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the provisions of this ARTICLE IX, Section 10 (including each such portion containing any such provision (or part thereof) held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable) shall be construed for the benefit of the Corporation to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law so as to (A) give effect to the intent manifested by the provision (or part thereof) held invalid, illegal or unenforceable and (B) permit the Corporation to protect its Directors, officers, employees and agents from personal liability in respect of their good faith service. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in the shares of capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the provisions of this ARTICLE IX, Section 10.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

These Amended and Restated Bylaws may be amended, altered, changed or repealed, and new bylaws made, by the Board of Directors, at any regular meeting or special meeting of the Board of Directors or by the stockholders, at any regular meeting or special meeting of stockholders at which such amendment, alteration, change, repeal or addition has been properly brought before such meeting.

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement"), is made as of January 25, 2021, by and among Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and each of the stockholders listed on Schedule A hereto, each of which is referred to in this Agreement as a "Holder."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Holders and the Company hereby agree that this Agreement shall govern the rights of the Holders to cause the Company to register Class A Common Stock (as defined below) held or issuable to the Holders as set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby agree as follows:

- <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:
- 1.1 "Adverse Disclosure" means public disclosure of material non-public information that, in the Board of Directors' good faith judgment, after consultation with independent outside counsel to the Company, (a) would be required to be made in any Registration Statement or report filed with the SEC by the Company so that such Registration Statement from and after its effective date, does not contain an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (b) would not be required to be made at such time but for the filing, effectiveness or continued use of such Registration Statement or report; and (c) would have a material adverse effect on the Company or its business or on the Company's ability to effect a material proposed acquisition, disposition, financing, reorganization, recapitalization or similar transaction.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person who, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with such Person, including, without limitation, any general partner, managing member, manager, officer or director of such Person or any venture capital or private equity fund now or hereafter existing that is controlled by one or more general partners or managing members of, or shares the same management company with, such Person.
 - 1.3 "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Company.
- 1.4 "Business Day" means any day of the year on which national banking institutions in Jacksonville, Florida are open to the public for conducting business and are not required or authorized to close.
 - 1.5 "Class A Common Stock" means the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company.
 - 1.6 "Class B Common Stock" means the Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company.
- 1.7 "Damages" means any loss, damage, claim or liability (joint or several) to which a party hereto may become subject under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or other federal or state law, insofar as such loss, damage, claim or liability (or any action in respect thereof) arises out of or is based upon: (a) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in any Registration Statement of the Company, including any preliminary Prospectus contained therein or any amendments or supplements thereto; (b) an omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein, or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; or (c) any violation or alleged violation by the indemnifying party (or any of its agents or Affiliates) of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, any state securities law, or any rule or regulation promulgated under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, or any state securities law.

- 1.8 "Demand Notice" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.1(a).
- 1.9 "Demand Period" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.1(d).
- 1.10 "Demand Suspension" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.1(c).
- 1.11 "Exchange Act' means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 1.12 "Excluded Registration" means (a) a registration relating to the sale of securities to employees of the Company or a subsidiary pursuant to a stock option, stock purchase, or similar plan; (b) a registration relating to an SEC Rule 145 transaction; (c) a registration on any form that does not include substantially the same information as would be required to be included in a registration statement covering the sale of the Registrable Securities; or (d) a registration in which the only Class A Common Stock being registered is Class A Common Stock issuable upon conversion of debt securities that are also being registered.
 - 1.13 "FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.
 - 1.14 "Free Writing Prospectus" shall mean any "free writing prospectus" as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act.
- 1.15 "Form S-1" means such form under the Securities Act as in effect on the date hereof, Form F-1 or any successor registration form thereto under the Securities Act subsequently adopted by the SEC.
- 1.16 "Form S-3" means such form under the Securities Act as in effect on the date hereof, Form F-3 or any registration form thereto under the Securities Act subsequently adopted by the SEC that permits incorporation of substantial information by reference to other documents filed by the Company with the SEC.
 - 1.17 **"Holder"** has the meaning given to such term in the preamble.
- 1.18 "Immediate Family Member" means a child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, including, adoptive relationships, of a natural person referred to herein.
- 1.19 "Initiating Holder" means Mr. Zalupski, on behalf of himself or POZ Holdings, Inc., after properly initiating a registration request under this Agreement.
- 1.20 "IPO" means the Company's first underwritten public offering of its Class A Common Stock under the Securities Act, which closed on January 25, 2021.
 - 1.21 "Mr. Zalupski" means Patrick O. Zalupski, the President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company.
 - 1.22 "**Notice**" has the meaning given to such term in <u>Section 3.15</u>.

- 1.23 "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, trust, limited liability company, association or other entity.
- 1.24 "POZ Holdings, Inc." means POZ Holdings, Inc., a Florida corporation, which is owned by Mr. Zalupski.
- 1.25 "Prospectus" means the prospectus included in any Registration Statement, all amendments and supplements to such prospectus, including preand post-effective amendments to such Registration Statement, and all other material incorporated by reference in such prospectus.
- 1.26 "Registrable Securities" means (a) any Class A Common Stock owned by the Holders, (b) any Class A Common Stock held by any Holder that may be issued or distributed or be issuable in respect of any such shares by way of conversion, dividend, stock split or other distribution, merger, consolidation, exchange, recapitalization or reclassification or similar transaction, including those shares of Class A Common Stock that may be issued upon conversion of Class B Common Stock, (c) any Class A Common Stock issued as a distribution with respect to, or in exchange for or in replacement of any of such shares, and (d) any Class A Common Stock issued or transferred in exchange for or upon conversion of any of such shares as a result of a merger, consolidation, reorganization or otherwise (including, without limitation, any securities issued upon the conversion of the Company to a successor corporation) and any other securities issued to any of the Holder in connection with any such transaction; excluding in all cases, however, any Registrable Securities sold by a Person in a transaction in which the applicable rights under this Agreement are not assigned pursuant to Section 3.1, and excluding for purposes of Section 2 any Class A Common Stock for which registration rights have terminated pursuant to Section 2.11 of this Agreement.
- 1.27 "Registrable Securities then outstanding" means the number of shares determined by adding the number of shares of outstanding Class A Common Stock that are Registrable Securities and the number of shares of Class A Common Stock issuable (directly or indirectly) pursuant to then exercisable and/or convertible securities that are Registrable Securities, including Class B Common Stock.
- 1.28 "Registration Statement" means any registration statement of the Company filed with, or to be filed with, the SEC under the rules and regulations promulgated under the Securities Act, including the related Prospectus, amendments and supplements to such registration statement, including pre- and post-effective amendments, and all exhibits and all material incorporated by reference in such registration statement.
 - 1.29 "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
 - 1.30 "SEC Rule 144" means Rule 144 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Act.
 - 1.31 "SEC Rule 145" means Rule 145 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Act.
 - 1.32 "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 1.33 "Selling Expenses" means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions, and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities, and fees and disbursements of counsel for any Holder, except for the fees and disbursements of the Selling Holder Counsel borne and paid by the Company as provided in Section 2.6.

- 1.34 "Selling Holder Counsel" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.6.
- 1.35 "Underwritten Offering" means a sale of securities of the Company to an underwriter or underwriters for reoffering to the public.
- 1.36 "WKSI" means a "well known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 promulgated under the Securities Act.
- 2. Registration Rights. The Company covenants and agrees as follows:
 - 2.1 <u>Demand Registration</u>.
- (a) Form S-1 Demand. If at any time after one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date of the Registration Statement for the IPO, the Company receives a request from the Initiating Holder that the Company file a Registration Statement on Form S-1 with respect to Registrable Securities having an anticipated aggregate offering price, net of Selling Expenses, in excess of \$20 million, then the Company shall (1) within ten (10) days after the date such request is given, give notice thereof (the "Demand Notice") to all Holders other than the Initiating Holder; and (2) as soon as practicable, and in any event within sixty (60) days after the date such request is given by the Initiating Holder, file a Registration Statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act covering all Registrable Securities that the Initiating Holder requested to be registered and any additional Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration by any other Holders, as specified by notice given by each such Holder to the Company within ten (10) days of the date the Demand Notice is given, and in each case, subject to the limitations of Section 2.1(c) and Section 2.3.
- (b) Form S-3 Demand. If at any time when it is eligible to use Form S-3, the Company receives a request from the Initiating Holder that the Company file a Registration Statement, including a shelf registration statement, and if the Company is a WKSI, an automatic shelf registration statement, on Form S-3 with respect to outstanding Registrable Securities of the Initiating Holder, then the Company shall (1) within ten (10) days after the date such request is given, give a Demand Notice to all Holders other than the Initiating Holder; and (2) as soon as practicable, and in any event within thirty (30) days after the date such request is given by the Initiating Holder, file a Registration Statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act covering all Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration by any other Holders, as specified by notice given by each such Holder to the Company within ten (10) days of the date the Demand Notice is given, and in each case, subject to the limitations of Section 2.1(c) and Section 2.3.
- Effectiveness Period") (except during a Demand Suspension, as defined below), the Initiating Holder may notify the Company in writing (the **Takedown Request**"), of the intent to sell Registrable Securities covered by the Registration Statement (in whole or in part) in an offering (a "Shelf Offering"). Such Takedown Request shall specify the aggregate number of Registrable Securities requested to be registered in such Shelf Offering. Within ten (10) days after receipt by the Company of such Takedown Request, the Company shall deliver a written notice (a "Takedown Notice") to each other Holder informing each such other Holder of its right to include Registrable Securities in such Shelf Offering. As soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no later than five (5) Business Days after receipt of a Takedown Notice (and no later than two (2) Business Days after the receipt of such Demand Notice in the case of a "bought deal," a "registered direct offering" or an "overnight transaction" where no preliminary prospectus is used), each such other Holder shall have the right to request in writing that the Company include all or a specific portion of the Registrable Securities held by such other Holder in such Shelf Offering and the Company shall include such Registrable Securities in such Shelf Offering.

- Notwithstanding the foregoing obligations, if the Company furnishes to Holders requesting a Registration Statement or Takedown Request pursuant to this Section 2.1 a certificate signed by the Company's chief executive officer stating that in the good faith judgment of the Board of Directors it would be materially detrimental to the Company and its stockholders for such Registration Statement, including any shelf registration statement, to either become effective or remain effective for as long as such Registration Statement otherwise would be required to remain effective, or for the prospectus supplement, related the Registration Statement to be filed pursuant to the Takedown Request, to be filed because such action would: (i) materially interfere with a significant acquisition, corporate reorganization, or other similar transaction involving the Company; (ii) require the Company to make an Adverse Disclosure; (iii) render the Company unable to comply with requirements under the Securities Act or Exchange Act; or (iv) in the good faith judgment of the underwriters of such registration, otherwise be materially detrimental to the Company and its stockholders for such Registration Statement or prospectus supplement to be filed (a "Demand Suspension"), then the Company shall have the right to defer taking action with respect to such filing, and any time periods with respect to filing or effectiveness thereof shall be tolled correspondingly, for a period of not more than sixty (60) days (or thirty (30) days in the case of clause (iv) after the request of the Initiating Holder is given; provided, however, that the Company may not invoke this right more than twice in any twelve (12) month period, and at least thirty (30) days must elapse between each Demand Suspension. If a Demand Suspension is made because the Registration Statement or Takedown Request would require the Company to make an Adverse Disclosure, such Demand Suspension, without any further request from a Holder.
- The Company shall not be obligated to effect, or to take any action to effect, any registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a): (i) during the period that is sixty (60) days before the Company's good faith estimate of the date of filing of, and ending on a date that is ninety (90) days after the effective date of, a Companyinitiated registration, provided that the Company is actively employing in good faith commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective and may only exercise this right once in any twelve (12) month period; (ii) after the Company has effected three (3) registrations requested by the Initiating Holder pursuant to Section 2.1(a) (excluding the IPO); or (iii) if the Initiating Holder proposes to dispose of shares of Registrable Securities that may be immediately registered on Form S-3 pursuant to a request made pursuant to Section 2.1(b). The Company shall not be obligated to effect, or to take any action to effect, any registration or offering pursuant to Section 2.1(b) or Section 2.1(c), respectively, during the period that is thirty (30) days before the Company's good faith estimate of the date of filing of, and ending on a date that is ninety (90) days after the effective date of, a Company-initiated registration or Company Offering, provided that, in the case of Section 2.1(b), the Company is actively employing in good faith commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective, or, in the case of Section 2.1(c), the Company is actively employing in good faith commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Company Offering to take place, and, in any case, the Company may only exercise this right once in any twelve (12) month period. A registration shall not be counted as "effected" for purposes of this Section 2.1(e) until such time as the applicable Registration Statement has been declared effective by the SEC and, in the case of a registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a), remains effective for not less than one hundred eighty (180) days (or such shorter period as shall terminate when all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement have been sold or withdrawn), or if such Registration Statement relates to an underwritten offering, such longer period as, in the opinion of counsel for the underwriter or underwriters, a Prospectus is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales of Registrable Securities by an underwriter or dealer (the "Demand Period"). No registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a) shall be deemed to have been effected if (i) during the Demand Period such registration is interfered with by any stop order, injunction or other order or requirement of the SEC or other governmental agency or court or (ii) the conditions to closing specified in the underwriting agreement, if any, entered into in connection with such registration are not satisfied other than by reason of a wrongful act, misrepresentation or breach of such applicable underwriting agreement by the Initiating Holder.

- (f) Any Holders that have requested its Registrable Securities be included in any registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a) may withdraw all or any portion of its Registrable Securities from such registration at any time prior to the effectiveness of the applicable Registration Statement or in the case of an underwritten public offering, prior to the Registration Statement's latest effective date with regard to the registration (as determined for purposes of Rule 430B(f)(2) under the Securities Act). The Company shall continue all efforts to secure effectiveness of the applicable Registration Statement in respect of the Registrable Securities of any other Holder that has requested inclusion in the Demand Registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a) so long as the Initiating Holder has requested and not withdrawn all of his Registrable Securities to be included in such registration; provided, however, if the Initiating Holder has requested for all of his Registrable Securities to be withdrawn from such registration, the Company shall immediately cease all efforts to secure effectiveness of the applicable Registration Statement, even if one or more other Holders have requested for Registrable Securities to be included in such applicable Registration Statement pursuant to Section 2.1(a) and such withdrawn registration shall not count towards the limitation on registrations set forth in Section 2.1(e) so long as the applicable Registration Statement has not been filed or submitted to the SEC.
- (g) In the event any Holder requests to participate in a registration pursuant to this Section 2.1 in connection with a distribution of Registrable Securities to its partners or members, the registration shall provide for resale by such partners or members, if requested by the Holder.
- (h) For purposes of this <u>Section 2.1</u>, the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to qualify for registration on Form S-3 for secondary sales and, during such time as the Company is so qualified, shall effect any registration of secondary sales on Form S-3 after such qualification.

2.2 <u>Company Offering.</u>

(a) If the Company proposes to offer (including, for this purpose, a registration effected by the Company for its stockholders other than the Holders) any of its securities under the Securities Act in connection with the public offering of such securities (including an "at-the market offering," a "bought deal" or a "registered direct offering") solely for cash (other than in an Excluded Registration), the Company shall, at such time, promptly give each Holder notice of such offering (a "Company Offering"). Such notice shall specify, as applicable, the amount of Class A Common Stock to be registered, the proposed filing date of the registration statement or applicable prospectus supplement and the proposed minimum offering price of the Class A Common Stock, in each case to the extent then known. In the case of an offering under a shelf registration statement previously filed or to be filed by the Company pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, including where the Company qualifies as a WKSI, such notice shall be sent as promptly as reasonably practicable and in any event no later than ten (10) days prior to the expected date of filing of such registration statement or commencement of marketing efforts for such offering (and no later than five (5) days prior in the case of a "bought deal," a "registered direct offering" or an "overnight transaction" where no preliminary prospectus is used). In the case of a Company Offering under a registration statement to be filed that is not a shelf registration statement, such notice shall be given sent as promptly as reasonably practicable and, in any event, no later than ten (10) days prior to the expected date of filing of such registration statement. Upon the written request of each Holder given within five (5) Business Days after such notice is given by the Company (except that each Holder shall have two (2) Business Days after the Company gives such notice to request inclusion of Registrable Securities in the Company Offering in the case of a "bought deal," a "registered direct offering" or an "overnight transaction" where no preliminary prospectus is used), the Company shall, subject to the provisions of Section 2.3, as promptly as reasonably practicable cause to be registered or include in the prospectus supplement, as applicable, all of the Registrable Securities that each such Holder has requested to be included in such registration. The Company shall have the right to terminate or withdraw any offering initiated by it under this Section 2.2 before the effective date of such offering, whether or not any Holder has elected to include Registrable Securities in such offering. The expenses (other than Selling Expenses) of such withdrawn offering shall be borne by the Company in accordance with Section 2.6.

- (b) No offering of Registrable Securities effected pursuant to a request under this <u>Section 2.2</u> shall be deemed to have been effected pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u> or shall relieve the Company of its obligations under <u>Section 2.1</u>.
- (c) Each Holder shall be permitted to withdraw all or part of its Registrable Securities in an offering under this Section 2.2 by giving written notice to the Company of its request to withdraw; provided, that (i) such request must be made in writing prior to the effectiveness of such Registration Statement or, in the case of a public offering, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the earlier of the anticipated filing of the "red herring" Prospectus, if applicable, and the anticipated pricing or trade date and (ii) such withdrawal shall be irrevocable and, after making such withdrawal, the Holder shall no longer have any right to include Registrable Securities in such offering as to which such withdrawal was made.

2.3 <u>Underwriting Requirements.</u>

- If, pursuant to Section 2.1, the Initiating Holder intends to distribute the Registrable Securities covered by his request by means of an underwriting, he shall so advise the Company as a part of his request made pursuant to Section 2.1, and the Company shall include such information in the Demand Notice. The underwriter(s) will be selected by the Initiating Holder and shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company. In such event, the right of any Holder to include such Holder's Registrable Securities in such registration shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in such underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting to the extent provided herein. All Holders proposing to distribute their securities through such underwriting shall (together with the Company as provided in Section 2.4(e)) enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form with the underwriter(s) selected for such underwriting. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.3, if the managing underwriter(s) advise(s) the Initiating Holder in writing factors require a limitation on the number of shares to be underwritten, then the Initiating Holder shall so advise all Holders of Registrable Securities that otherwise would be underwritten pursuant hereto, and the number of Registrable Securities that otherwise would be underwritten, including the Initiating Holder, in proportion (as nearly as practicable) to the number of Registrable Securities owned by each Holder or in such other proportion as shall mutually be agreed to by all such selling Holders; provided, however, that the number of Registrable Securities held by the Holders to be included in such underwriting shall not be reduced unless all other securities are first entirely excluded from the underwriting.
- In connection with any offering involving an underwriting of shares of the Company's capital stock pursuant to Section 2.2, the Company shall not be required to include any of the Holders' Registrable Securities in such underwriting unless the Holders accept the terms of the underwriting as agreed upon between the Company and its underwriters, and then only in such quantity as the underwriters in their sole discretion determine will not jeopardize the success of the offering by the Company. If the total number of securities, including Registrable Securities, requested by Holders to be included in such offering exceeds the number of securities to be sold (other than by the Company) that the underwriters in their reasonable discretion determine is compatible with the success of the offering, then the Company shall be required to include in the offering only that number of such securities, including Registrable Securities, which the underwriters and the Company in their sole discretion determine will not jeopardize the success of the offering. If the underwriters determine that less than all of the Registrable Securities requested to be registered can be included in such offering because marketing factors require a limitation of the number of shares to be underwritten, then the Registrable Securities that are included in such offering shall be allocated among the selling Holders in proportion (as nearly as practicable to) the number of Registrable Securities owned by each selling Holder or in such other proportions as shall mutually be agreed to by all such selling Holders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall (i) the number of Registrable Securities included in the offering be reduced unless all other securities (other than securities to be sold by the Company) are first entirely excluded from the offering, or (ii) the number of Registrable Securities included in the offering be reduced below thirty percent (30%) of the total number of securities included in such offering. For purposes of the provision in this Section 2.3(b) concerning apportionment, for any selling Holder that is a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, the partners, members, retired members, stockholders, and Affiliates of such Holder, or the estates and Immediate Family Members of any such partners, retired partners, members, and retired members and any trusts for the benefit of any of the foregoing Persons, shall be deemed to be a single "selling Holder," and any pro rata reduction with respect to such "selling Holder" shall be based upon the aggregate number of Registrable Securities owned by all Persons included in such "selling Holder," as defined in this sentence.

- (c) For purposes of Section 2.1, a registration shall not be counted as "effected" if, as a result of an exercise of the underwriter's cutback provisions in Section 2.3(a), fewer than fifty percent (50%) of the total number of Registrable Securities that Holders have requested to be included in such Registration Statement are actually included.
- (d) In the case of an underwritten offering under <u>Section 2.1</u>, the price, underwriting discount and other financial terms for the Registrable Securities shall be determined by the Initiating Holder and shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company. In addition, in the case of any underwritten offering under <u>Section 2.2</u>, each of the Holders may, subject to any limitations on withdrawal contained herein, withdraw all or part of their request to participate in the registration pursuant <u>Section 2.2</u> after being advised of such price, discount and other terms and shall not be required to enter into any agreements or documentation that would require otherwise.
- 2.4 <u>Obligations of the Company.</u> Whenever required under this <u>Section 2</u> to effect the registration of any Registrable Securities, the Company shall, as expeditiously as reasonably possible:
- (a) prepare and file a Registration Statement with respect to such Registrable Securities and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective, and, to keep such Registration Statement effective for a period of up to one hundred eighty (180) days or, if earlier, until the distribution contemplated in the Registration Statement has been completed, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (i) such one hundred eighty (180) day period shall be extended for a period of time equal to the period the Holder refrains, at the request of an underwriter of Class A Common Stock (or other securities) of the Company, from selling any securities included in such registration, and (ii) in the case of an automatic Registration Statement on Form S-3, where the Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep such Registration Statement effective for three years from the date of effectiveness, which period may be extended, at the request of the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities registered thereunder, until the earlier of (i) the effective date of the new Registration Statement or (ii) one hundred eighty (180) days after the third anniversary of the initial effective date of the prior automatic Registration Statement on Form S-3; in each case, subject to compliance with applicable SEC rules;
- (b) (i) prepare and file with the SEC such amendments, including post-effective amendments, and supplements to such Registration Statement, and the Prospectus used in connection with such Registration Statement, as may be necessary to comply with the Securities Act in order to enable the disposition of all securities covered by such Registration Statement through the applicable periods during which the Company is obligated to maintain the effectiveness of such Registration Statement, (ii) cause the related Prospectus to be amended or supplemented by any required Prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented or amended to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Act; and (iii) respond to any comments received from the SEC with respect to each Registration Statement or any amendment thereto;

- (c) that, to the extent practicable, at least five (5) Business Days prior to filing any registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, the Company shall furnish to the holders of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement and their counsel, copies of all such documents proposed to be filed;
- (d) furnish to the selling Holders such numbers of copies of the signed Registration Statement, any post-effective amendment thereto, a Prospectus, including a preliminary Prospectus, as required by the Securities Act, any amendments or supplements thereto, any Free Writing Prospectus, and such other documents as the Holders may reasonably request in order to facilitate their disposition of their Registrable Securities;
- (e) use its commercially reasonable efforts to register and qualify the securities covered by such Registration Statement under such other securities or blue-sky laws of such jurisdictions as shall be reasonably requested by the selling Holders; provided that the Company shall not be required to qualify to do business or to file a general consent to service of process in any such states or jurisdictions, unless the Company is already subject to service in such jurisdiction and except as may be required by the Securities Act;
- (f) in the event of any underwritten public offering, (i) enter into and perform its obligations under an underwriting agreement, in usual and customary form, with the underwriter(s) of such offering and (ii) cooperate with the holders of Registrable Securities to be included in such registration and the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legends other than as may be required by applicable law, by the stock transfer agent, depositary or their nominee, if applicable) representing securities to be sold under such registration, and enable such securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as the managing underwriter or underwriters, if any, or such holders may request;
- (g) cooperate with each Holder and each underwriter, if any, participating in the disposition of such Registrable Securities and their respective counsel in connection with any filings required to be made with FINRA;
- (h) to the extent the Company is eligible under the relevant provisions of Rule 430B under the Securities Act, if the Company files any shelf Registration Statement, include in such shelf Registration Statement such disclosures as may be required by Rule 430B under the Securities Act (referring to the unnamed selling security holders in a generic manner by identifying the initial offering of the securities to the Holders) in order to ensure that the Holders may be added to such shelf Registration Statement at a later time through the filing of a Prospectus supplement rather than a post-effective amendment;
- (i) use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause all such Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement to be listed on a national securities exchange or trading system and each securities exchange and trading system (if any) on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed;
- (j) (i) provide a transfer agent and registrar for all Registrable Securities registered pursuant to this Agreement and provide a CUSIP number for all such Registrable Securities, in each case not later than the effective date of such registration, and (ii) cooperate with any selling Holders to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of book-entry interests representing Registrable Securities to be delivered to a transferee pursuant to a Registration Statement, which book-entry interests shall be free of all restrictive legends indicating that the Registrable Securities are unregistered or unqualified for resale under the Securities Act, Exchange Act or other applicable securities laws, and to enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as any such Holder may request in writing;

- (k) (i) promptly make available for inspection by the selling Holders, any managing underwriter(s) participating in any disposition pursuant to such Registration Statement, and any attorney or accountant or other agent retained by any such underwriter or selected by the selling Holders, all financial and other records, pertinent corporate documents, and properties of the Company, (ii) cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, and independent accountants to supply all information reasonably requested by any such seller, underwriter, attorney, accountant, or agent, in each case, as necessary or advisable to verify the accuracy of the information in such Registration Statement and to conduct appropriate due diligence in connection therewith (as shall be necessary, in the opinion of such seller or underwriter's legal counsel, to conduct a reasonable investigation with the meaning of Section 11(b)(3) of the Securities Act), and (iii) cause appropriate officers and employees to be available, on a customary basis and upon reasonable notice, to meet with prospective investors in presentations, meetings and road shows;
- (l) notify each selling Holder, promptly after the Company receives notice thereof, of the time when such Registration Statement has been declared effective or a supplement to any Prospectus forming a part of such Registration Statement has been filed;
- (m) after such Registration Statement becomes effective, promptly notify each selling Holder of any (i) request by the SEC that the Company amend or supplement such Registration Statement or Prospectus or (ii) stop order or other order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement, issued or threatened in writing by the SEC in connection therewith, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the entry of such stop order or to remove it or obtain withdrawal of it as soon as practicable if entered;
 - (n) use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain:
 - (i) at the time of pricing of any underwritten offering (including an "at-the-market offering," a "bought deal" or a "registered direct offering") a "cold comfort letter" from the Company's independent registered public accounting firm covering such matters of the type customarily covered by "cold comfort letters" as the Holders and the underwriters reasonably request; and
 - (ii) at the time of any sale in an underwritten offering pursuant to the registration statement, a "bring-down comfort letter," dated as of the date of such sale, from the Company's independent registered public accountants covering such matters of the type customarily covered by "bring-down comfort letters" as the Holders and the underwriters reasonably request;
- (o) use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, at the time of effectiveness of each registration or, in the case of a shelf registration, at the time of pricing, and at the time of any sale pursuant to each registration, an opinion or opinions addressed to the holders of the Registrable Securities to be included in such registration and the underwriter or underwriters, if any, in customary form and scope from legal counsel for the Company (who may be its internal legal counsel);
- (p) promptly notify each seller of Registrable Securities covered by such registration, upon discovery by an executive officer of the Company that the prospectus included in such registration, as then in effect, includes an untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and promptly thereafter prepare and file with the SEC and furnish to such seller a reasonable number of copies of a supplement to or an amendment of such prospectus as may be necessary so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers or prospective purchasers of such securities, such prospectus shall not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in the light of the circumstances under which they are made; and

- (q) enter into such agreements (including underwriting agreements in customary form) and take such other actions as the Holders shall reasonably request in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities, including customary holdback / lock-up provisions.
- In addition, the Company shall ensure that, at all times after any Registration Statement covering a public offering of securities of the Company under the Securities Act shall have become effective, its insider trading policy shall provide that the directors of the Company may implement a trading program under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act.
- 2.5 <u>Furnish Information</u>. It shall be a condition precedent to the obligations of the Company to take any action pursuant to this <u>Section 2</u> with respect to the Registrable Securities of any selling Holder that such Holder shall furnish to the Company such information regarding itself, the Registrable Securities held by it, and the intended method of disposition of such securities as is reasonably required to effect the registration of such Holder's Registrable Securities.
- Expenses of Registration. All expenses (other than Selling Expenses) incurred in connection with registrations, filings, or qualifications pursuant to Section 2, including all registration, filing, and qualification fees (including fees and expenses (a) with respect to filings required to be made with the trading market and (b) in compliance with applicable state securities or "Blue Sky" laws); printers' and accounting fees; all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses relating to marketing the sale of the Registrable Securities, including expenses related to conducting a "road show"; fees and disbursements of counsel, auditors and accountants for the Company; and the reasonable fees and disbursements of one counsel for the selling Holders ("Selling Holder Counsel"), shall be borne and paid by the Company; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to pay for any expenses of any registration proceeding begun pursuant to Section 2.1 if the registration request is subsequently withdrawn at the request of the Initiating Holder (in which case all selling Holders shall bear such expenses pro rata based upon the number of Registrable Securities that were to be included in the withdrawn registration); provided further, that if, at the time of such withdrawal, the Holders shall have learned of a material adverse change in the condition, business, or prospects of the Company from that known to the Holders at the time of their request and have withdrawn the request with reasonable promptness after learning of such information then the Holders shall not be required to pay any of such expenses and shall not forfeit their right to one registration pursuant to Section 2.1(a). All Selling Expenses relating to Registrable Securities registered pursuant to this Section 2 shall be borne and paid by the Holders pro rata on the basis of the number of Registrable Securities registered on their behalf.
- 2.7 <u>Delay of Registration</u>. No Holder shall have any right to obtain or seek an injunction restraining or otherwise delaying any registration pursuant to this Agreement as the result of any controversy that might arise with respect to the interpretation or implementation of this <u>Section 2</u>.
 - 2.8 <u>Indemnification</u>. If any Registrable Securities are included in a Registration Statement under this <u>Section 2</u>:
- (a) To the extent permitted by law, the Company will indemnify and hold harmless each selling Holder, and the partners, members, officers, directors, and stockholders of each such Holder; legal counsel and accountants for each such Holder; any underwriter (as defined in the Securities Act) for each such Holder; and each Person, if any, who controls such Holder or underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, against any Damages, and the Company will pay to each such Holder, underwriter, controlling Person, or other aforementioned Person any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred thereby in connection with investigating or defending any claim or proceeding from which Damages may result, as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.8(a) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such claim or proceeding if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, nor shall the Company be liable for any Damages to the extent that they arise out of or are based upon actions or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by or on behalf of any such Holder, underwriter, controlling Person, or other aforementioned Person expressly for use in connection with such registration.

- (b) To the extent permitted by law, each selling Holder, severally and not jointly, will indemnify and hold harmless the Company, and each of its directors, each of its officers who has signed the Registration Statement, each Person (if any) who controls the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act, legal counsel and accountants for the Company, any underwriter (as defined in the Securities Act), any other Holder selling securities in such Registration Statement, and any controlling Person of any such underwriter or other Holder, against any Damages, in each case only to the extent that such Damages arise out of or are based upon actions or omissions made in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished by or on behalf of such selling Holder expressly for use in connection with such registration; and each such selling Holder will pay to the Company and each other aforementioned Person any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred thereby in connection with investigating or defending any claim or proceeding from which Damages may result, as such expenses are incurred; provided, however, that the indemnity agreement contained in this Section 2.8(b) shall not apply to amounts paid in settlement of any such claim or proceeding if such settlement is effected without the consent of the Holder, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; and provided, further, that in no event shall the aggregate amounts payable by any Holder by way of indemnity or contribution under Section 2.8(b) and Section 2.8(d) exceed the proceeds from the offering received by such Holder (net of any Selling Expenses paid by such Holder), except in the case of fraud or willful misconduct by such Holder.
- Promptly after receipt by an indemnified party under this Section 2.8 of notice of the commencement of any action (including any governmental action) for which a party may be entitled to indemnification hereunder, such indemnified party will, if a claim in respect thereof is to be made against any indemnifying party under this Section 2.8, give the indemnifying party notice of the commencement thereof. The indemnifying party shall have the right to participate in such action and, to the extent the indemnifying party so desires, participate jointly with any other indemnifying party to which notice has been given, and to assume the defense thereof with counsel mutually satisfactory to the parties; provided, however, that an indemnified party (together with all other indemnified parties that may be represented without conflict by one counsel) shall have the right to retain one separate counsel, with the fees and expenses to be paid by the indemnifying party, if representation of such indemnified party by the counsel retained by the indemnifying party would be inappropriate due to actual or potential differing interests between such indemnified party and any other party represented by such counsel in such action. The failure to give notice to the indemnifying party within a reasonable time of the commencement of any such action shall relieve such indemnifying party of any liability to the indemnifying party will not relieve it of any liability that it may have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 2.8.
- (d) To provide for just and equitable contribution to joint liability under the Securities Act in any case in which either: (i) any party otherwise entitled to indemnification hereunder makes a claim for indemnification pursuant to this Section 2.8 but it is judicially determined (by the entry of a final judgment or decree by a court of competent jurisdiction and the expiration of time to appeal or the denial of the last right of appeal) that such indemnification may not be enforced in such case, notwithstanding the fact that this Section 2.8 provides for indemnification in such case, or (ii) contribution under the Securities Act may be required on the part of any party hereto for which indemnification is provided under this Section 2.8, then, and in each such case, such parties will contribute to the aggregate losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses to which they may be subject (after contribution from others) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of each of the indemnifying party and the indemnified party in connection with the statements, omissions, or other actions that resulted in such loss, claim, damage, liability, or expense, as well as to reflect any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or allegedly untrue statement of a material fact, or the omission or alleged omission of a material fact, relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information, and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission; provided, however, that, in any such case (x) no Holder will be required to contribute any amount in excess of the public offering price of all such Registrable Securities offered and sold by such Holder pursuant to such Registration Statement, and (y) no Person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within th

- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that the provisions on indemnification and contribution contained in the underwriting agreement entered into in connection with the underwritten public offering are in conflict with the foregoing provisions, the provisions in the underwriting agreement shall control.
- (f) Unless otherwise superseded by an underwriting agreement entered into in connection with the underwritten public offering, the obligations of the Company and Holders under this <u>Section 2.8</u> shall survive the completion of any offering of Registrable Securities in a registration under this <u>Section 2</u>, and otherwise shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- 2.9 Reports Under Exchange Act. With a view to making available to the Holders the benefits of SEC Rule 144 and any other rule or regulation of the SEC that may at any time permit a Holder to sell securities of the Company to the public without registration or pursuant to a registration on Form S-3, the Company shall:
- (a) make and keep available adequate current public information, as those terms are understood and defined in SEC Rule 144, at all times after the effective date of the Registration Statement filed by the Company for the IPO;
- (b) use commercially reasonable efforts to file with the SEC in a timely manner all reports and other documents required of the Company under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act (at any time after the Company has become subject to such reporting requirements); and
- (c) furnish to any Holder, so long as the Holder owns any Registrable Securities, forthwith upon request (i) to the extent accurate, a written statement by the Company that it has complied with the reporting requirements of SEC Rule 144 (at any time after ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Registration Statement filed by the Company for the IPO), the Securities Act, and the Exchange Act (at any time after the Company has become subject to such reporting requirements), or that it qualifies as a registrant whose securities may be resold pursuant to Form S-3 (at any time after the Company so qualifies); and (ii) such other information as may be reasonably requested in availing any Holder of any rule or regulation of the SEC that permits the selling of any such securities without registration (at any time after the Company has become subject to the reporting requirements under the Exchange Act) or pursuant to Form S-3 (at any time after the Company so qualifies to use such form).
- Limitations on Subsequent Registration Rights. From and after the date of this Agreement, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities then outstanding, enter into any agreement with any holder or prospective holder of any securities of the Company that would (a) allow such holder or prospective holder to include such securities in any registration unless, under the terms of such agreement, such holder or prospective holder may include such securities in any such registration only to the extent that the inclusion of such securities will not reduce the number of the Registrable Securities of the Holders that are included; or (b) allow such holder or prospective holder to initiate a demand for registration of any securities held by such holder or prospective holder.

2.11 <u>Termination of Registration Rights</u>. The right of any Holder to request registration or inclusion of Registrable Securities in any registration pursuant to <u>Section 2.1</u> or <u>Section 2.2</u> shall terminate at such time as SEC Rule 144(b)(1) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision) is available for the sale of all of such Holder's shares without any need to comply with the public information requirements of SEC Rule 144(b)(1) (or any successor provision) or any such shares are sold pursuant to SEC Rule 144.

3. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

- Successors and Assigns. The rights under this Agreement may be assigned (but only with all related obligations) by a Holder to a transferee of Registrable Securities that (a) is an Affiliate of a Holder; (b) is a Holder's Immediate Family Member or trust for the benefit of an individual Holder or one or more of such Holder's Immediate Family Members; or (c) after such transfer, holds at least one percent (1%) of the Company's then outstanding Registrable Securities; provided, however, that the Company is, within a reasonable time after such transfer, furnished with written notice of the name and address of such transferee and the Registrable Securities with respect to which such rights are being transferred. For the purposes of determining the number of shares of Registrable Securities held by a transferee, the holdings of a transferee (1) that is an Affiliate, member or stockholder of a Holder; (2) who is a Holder's Immediate Family Member; or (3) that is a trust for the benefit of an individual Holder or such Holder's Immediate Family Member shall be aggregated together and with those of the transferring Holder; provided, further, that all transferees who would not qualify individually for assignment of rights shall have a single attorney-in-fact for the purpose of exercising any rights, receiving notices, or taking any action under this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement inure to the benefit of and are binding upon the respective successors and permitted assignees of the parties. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and permitted assignees any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided herein.
- 3.2 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Counterparts may be delivered via facsimile, electronic mail (including pdf or any electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, e.g., www.docusign.com) or other transmission method and any counterpart so delivered shall be deemed to have been duly and validly delivered and be valid and effective for all purposes.
- 3.3 <u>Titles and Subtitles.</u> The titles and subtitles used in this Agreement are for convenience only and are not to be considered in construing or interpreting this Agreement.
- Notices. All notices and other communications given or made pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effectively given upon the earlier of actual receipt or (a) personal delivery to the party to be notified; (b) when sent, if sent by electronic mail or facsimile during the recipient's normal business hours, and if not sent during normal business hours, then on the recipient's next Business Day; (c) five (5) days after having been sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; or (d) one (1) Business Day after the Business Day of deposit with a nationally recognized overnight courier, freight prepaid, specifying next-day delivery, with written verification of receipt. All communications shall be sent to the respective parties at their addresses as set forth on Schedule A hereto, or to the principal office of the Company and to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer, in the case of the Company, or to such email address, facsimile number, or address as subsequently modified by written notice given in accordance with this Section 3.4.

- Amendments and Waivers. Any term of this Agreement may be amended and the observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance, and either retroactively or prospectively) only with the written consent of the Company and Mr. Zalupski; provided that any provision hereof may be waived by any waiving party on such party's own behalf, without the consent of any other party. The Company shall give prompt notice of any amendment or termination hereof or waiver hereunder to any party hereto that did not consent in writing to such amendment, termination, or waiver. Any amendment, termination, or waiver effected in accordance with this Section 3.5 shall be binding on all parties hereto, regardless of whether any such party has consented thereto. No waivers of or exceptions to any term, condition, or provision of this Agreement, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be or construed as a further or continuing waiver of any such term, condition, or provision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may the demand registration rights granted to any Holder pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Agreement be removed without the prior written consent of such Holders.
- 3.6 Severability. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement is for any reason held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement, and such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision shall be reformed and construed so that it will be valid, legal, and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.
- 3.7 <u>Entire Agreement.</u> This Agreement (including any Schedules and Exhibits hereto) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof (other than any lock-up or similar agreement between any Holder and any underwriter), and any other written or oral agreement relating to the subject matter hereof existing between the parties is expressly canceled. This Agreement hereby amends, restates and supersedes the Original Registration Rights Agreement in all respects.
- 3.8 Governing Law; Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the conflicts of law principles of such State. The parties (a) hereby irrevocably and unconditionally submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Delaware sitting in New Castle County and to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court sitting in Wilmington, Delaware for the purpose of any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement, (b) agree not to commence any suit, action or other proceeding arising out of or based upon this Agreement except in the courts of the State of Delaware sitting in New Castle County or the United States District Court sitting in Wilmington, Delaware, and (c) hereby waive, and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense, or otherwise, in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claim that it is not subject personally to the jurisdiction of the above-named courts, that its property is exempt or immune from attachment or execution, that the suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper or that this Agreement or the subject matter hereof may not be enforced in or by such court.
- 3.9 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HEREBY WAIVES ITS RIGHTS TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY CLAIM OR CAUSE OF ACTION BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE OTHER TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, THE SECURITIES OR THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF OR THEREOF. THE SCOPE OF THIS WAIVER IS INTENDED TO BE ALL-ENCOMPASSING OF ANY AND ALL DISPUTES THAT MAY BE FILED IN ANY COURT AND THAT RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS TRANSACTION, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, CONTRACT CLAIMS, TORT CLAIMS (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), BREACH OF DUTY CLAIMS, AND ALL OTHER COMMON LAW AND STATUTORY CLAIMS. THIS SECTION HAS BEEN FULLY DISCUSSED BY EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AND THESE PROVISIONS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY EXCEPTIONS. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY FURTHER WARRANTS AND REPRESENTS THAT SUCH PARTY HAS REVIEWED THIS WAIVER WITH ITS LEGAL COUNSEL, AND THAT SUCH PARTY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVES ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL.

- 3.10 <u>Delays or Omissions.</u> No delay or omission to exercise any right, power, or remedy accruing to any party under this Agreement, upon any breach or default of any other party under this Agreement, shall impair any such right, power, or remedy of such nonbreaching or nondefaulting party, nor shall it be construed to be a waiver of or acquiescence to any such breach or default, or to any similar breach or default thereafter occurring, nor shall any waiver of any single breach or default be deemed a waiver of any other breach or default thereafter occurring. All remedies, whether under this Agreement or by law or otherwise afforded to any party, shall be cumulative and not alternative.
- 3.11 Other Interpretive Matters. For purposes of this Agreement, (a) when calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period is excluded, and if the last day of such period is a non-Business Day, the period in question ends on the next succeeding Business Day, (b) unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Agreement to any "Article," "Section" or "Exhibit" are to the corresponding Article, Section or Exhibit of this Agreement, (c) the word "including," or any variation thereof, means "including, without limitation" and does not limit any general statement that it follows to the specific or similar items or matters immediately following it, and (d) all references to dollar amounts are expressed in United States Dollars. As used herein, the singular shall include the plural, the plural shall include the singular and any use of the male or female gender shall include the other gender, all wherever the same shall be applicable and when the context shall admit or require.
- 3.12 No Recourse. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary that may be expressed or implied in this Agreement, and notwithstanding the fact that any Holder or its Affiliates or any of its or their successors or permitted assignees may be a partnership or a limited liability company, the Company, by its acceptance of the benefits hereof, covenants, agrees and acknowledges that no Person other than the Holders and their respective successors and permitted assignees shall have any obligation hereunder, and that it has no rights of recovery against, and no recourse hereunder against, any former, current or future director, officer, agent, advisor, attorney, representative, Affiliate, manager or employee of any Holder (or any of its successors or assignees), against any former, current or future general or limited partner, manager, member or stockholder of any Holder or any Affiliate thereof or against any former, current or future director, officer, agent, advisor, attorney, representative, Affiliate, assignee, general or limited partner, stockholder, manager or member of any of the foregoing, whether by or through attempted piercing of the corporate veil, by the enforcement of any judgment or assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding, or by virtue of any statute, regulation or other applicable law.
- 3.13 Specific Performance. The rights of each party to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby are agreed to be unique, and recognizing that the remedy at law for any breach or threatened breach by a party hereto of the agreements and conditions set forth herein would be inadequate, and further recognizing that any such breach or threatened breach would cause immediate, irreparable and permanent damage to the parties, the extent of which would be impossible or difficult to ascertain, the parties hereto agree that in the event of any such breach or threatened breach, and in addition to any and all remedies at law or otherwise provided herein, any party hereto may specifically enforce the terms of this Agreement and may obtain temporary and/or permanent injunctive relief (including a mandatory injunction) without the necessity of proving actual damage or the lack of an adequate remedy at law and, to the extent permissible under applicable rules, provision and statutes, a temporary injunction may be granted immediately upon the commencement of any suit hereunder regardless of whether the breaching party or parties have actually received notice thereof. Such remedy shall be cumulative and not exclusive, and shall be in addition to any other remedy or remedies available to the parties.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

COMPANY:

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick O. Zalupski
Name: Patrick O. Zalupski
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors

/s/ Patrick O. Zalupski PATRICK O. ZALUPSKI

/s/ Rick A. Moyer RICK A. MOYER

/s/ John O. Blanton JOHN O. BLANTON

/s/ Doug Moran
DOUG MORAN

/s/ Batey Camp McGraw BATEY CAMP MCGRAW

/s/ W. Radford Lovett II W. RADFORD LOVETT II

BOC DFH, LLC

By: /s/ Josh Weisenburger
Name: Josh Weisenburger
Title: Chief Financial Officer

SCHEDULE A

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BOC DFH, LLC	1411 Harney St., Suite 200 Omaha, NE 68102

Schedule A

CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of January 25, 2021

among

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.,

as Borrower,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

as Administrative Agent and an L/C Issuer,

The Other L/C Issuers Party Hereto,

and

The Other Lenders Party Hereto

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION D/B/A HOUSING CAPITAL COMPANY,

as

Syndication Agent

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB,

as

Documentation Agent

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.,

as

Sole Bookrunner

BOFA SECURITIES, INC.

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION D/B/A HOUSING CAPITAL COMPANY,

as

Joint Lead Arrangers

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

This **CREDIT AGREEMENT** is entered into as of January 25, 2021, among **DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.**, a Delaware corporation ("Borrower"), each lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, the "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender"), **BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, as Administrative Agent and an L/C Issuer, and the other L/C Issuers from time to time party hereto.

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

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

I. DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS.

- 1.01 **Defined Terms.** As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- "Act" has the meaning specified in Section 10.18.
- "Additional Commitment Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13.
- "Administrative Agent" means Bank of America in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor administrative agent.
- "Administrative Agent's Office" means Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on Schedule 10.02, or such other address or account as Administrative Agent may from time to time notify to Borrower and the Lenders.
- "Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in substantially the form of Exhibit E-2 or any other form approved by Administrative Agent.
 - "Affected Financial Institution" means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to a specified Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.
 - "Aggregate Commitments" means the Commitments of all the Lenders.
 - "Agreement" means this Credit Agreement.
 - "Applicable Law" means, as to any Person, all applicable Laws binding upon such Person or to which such a Person is subject.

"Applicable Percentage" means with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Aggregate Commitments represented by such Lender's Commitment at such time, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.16. If the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuers to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02 or if the Aggregate Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments and to any Lender's status as a Defaulting Lender at the time of determination. The initial Applicable Percentage of each Lender is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01A or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Applicable Rate" means, from time to time, the following percentages per annum, based upon the Debt to Capitalization Ratio as set forth below:

Pricing Level	Debt to Capitalization Ratio	Eurodollar Rate + Letters of Credit Applicable Rate	Base Rate Applicable Rate	Unused Fee
1	< 50.00%	3.00%	2.00%	0.20%
2	≥ 50.00% - < 55.00%	3.25%	2.25%	0.25%
3	≥ 55.00% - < 60.00%	3.50%	2.50%	0.30%
4	≥ 60.00%	3.75%	2.75%	0.30%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Debt to Capitalization Ratio shall become effective as of the first Business Day immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to *Section 6.02(a)*; *provided, however*, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such *Section*, then, upon the request of the Required Lenders, Pricing Level 4 shall apply as of the first Business Day after the date on which such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered and shall remain in effect until the date on which such Compliance Certificate is delivered; *provided, further*, that, while any Default exists, upon the request of the Required Lenders, Pricing Level 4 shall apply as of the first Business Day after the date on which such Default occurred and shall remain in effect until the date on which such Default is cured or waived. The Applicable Rate in effect from the Closing Date through the date of delivery of the first Compliance Certificate due hereunder shall be determined based upon Pricing Level 1.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this definition, the determination of the Applicable Rate for any period shall be subject to the provisions of *Section 2.09(b)*.

- "Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.
- "Arrangers" means BofA Securities, Inc., in its capacity as a joint lead arranger and sole bookrunner, and U.S. Bank National Association d/b/a Housing Capital Company, in its capacity as a joint lead arranger, and "Arranger" means any one of the Arrangers.
- "Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.06(b)), and accepted by Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit E-1 or any other form (including electronic documentation generated by use of an electronic platform) approved by Administrative Agent.
- "Attributable Indebtedness" means, on any date, (a) in respect of any Capital Lease of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, and (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease Obligation, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease payments under the relevant lease that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease were accounted for as a Capital Lease.

- "Audited Financial Statements" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Consolidated Group for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year of the Consolidated Group, including the notes thereto.
- "Authorized Person" means any representative of Borrower duly designated by Borrower in accordance with Borrower's Instruction Certificate, authorized to bind Borrower requesting disbursements of Loan proceeds.
- "Authorized Signer" means any representative of Borrower duly designated by Borrower in accordance with Borrower's Instruction Certificate, authorized to bind Borrower and to act for Borrower for all purposes in connection with any Loan, including requesting disbursements of Loan proceeds, obtaining information pertaining to any Loan, requesting any action under the Loan Documents, providing any certificates, and appointing and changing any Authorized Persons.
- "Availability Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Commitments pursuant to Section 2.05, and (c) the date of termination of the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the L/C Issuers to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 8.02.
- "Bail-In Action" means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.
- "Bail-In Legislation" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, rule, regulation or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).
 - "Bank of America" means Bank of America, N.A. and its successors.
- "Base Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Rate plus 1/2 of 1%, (b) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate," and (c) the Eurodollar Rate plus 1.00%. The "prime rate" is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such prime rate announced by Bank of America shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change. If the Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to Section 3.03 hereof, then the Base Rate shall be the greater of clauses (a) and (b) above and shall be determined without reference to clause (c) above. If the Base Rate shall be less than 1.50%, such rate shall be deemed 1.50% for purposes of this Agreement.
 - "Base Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest based on the Base Rate.
 - "Beneficial Ownership Certification" means a certification regarding beneficial ownership required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.
 - "Beneficial Ownership Regulation" means 31 C.F.R. Sec. 1010.230.

- "Benefit Plan" means any of (a) an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a "plan" as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) the assets of any such "employee benefit plan" or "plan".
 - "Borrower" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.
 - "Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.
 - "Borrower Remittance Instructions" means Borrower's remittance instructions provided in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
 - "Borrower S-1" means the Form S-1 Registration Statement under The Securities Act of 1933 of Borrower dated December 22, 2020.
- "Borrower's Instruction Certificate" means a certificate provided by or on behalf of Borrower in the form attached hereto as Exhibit J, designating certain Authorized Persons and Authorized Signers as set forth therein.
- "Borrowing" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01.
- "Borrowing Base Availability" means at any time the sum (without duplication) of the following assets that are (w) wholly-owned in fee simple absolute by Borrower or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Borrower that is a Guarantor, (x) not subject to any ground lease, Lien, Negative Pledge, or other encumbrance or restriction on the ability of the applicable owner to dispose of, pledge or otherwise encumber such asset or any income therefrom (other than Liens permitted by Section 7.01), (y) not subject to any title, survey, environmental or other defects and (z) not part of a multifamily residential condominium project having four or more floors or twenty-five or more Housing Units:
 - (a) 90% of the Net Book Value of Presold Housing Units; *provided* that such percentage shall be 85% for any Presold Housing Unit the purchaser of which is under contract to purchase more than three Housing Units;
 - (b) 85% of the Net Book Value of Model Housing Units; provided that such percentage shall be reduced by 5% for any Model Housing Unit that has been included in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability as a "Model Housing Unit" for twenty-four (24) months and shall be further reduced for such Model Housing Unit by an additional 5% every six (6) months thereafter;
 - (c) 85% of the Net Book Value of Speculative Housing Units; and
 - (d) 70% of the Net Book Value of Finished Lots;

provided that (i) to the extent the portion of Borrowing Base Availability attributable to Finished Lots would exceed 30% of Borrowing Base Availability, then such excess shall be disregarded in the calculation of the Borrowing Base Availability, (ii) to the extent the portion of Borrowing Base Availability attributable to Model Housing Units and the Speculative Housing Units would exceed 65% of Borrowing Base Availability (excluding amounts attributable to Finished Lots), then such excess shall be disregarded in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability, (iii) any Presold Housing Unit shall be excluded from the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability if such Presold Housing Unit has been included in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability as a "Presold Housing Unit" for more than 24 months, as determined on a cumulative basis, (iv) any Model Housing Unit shall be excluded from the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability as a "Model Housing Unit" for more than 36 months, as determined on a cumulative basis, (v) any Speculative Housing Unit shall be excluded from the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability as a "Speculative Housing Unit" for more than 24 months, as determined on a cumulative basis, (vi) any Finished Lot shall be excluded from the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability if such Finished Lot has been included in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability attributable to Presold Housing Units, the purchaser of which is under contract to purchase more than three Housing Units, exceeds 10% of Borrowing Base Availability, then such excess shall be disregarded in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability.

"Borrowing Base Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit D executed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower setting forth in reasonable detail all assets used in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability and component breakdowns on a per unit basis to determine Borrowing Base Availability.

"Borrowing Base Debt" means all Indebtedness of the Consolidated Group, including the Obligations, but excluding Non-Recourse Indebtedness and PPP Forgiven Indebtedness.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where Administrative Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, means any such day that is also a London Banking Day.

"Capitalization" means, for the Consolidated Group as of any date of determination, the sum of (a) all Indebtednessless all Unrestricted Cash in excess of \$25,000,000, plus (b) Tangible Net Worth.

"Capital Lease" means each lease that has been or is required to be, in accordance with GAAP, classified and accounted for as a capital lease or financing lease.

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

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

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

- (a) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) other than Existing Owners becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that a person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (such right, an "option right")), directly or indirectly, of 25% or more of the equity securities of Borrower entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of Borrower on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such person or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right);
- (b) during any period of 12 consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of Borrower cease to be composed of individuals (i) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (ii) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in *clause (i)* above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (iii) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in *clauses (i)* and *(ii)* above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body;
- (c) the passage of 30 days from the date upon which any Person or two or more Persons (other than Existing Owners) acting in concert shall have acquired by contract or otherwise, or shall have entered into a contract or arrangement that, upon consummation thereof, will result in its or their acquisition of the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of Borrower, or control over the equity securities of Borrower entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of Borrower on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such Person or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right) representing 25% or more of the combined voting power of such securities; or
- (d) Borrower shall, at any time, cease to own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the Equity Interests (other than the Existing Preferred Interests) of DF Holdings and DF Homes.
- "Closing Date" means the first date all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- "Collateral Account" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(o).

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to (a) make Loans to Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01 and (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 2.01A or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

- "Commodity Exchange Act' means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 1 et seq.), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.
- "Communication" has the meaning specified in Section 10.17.
- "Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C.
- "Connection Income Taxes" means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.
 - "Consolidated Group" means Borrower and its Subsidiaries.
- "Contractual Obligation" means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.
- "Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.
- "Corporate Reorganization" means the "Corporate Reorganization" described in the Borrower S-1 resulting in (a) Borrower being a holding company and the managing member of DF Holdings, with no material assets other than Equity Interests in DF Holdings, (b) DF Holdings being a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Borrower and (c) DF Homes being a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of DF Holdings.
 - "Covered Entity" has the meaning specified in Section 10.22(b).
 - "Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.
- "Debt to Capitalization Ratio" means, as of any date, the ratio (stated as a percentage) of (a) Indebtedness of the Consolidated Group less all Unrestricted Cash in excess of \$25,000,000, to (b) Capitalization.
- "Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.
- "Default" means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.
- "Default Rate" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate plus (ii) the Applicable Rate, if any, applicable to Base Rate Loans plus (iii) 2% per annum; provided, however, that with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the Default Rate shall be an interest rate equal to the interest rate (including any Applicable Rate) otherwise applicable to such Loan plus 2% per annum, and (b) when used with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate plus 2% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to Section 2.16(b), any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies Administrative Agent and Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified Borrower, Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three Business Days after written request by Administrative Agent or Borrower, to confirm in writing to Administrative Agent and Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by Administrative Agent and Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity, or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-In Action; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Equity Interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of clauses (a) through (d) above, and of the effective date of such status, shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.16(b)) as of the date established therefor by Administrative Agent in a written notice of such determination, which shall be delivered by Administrative Agent to Borrower, each L/C Issuer and each other Lender promptly following such determination.

- "Designated Jurisdiction" means any country or territory to the extent that such country or territory itself is the subject of any Sanction.
- "DF Holdings" means Dream Finders Holdings LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
- "DF Holdings Operating Agreement" means that certain Fifth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of DF Holdings, dated on or about the date hereof.
- "DF Homes" means Dream Finders Homes LLC, a Florida limited liability company.
- "Disposition" or "Dispose" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (in one transaction or in a series of transactions and whether effected pursuant to a Division or otherwise) of any property by any Person (including any sale and leaseback transaction and any issuance of Equity Interests by a Subsidiary of such Person), including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith.

- "Disqualified Stock" means any Equity Interest of a Person that by its terms (or by the terms of any Equity Interest into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable or exercisable) (a) matures or is subject to mandatory redemption, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise on or prior to the Maturity Date, (b) is convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for a liability or Disqualified Stock on or prior to the Maturity Date, (c) is redeemable on or prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the holder of such Equity Interest or (d) otherwise requires any payments by such person on or prior to the Maturity Date.
 - "Dividing Person" has the meaning assigned to it in the definition of "Division."
- "Division" means the division of the assets, liabilities and/or obligations of a Person (the "Dividing Person") among two or more Persons (whether pursuant to a "plan of division" or similar arrangement), which may or may not include the Dividing Person and pursuant to which the Dividing Person may or may not survive.
 - "Dollar" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.
- "EBITDA" means, for the Consolidated Group for any period, without duplication, an amount equal to the sum of (a) Net Income of the Consolidated Group for such period, in each case, excluding (i) any nonrecurring or extraordinary gains and losses for such period, (ii) any income or gain and any loss in each case resulting from early extinguishment of Indebtedness, and (iii) any net income or gain or any loss resulting from a Swap Contract or other derivative contract (including by virtue of a termination thereof), plus (b) an amount which, in the determination of Net Income for such period pursuant to clause (a) above, has been deducted for or in connection with (i) interest expense (plus, amortization of deferred financing costs, to the extent included in the determination of interest expense in accordance with GAAP), (ii) income Taxes, and (iii) depreciation and amortization, all determined in accordance with GAAP.
- "EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a Subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.
 - "EEA Member Country" means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.
- "EEA Resolution Authority" means any public administrative authority or any Person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.
 - "Electronic Copy" has the meaning specified in Section 10.17.
 - "Electronic Record" has the meaning specified in Section 10.17.
 - "Electronic Signature" has the meaning specified in Section 10.17.
- "Eligible Assignee" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.06(b)(iii), and (v) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.06(b)(iii)).

- "Entitled Land" means a parcel of real property where all requisite zoning requirements and land use requirements have been identified and approved (on a preliminary or final basis) by the applicable Governmental Authorities, and all other requisite approvals have been obtained from all applicable Governmental Authorities (other than approvals which are simply ministerial and non-discretionary in nature or otherwise not material), including approval of a tentative plat map (or equivalent), for purposes of developing land as a residential housing project.
- "Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws (including common law), regulations, standards, ordinances, rules, judgments, interpretations, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of human health and safety, the environment and natural resources or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems.
- "Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), whether based in contract, tort, implied or express warranty, strict liability, criminal or civil statute or common law, directly or indirectly relating to (a) any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.
- "Equity Interests" means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.
 - "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- "ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with any Loan Party within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).
- "ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) the withdrawal of a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which such entity was a "substantial employer" as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Pension Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA; (e) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate a Pension Plan; (f) any event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan; (g) the determination that any Pension Plan is considered an atrisk plan or a plan in endangered or critical status within the meaning of Sections 430, 431 and 432 of the Code or Sections 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA; or (h) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate.

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

"Eurodollar Rate" means:

- (a) for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the rate per annum equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate as administered by ICE Benchmark Administration (or any other Person that takes over the administration of such rate for U.S. Dollars for a period equal in length to such Interest Period) ("LIBOR") as published on the applicable Bloomberg screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by Administrative Agent from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period;
- (b) for any interest calculation with respect to a Base Rate Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to LIBOR, at or about 11:00 a.m., London time determined two London Banking Days prior to such date for U.S. Dollar deposits with a term of one month commencing that day; and
 - (c) if the Eurodollar Rate shall be less than 0.50%, such rate shall be deemed 0.50% for purposes of this Agreement.
- "Eurodollar Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest at a rate based onclause (a) of the definition of "Eurodollar Rate."
- "Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.
- "Excluded Subsidiary" means (a) each Financial Services Subsidiary, (b) each Immaterial Subsidiary, and (c) each Subsidiary that is a VIE.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Guarantor, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of any Guaranty of such Guarantor of, or the grant by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any Guaranty thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor's failure for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act (determined after giving effect to Section 10.23 and any other "keepwell, support or other agreement" for the benefit of such Guarantor and any and all guarantees of such Guarantor's Swap Obligations by other Loan Parties) at the time any Guaranty of such Guarantor, or a grant by such Guarantor of a security interest, becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation. If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one swap, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to swaps for which such Guaranty or security interest is or becomes excluded in accordance with the first sentence of this definition.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by Borrower under Section 10.13) or (ii) such Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.01(a)(ii), (a)(iii) or (c), amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 3.01(e) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

"Existing Credit Agreements" means those agreements set forth on Schedule 1.01A.

"Existing Owners" means Patrick Zalupski and POZ Holdings, Inc.

"Existing Preferred Interests" means the Series B Preferred Units (as defined in the DF Holdings Operating Agreement) and the Series C Preferred Units (as defined in the DF Holdings Operating Agreement) issued by DF Holdings on the Closing Date and held by Persons other than a member of the Consolidated Group.

"Extending Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13.

"FASB ASC" means the Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

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

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum calculated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on such day's federal funds transactions by depository institutions (as determined in such manner as the Federal Reserve Bank of New York shall set forth on its public website from time to time) and published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as the federal funds effective rate; provided that if the Federal Funds Rate as so determined would be less than zero, such rate shall be deemed to be zero for purposes of this Agreement.

"Fee Letter" means any fee letter among Borrower, DF Holdings, Administrative Agent or any Arranger.

"Financial Services Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary engaged exclusively in mortgage banking (including mortgage origination, loan servicing, mortgage broker and title and escrow businesses), master servicing and related activities, including any Subsidiary which facilitates the financing of mortgage loans and mortgage-backed securities and the securitization of mortgage-backed bonds and other activities ancillary thereto.

- "Finished Lof" means Entitled Land owned by a member of the Consolidated Group (a) with respect to which development has been completed to such an extent that permits to allow use and construction (other than building permits and the payment of fees that are required to be paid at or near the time of start of construction), including building, sanitary sewer and water, are entitled to be obtained for a Housing Unit on such Entitled Land, and (b) with respect to which start of construction has not occurred.
- "Foreign Lender" means (a) if Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.
 - "FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.
- "Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, with respect to any L/C Issuer, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.
- "Fund" means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.
- "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.
- "Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).
- "Guarantee" means, as to any Person, (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

- "Guaranty" means the Guaranty made by each Guarantor in favor of Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Lenders, substantially in the form of Exhibit F.
- "Guarantors" means, as of any date, each Subsidiary of Borrower that has executed the Guaranty (or a counterpart thereto in the form attached thereto), but excluding all Excluded Subsidiaries and Subsidiaries of Borrower that have been released from the Guaranty.
- "Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.
- "Historical Audited Financial Statements" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.
- "Housing Unit" means a residential housing unit (whether completed or under construction) owned by a member of the Consolidated Group that is (or will be, upon completion of construction thereof) available for sale.
- "Immaterial Subsidiary" means, as of any date of determination, any Subsidiary whose (a) total assets determined in accordance with GAAP, as of the last day of the then most recently ended fiscal quarter for which financial statements are available, were less than \$500,000 and (b) assets are not included in the calculation of Borrowing Base Availability.
 - "Impacted Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03(a).
- "Improvements" means on and off-site development work, including but not limited to filling to grade, main water distribution and sewer collection systems and drainage system installation, paving, and other improvements necessary for the use of residential dwelling units and as required pursuant to development agreements which may have been entered into with Governmental Authorities.
- "Indebtedness" means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:
 - (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;
 - (b) all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds, comfort letters, keep-well agreements, capital maintenances agreements and similar instruments, to the extent such instruments and agreements support financial, rather than performance, obligations;
 - (c) net obligations of such Person under any Swap Contract;
 - (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and, in each case, not past due for more than 60 days after the date on which such trade account payable was created);

- (e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;
 - (f) Capital Leases and Synthetic Lease Obligations;
- (g) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Disqualified Stock or other Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference *plus* accrued and unpaid dividends; and
 - (h) all Guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. The amount of any Capital Lease or Synthetic Lease Obligation as of any date shall be deemed to be the amount of Attributable Indebtedness in respect thereof as of such date.

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

"Indemnitees" has the meaning specified in Section 10.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07.

"Interest Coverage Ratio" means, as of the end of each fiscal quarter of Borrower for the 12 month period ending on such date, the ratio of (a) EBITDA for such period to (b) Interest Incurred by the Consolidated Group.

"Interest Incurred" means, for the Consolidated Group for any period, interest incurred, whether such interest was expensed, capitalized, paid, accrued or scheduled to be paid or accrued. Notwithstanding that GAAP may otherwise provide, "Interest Incurred" shall not include any fees paid to lot owners in connection with any lot option contracts.

"Interest Payment Date" means, (a) as to any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; provided, however, that if any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Rate Loan exceeds three months, the respective dates that fall every three months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan, the first Business Day of each calendar month and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each Eurodollar Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Rate Loan and ending on the date one, two, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to availability), as selected by Borrower in its Loan Notice; provided that:

- (a) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless, in the case of a Eurodollar Rate Loan, such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;
- (b) any Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Rate Loan that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period; and
 - (c) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date.

"Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, whether by means of (a) the purchase or other acquisition of capital stock or other securities of another Person, (b) a loan, advance or capital contribution to, Guarantee or assumption of debt of, or purchase or other acquisition of any other debt or equity participation or interest in, another Person, including any partnership or joint venture interest in such other Person and any arrangement pursuant to which the investor Guarantees Indebtedness of such other Person, or (c) the purchase or other acquisition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of assets of another Person that constitute a business unit. For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment.

"IPO" means the issuance by Borrower of its common Equity Interests in an underwritten primary public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement filed with the SEC resulting in minimum gross proceeds of \$100,000,000 and the listing of such common Equity Interests on the New York Stock Exchange or NASDAQ.

"IP Rights" has the meaning specified in Section 5.18.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

"ISP" means the International Standby Practices, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time).

"Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by any L/C Issuer and Borrower (or any Subsidiary) or in favor of such L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Land Held for Future Development/Disposition" means Entitled Land upon which no Improvements have been commenced.

- "Laws" means, collectively, all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.
 - "L/C Advance" means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.
- "L/C Borrowing" means an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Borrowing.
- "L/C Commitment" means, with respect to each L/C Issuer, the commitment of such L/C Issuer to issue Letters of Credit hereunder. The initial amount of each L/C Issuer's Letter of Credit Commitment is set forth on Schedule 2.01B, or if an L/C Issuer has entered into an Assignment and Assumption or has otherwise assumed a Letter of Credit Commitment after the Closing Date, the amount set forth for such L/C Issuer as its Letter of Credit Commitment in the Register maintained by Administrative Agent. The Letter of Credit Commitment of an L/C Issuer may be modified from time to time by agreement between such L/C Issuer and Borrower, and notified to Administrative Agent.
 - "L/C Credit Extension" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.
 - "L/C Disbursement" means a payment made by an L/C Issuer pursuant to a Letter of Credit.
- "L/C Issuer" means each of Bank of America and U.S. Bank National Association d/b/a Housing Capital Company, in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder. Any L/C Issuer may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of such L/C Issuer, in which case the term "L/C Issuer" shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate. Each reference herein to the "L/C Issuer" in connection with a Letter of Credit or other matter shall be deemed to be a reference to the relevant L/C Issuer with respect thereto.
- "L/C Obligations" means, at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate undrawn amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit at such time, including any automatic or scheduled increases provided for by the terms of such Letters of Credit, determined without regard to whether any conditions to drawing could be met at that time, plus (b) the aggregate amount of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. The L/C Obligations of any Lender at any time shall be its Applicable Percentage of the total L/C Obligations at such time. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Article 29(a) of the UCP or Rule 3.13 or Rule 3.14 of the ISP or similar terms of the Letter of Credit itself, or if compliant documents have been presented but not yet honored, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" and "undrawn" in the amount so remaining available to be paid, and the obligations of Borrower and each Lender shall remain in full force and effect until the L/C Issuers and the Lenders shall have no further obligations to make any payments or disbursements under any circumstances with respect to any Letter of Credit.
 - "Lender" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.
- "Lending Office" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Lender may from time to time notify Borrower and Administrative Agent, which office may include any Affiliate of such Lender or any domestic or foreign branch of such Lender or such Affiliate. Unless the context otherwise requires each reference to a Lender shall include its applicable Lending Office.

- "Letter of Credit" means any standby letter of credit issued hereunder providing for the payment of cash upon the honoring of a presentation thereunder.
- "Letter of Credit Application" means an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the applicable L/C Issuer.
- "Letter of Credit Expiration Date" means the date that is one year following the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).
 - "Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(j).
 - "Letter of Credit Sublimit' means an amount equal to \$25,000,000. The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Commitments.
 - "LIBOR" has the meaning specified in the definition of Eurodollar Rate.
 - "LIBOR Replacement Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03(c).
- "LIBOR Screen Rate" means the LIBOR quote on the applicable screen page Administrative Agent designates to determine LIBOR (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by Administrative Agent from time to time).
 - "LIBOR Successor Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03(c).
- "LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any proposed LIBOR Successor Rate, any conforming changes to the definition of Base Rate, Interest Period, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other technical, administrative or operational matters (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the definition of Business Day, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices and length of lookback periods) as may be appropriate, in the discretion of Administrative Agent, to reflect the adoption and implementation of such LIBOR Successor Rate and to permit the administration thereof by Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if Administrative Agent determines that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or that no market practice for the administration of such LIBOR Successor Rate exists, in such other manner of administration as Administrative Agent determines is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and any other Loan Document).
- "Lien" means any mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or preference, priority or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, right-of-way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).
- "Liquidity Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) the sum of (i) Unrestricted Cash and (ii) the amounts immediately available to be drawn under this Agreement but which are not yet drawn, to (b) Interest Incurred by the Consolidated Group for the 12 month period ending on such date.
 - "Loan" means an extension of credit by a Lender to Borrower under Sections 2.01 and 2.02.

- "Loan Documents" means this Agreement, including schedules and exhibits hereto, each Note, each Issuer Document, any agreement creating or perfecting rights in Cash Collateral pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.15 of this Agreement, each Guaranty and any amendments, modifications or supplements hereto or to any other Loan Document or waivers hereof or to any other Loan Document.
- "Loan Notice" means a notice of (a) a Borrowing, (b) a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A or such other form as may be approved by Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower.
 - "Loan Parties" means, collectively, Borrower and each Guarantor.
 - "London Banking Day" means any day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.
- "Lots Under Development" means Entitled Land owned by a member of the Consolidated Group upon which construction of Improvements has commenced but not been completed and for which: (a) to the extent required, a performance bond, surety or other security has been issued to and in favor of and unconditionally accepted by each local agency and all relevant Governmental Authorities, including any municipal utility district in which the real property is situated with regard to all work to be performed pursuant to each and all of said subdivision improvement agreements or other agreements; (b) all necessary plans have been approved by all relevant Governmental Authorities for the installation of any and all Improvements required to be installed upon such real property; (c) all necessary permits have been issued for the installation of said Improvements; and (d) utility services necessary for construction of Improvements and residential dwelling units and the operation thereon for the purpose intended will be available to such real property upon completion of the Improvements and there exists a binding obligation on the part of each and every utility company to deliver necessary utility services to such real property.
- "Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent), condition (financial or otherwise) of the Consolidated Group, taken as a whole; or (b) a material adverse effect on (i) the ability of any Loan Party to perform its Obligations under any Loan Document, (ii) the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any Loan Party of any Loan Document to which it is a party or (iii) the rights, remedies and benefits available to, or conferred upon, Administrative Agent or any Lender under any Loan Documents.
- "Material Contract" means, with respect to any Person, any agreement or contract to which such Person or any of its Subsidiaries is a party the loss of which would be reasonably likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- "Maturity Date" means the later of (a) January 25, 2024 and (b) if maturity is extended pursuant to Section 2.13, such extended maturity date as determined pursuant to such Section; provided, however, that, in each case, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.
- "Minimum Collateral Amount" means, at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances, an amount equal to 105% of the Fronting Exposure of all L/C Issuers with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time and (ii) otherwise, an amount determined by Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuers in their sole discretion.

- "Model Housing Unit" means a Housing Unit for which a building permit has been issued that will be or has been constructed initially for inspection by prospective purchasers and that is not intended to be sold until all or substantially all other Housing Units in such Model Housing Unit's subdivision are sold.
- "Multiemployer Plan" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.
- "Multiple Employer Plan" means a Plan which has two or more contributing sponsors (including any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.
 - "Negative Pledge" means a provision of any agreement (other than any Loan Document) that prohibits the creation of any Lien on any assets of a Person.
- "Net Book Value" means, with respect to an asset owned by a Loan Party, the gross investment of such Loan Party in such asset, less all reserves (including loss reserves and reserves for depreciation) attributable to such asset, all determined in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, including, in the case of Land Held for Future Development/Disposition, any unamortized land credits.
- "Net Income" means, for any period, the net income (or loss) of the Consolidated Groupprovided, however, that "Net Income" shall exclude (a) extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses for such period, (b) the net income of any Subsidiary during such period to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Subsidiary of such income is not permitted by operation of the terms of its Organization Documents or any agreement, instrument or Law applicable to such Subsidiary during such period, except that Borrower's equity in any net loss of any such Subsidiary for such period shall be included in determining Net Income, and (c) any income (or loss) for such period of any Person if such Person is not a Subsidiary of Borrower, except that Borrower's equity in the net income of any such Person during such period to Borrower or a Subsidiary thereof as a Restricted Payment (and in the case of a Restricted Payment to a Subsidiary of Borrower, such Subsidiary is not precluded from further distributing such amount to Borrower as described in clause (b) of this proviso).
- "Non-Consenting Lender" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all Lenders or all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of Section 10.01 and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.
 - "Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.
 - "Non-Extending Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13.
- "Non-Recourse Indebtedness" means, for any member of the Consolidated Group, Indebtedness or other obligations of such member of the Consolidated Group secured by a Lien on property to the extent that the liability for such Indebtedness or other obligations is limited to the security of such property (or to Persons other than a member of the Consolidated Group) without liability on the part of any member of the Consolidated Group (other than, in the case of Indebtedness or obligations of a Subsidiary, any Subsidiary that holds title to such property (if such property constitutes all or substantially all the property of such Subsidiary) and a pledge of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary or its Subsidiaries) for any deficiency.

- "Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing Loans made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit B, the terms of which are expressly not incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 12B-4, Florida Administrative Code.
 - "Notice Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13.
- "Notice of Loan Prepayment" means a notice of prepayment with respect to a Loan, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit H or such other form as may be approved by Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer.
- "Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the foregoing, the Obligations include (a) the obligation to pay principal, interest, Letter of Credit commissions, charges, expenses, fees, indemnities and other amounts payable by any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (b) the obligation of the Loan Parties to reimburse any amount in respect of any of the foregoing that Administrative Agent or any Lender, in each case in its sole discretion, may elect to pay or advance on behalf of the Loan Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Obligations shall exclude any Excluded Swap Obligations
 - "OFAC" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.
- "Organization Documents" means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the charter or certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating or limited liability agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.
- "Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).
- "Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 3.06).

- "Outstanding Amount" means (i) with respect to Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date; and (ii) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements by Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.
 - "Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).
 - "Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).
 - "PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.
- "Pension Funding Rules" means the rules of the Code and ERISA regarding minimum funding standards with respect to Pension Plans and set forth in Sections 412, 430, 431, 432 and 436 of the Code and Sections 302, 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA.
- "Pension Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan (including a Multiple Employer Plan or a Multiemployer Plan) that is maintained or is contributed to by any Loan Party and any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate has any liability and is either covered by Title IV of ERISA or is subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code.
- "Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.
- "Plan" means any employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA (including a Pension Plan), maintained for employees of any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate or any such Plan to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate is required to contribute on behalf of any of its employees.
 - "Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.
- "PPP Forgiven Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of Borrower in the form of a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) so long as: (a) the proceeds of any such Indebtedness are used solely for the purposes required under the Paycheck Protection Program; (b) Borrower complies with the terms of such Indebtedness; (c) anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement notwithstanding, without the prior written consent of Administrative Agent, no portion of any such Indebtedness is optionally prepaid by Borrower (whether by refinancing or otherwise) unless (i) such prepayment is required pursuant to any requirement of any Governmental Authority, or (ii) such prepayment is made solely from (A) unused proceeds of such Indebtedness and/or (B) additional equity contributed to Borrower (directly or indirectly) from its constituent members, in each case described in this clause (ii), so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; and (d) all such Indebtedness is and remains at all times forgivable in accordance with the Paycheck Protection Program.
 - "Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03(c).
- "Presold Housing Unit' means a Housing Unit as to which the Loan Party that owns such Housing Unit has a bona fide contract of sale, in a form customarily employed by such Loan Party, entered into with a Person who is not an Affiliate of a Loan Party, and: (a) under which contract no defaults then exist; (b) under which contract the purchaser has made the customary earnest money deposit; and (c) under which contract there are no contingencies (other than ordinary and customary contingencies to the purchaser's obligation to buy such Housing Unit entered into in the ordinary course of business).

- "Proforma Financial Statements" means the unaudited pro forma condensed financial statements as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and the year ended December 31, 2019 that were prepared by Borrower based upon DF Holdings' historical financial statements and adjusted to give pro forma effect to the Corporate Reorganization, the IPO, and other matters more particularly described in the Borrower S-1.
 - "PTE" means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.
 - "Public Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.
- "Qualified ECP Guarantor" shall mean, at any time, each Loan Party with total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 or that qualifies at such time as an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act and can cause another person to qualify as an "eligible contract participant" at such time under Sec. 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.
- "Recipient" means Administrative Agent, any Lender, any L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder.
 - "Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(c).
 - "Regulation U" means Regulation U of the FRB, as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.
- "Related Adjustment" means, in determining any LIBOR Successor Rate, the first relevant available alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by Administrative Agent applicable to such LIBOR Successor Rate:
 - (a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the relevant Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate (taking into account the interest period, interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated and/or tenor thereto) and which adjustment or method (x) is published on an information service as selected by Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion or (y) solely with respect to Term SOFR, if not currently published, which was previously so recommended for Term SOFR and published on an information service acceptable to Administrative Agent; or
 - (b) the spread adjustment that would apply (or has previously been applied) to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions (taking into account the interest period, interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated and/or tenor thereto).
- "Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors, consultants, service providers and representatives of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.
- "Relevant Governmental Body" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
 - "Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30 day notice period has been waived.

- "Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Loans, a Loan Notice and (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application.
- "Required Lenders" means, at any time, Lenders having aggregate Commitments representing more than 50% of the Aggregate Commitments; provided, that if the Commitments have been terminated, "Required Lenders" means, at any such time, Lenders having aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure representing more than 50% of aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of all Lenders. The Total Credit Exposure of any Defaulting Lender shall be disregarded in determining Required Lenders at any time; provided that, the amount of any Unreimbursed Amounts that such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund that have not been reallocated to and funded by another Lender shall be deemed to be held by the Lender that is the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, in making such determination.
 - "Resolution Authority" means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.
- "Responsible Officer" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller or other Authorized Signer of a Loan Party. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.
- "Restricted Payment" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any capital stock or other Equity Interest of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such capital stock or other Equity Interest, or on account of any return of capital to Borrower's stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof).
- "Revolving Credit Exposure" means, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Loans and such Lender's participation in L/C Obligations at such time.
- "Risk Assets Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) the sum of the Net Book Value of all Finished Lots, Lots Under Development, and Land Held for Future Development/Disposition of the Consolidated Group, to (b) Tangible Net Worth.
- "Sanction(s)" means any sanction administered or enforced by the United States Government (including OFAC), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury ("HMT") or other relevant sanctions authority.
 - "Scheduled Unavailability Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03(c).
 - "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.
- "SOFR" with respect to any Business Day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's website (or any successor source) at approximately 8:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the immediately succeeding Business Day and, in each case, that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

"SOFR-Based Rate" means SOFR or Term SOFR.

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, that on such date (a) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, (b) the present fair salable value of the assets of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (c) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature, (d) such Person is not engaged in business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute an unreasonably small capital, and (e) such Person is able to pay its debts and liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the ordinary course of business. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

"Specified Loan Party" means any Loan Party that is not an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act (determined prior to giving effect to Section 10.23).

"Speculative Housing Unit" means a Housing Unit that is not a Presold Housing Unit or Model Housing Unit.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the shares of securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of Borrower.

"Swap Contract" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a "Master Agreement"), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

"Swap Obligations" means with respect to any Guarantor any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

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

- "Synthetic Lease Obligation" means the monetary obligation of a Person under (a) a so-called synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (b) an agreement for the use or possession of property creating obligations that do not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the insolvency or bankruptcy of such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).
- "Tangible Net Worth" means, for the Consolidated Group as of any date of determination, (a) total equity on a consolidated basis determined in accordance with GAAP, minus (b) all intangible assets on a consolidated basis determined in accordance with GAAPplus (c) all depreciation determined in accordance with GAAP.
- "Taxes" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.
- "Term SOFR" means the forward-looking term rate for any period that is approximately (as determined by Administrative Agent) as long as any of the Interest Period options set forth in the definition of "Interest Period" and that is based on SOFR and that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body, in each case as published on an information service as selected by Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion.
 - "Threshold Amount" means \$5,000,000.
 - "Total Credit Exposure" means, as to any Lender at any time, the unused Commitments and Revolving Credit Exposure of such Lender at such time.
 - "Total Outstandings" means the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Loans and all L/C Obligations.
 - "Type" means, with respect to a Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan.
 - "UCC" means, at any time, the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the applicable jurisdiction at such time.
- "UCP" means the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the applicable time).
- "UK Financial Institution" means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended form time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person subject to IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.
- "UK Resolution Authority" means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

- "Unconsolidated Affiliates" means an Affiliate of Borrower whose financial statements are not required to be consolidated with the financial statements of Borrower in accordance with GAAP.
 - "United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.
 - "Unreimbursed Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(f).
- "Unrestricted Cash" means an amount equal to (a) cash and cash equivalents of the Loan Parties that are not subject to a Lien (excluding statutory Liens in favor of any depositary bank where such cash is maintained), Negative Pledge or other restriction minus (b) amounts included in the foregoing clause (a) that are with an entity other than a Loan Party as deposits or security for contractual obligations.
 - "U.S. Person" means any Person that is a "United States Person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.
 - "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.01(g)(ii)(B)(3).
- "VIE" means a variable interest entity (as such term is used in Accounting Standards Codification Section 810) in which Borrower owns a direct or indirect interest and that is an Affiliate of Borrower and whose financial statements are required to be consolidated with the financial statements of Borrower under GAAP.
- "Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person on any date, any corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which 100% of the Equity Interests and 100% of the ordinary voting power are, as of such date, owned and Controlled by such Person; provided that, a Subsidiary of Borrower shall not be disqualified as a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary solely by virtue of the Existing Preferred Interests.
 - "Withholding Agent" means Borrower and Administrative Agent.
- "Write-Down and Conversion Powers" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

- 1.02 **Other Interpretive Provisions**. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:
 - (a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law, rule or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law, rule or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.
 - (b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "untif" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including."
 - (c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
 - (d) Any reference herein to a merger, transfer, consolidation, amalgamation, consolidation, assignment, sale, disposition or transfer, or similar term, shall be deemed to apply to a division of or by a limited liability company, or an allocation of assets to a series of a limited liability company (or the unwinding of such a division or allocation), as if it were a merger, transfer, consolidation, amalgamation, consolidation, assignment, sale, disposition or transfer, or similar term, as applicable, to, of or with a separate Person. Any division of a limited liability company shall constitute a separate Person hereunder (and each division of any limited liability company that is a Subsidiary, joint venture or any other like term shall also constitute such a Person or entity).

1.03 Accounting Terms.

(a) Generally. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Historical Audited Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining compliance with any covenant (including the computation of any financial covenant) contained herein, Indebtedness of the Consolidated Group shall be deemed to be carried at 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, and the effects of FASB ASC 825 on financial liabilities shall be disregarded.

- Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, Administrative Agent, the Lenders and Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided that, until so amended, (A) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (B) Borrower shall provide to Administrative Agent and the Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP. Without limiting the foregoing, leases shall continue to be classified and accounted for on a basis consistent with that reflected in the Historical Audited Financial Statements for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding any change in GAAP relating thereto, unless the parties hereto shall enter into a mutually acceptable amendment addressing such changes, as provided for above.
- 1 . 0 4 **Rounding.** Any financial ratios required to be maintained by Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).
 - 1.05 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).
- 1.06 **Letter of Credit Amounts**. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; *provided, however*, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.
- 1.07 **Interest Rates.** Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept responsibility, nor shall Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to the administration, submission or any other matter related to the rates in the definition of "Eurodollar Rate" or with respect to any rate that is an alternative or replacement for or successor to any of such rate (including any LIBOR Successor Rate) or the effect of any of the foregoing, or of any LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes.

II. THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS.

Loans. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make Loans to Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Lender's Commitment; provided, however, that after giving effect to any Borrowing, (a) the Total Outstandings shall not exceed the lesser of (i) the Aggregate Commitments and (ii) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations; (b) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt shall not exceed Borrowing Base Availability; and (c) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment. Within the limits of each Lender's Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.01, prepay under Section 2.04, and reborrow under this Section 2.01. Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein.

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Loans.

- Each Borrowing, each conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, and each continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be made upon Borrower's irrevocable notice to Administrative Agent, which may be given by (A) telephone or (B) a Loan Notice; provided that any telephonic notice must be confirmed immediately by delivery to Administrative Agent of a Loan Notice. Each such Loan Notice must be received by Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, and (ii) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. Each Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Except as provided in Section 2.03(c), each Borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. Each Loan Notice shall specify (i) whether Borrower is requesting a Borrowing, a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, (ii) the requested date of the Borrowing, conversion or continuation, as the case may be (which shall be a Business Day), (iii) the principal amount of Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Loans are to be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If Borrower fails to specify a Type of Loan in a Loan Notice or if Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the Interest Period then in effect with respect to the applicable Eurodollar Rate Loans. If Borrower requests a Borrowing of, conversion to, or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans in any such Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month.
- (b) Following receipt of a Loan Notice, Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by Borrower, Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in the preceding subsection. In the case of a Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Loan available to Administrative Agent in immediately available funds at Administrative Agent's Office not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in *Section 4.02* (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, *Section 4.01*), Administrative Agent shall make all funds so received available to Borrower in like funds as received by Administrative Agent either by (i) crediting the account of Borrower on the books of Bank of America with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) Administrative Agent by Borrower; *provided, however*, that if, on the date the Loan Notice with respect to such Borrowing is given by Borrower, there are L/C Borrowings outstanding, then the proceeds of such Borrowing, *first*, shall be applied to the payment in full of any such L/C Borrowings, and *second*, shall be made available to Borrower as provided above.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, a Eurodollar Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of an Interest Period for such Eurodollar Rate Loan. During the existence of a Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as Eurodollar Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders.
- (d) Administrative Agent shall promptly notify Borrower and the Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for Eurodollar Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate.
- (e) After giving effect to all Borrowings, all conversions of Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than 10 Interest Periods in effect with respect to Loans.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Lender may exchange, continue or rollover all of the portion of its Loans in connection with any refinancing, extension, loan modification or similar transaction permitted by the terms of this Agreement, pursuant to a cashless settlement mechanism approved by Borrower, Administrative Agent, and such Lender.

2.03 Letters of Credit.

- (a) General. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, in addition to the Loans provided for in Section 2.01, Borrower may request any L/C Issuer, in reliance on the agreements of the Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03, to issue, at any time and from time to time during the Availability Period, Letters of Credit denominated in Dollars for its own account in such form as is acceptable to Administrative Agent and such L/C Issuer in its reasonable determination. Letters of Credit issued hereunder shall constitute utilization of the Commitments.
- (b) Notice of Issuance, Amendment, Extension, Reinstatement or Renewal. To request the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or the amendment of the terms and conditions, extension of the terms and conditions, extension of the expiration date, or reinstatement of amounts paid, or renewal of an outstanding Letter of Credit), Borrower shall deliver (or transmit by electronic communication, if arrangements for doing so have been approved by the applicable L/C Issuer) to an L/C Issuer selected by it and to Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least five Business Days (or such later date and time as Administrative Agent and such L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be a notice requesting the issuance of a Letter of Credit, or identifying the Letter of Credit to be amended, extended, reinstated or renewed, and specifying the date of issuance, amendment, extension, reinstatement or renewal (which shall be a Business Day), the date on which such Letter of Credit is to expire (which shall comply with clause (d) of this Section 2.03), the amount of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof, the purpose and nature of the requested Letter of Credit and such other information as shall be necessary to prepare, amend, extend, reinstate or renew such Letter of Credit. If requested by the applicable L/C Issuer, Borrower also shall submit a letter of credit application and reimbursement agreement on such L/C Issuer's standard form in connection with any request for a Letter of Credit. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of any form of letter of credit, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall control.
- Limitations on Amounts, Issuance and Amendment. A Letter of Credit shall be issued, amended, extended, reinstated or renewed only if (and upon issuance, amendment, extension, reinstatement or renewal of each Letter of Credit Borrower shall be deemed to represent and warrant that), after giving effect to such issuance, amendment, extension, reinstatement or renewal (i) the aggregate amount of the outstanding Letters of Credit issued by any L/C Issuer shall not exceed its L/C Commitment, (ii) the aggregate L/C Obligations shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit, (iii) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed its Commitment, (iv) the Total Outstandings shall not exceed the lesser of (A) the Aggregate Commitments, and (B) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations and (v) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt shall not exceed Borrowing Base Availability.
 - (i) No L/C Issuer shall be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:
 - (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain such L/C Issuer from issuing the Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to such L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over such L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or request that such L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or the Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon such L/C Issuer with respect to the Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which such L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon such L/C Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Closing Date and which such L/C Issuer in good faith deems material to it;

- (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of such L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally;
- (C) except as otherwise agreed by Administrative Agent and such L/C Issuer, the Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$50,000;
- (D) any Lender is at that time a Defaulting Lender, unless such L/C Issuer has entered into arrangements, including the delivery of Cash Collateral, satisfactory to such L/C Issuer (in its sole discretion) with Borrower or such Lender to eliminate such L/C Issuer's actual or potential Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to Section 2.16(a)(iv)) with respect to the Defaulting Lender arising from either the Letter of Credit then proposed to be issued or that Letter of Credit and all other L/C Obligations as to which such L/C Issuer has actual or potential Fronting Exposure, as it may elect in its sole discretion; or
 - (E) the Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the stated amount after any drawing thereunder.
- (ii) No L/C Issuer shall be under any obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) such L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue the Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to the Letter of Credit.
- (d) Expiration Date. Each Letter of Credit shall have a stated expiration date no later than the earlier of (i) the date 12 months after the date of the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any extension of the expiration date thereof, whether automatic or by amendment, 12 months after the then current expiration date of such Letter of Credit) and (ii) the Letter of Credit Expiration Date.
- (e) Participations. By the issuance of a Letter of Credit (or an amendment to a Letter of Credit increasing the amount or extending the expiration date thereof), and without any further action on the part of the applicable L/C Issuer or the Lenders, such L/C Issuer hereby grants to each Lender, and each Lender hereby acquires from such L/C Issuer, a participation in such Letter of Credit equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations pursuant to this clause (e) in respect of Letters of Credit is absolute, unconditional and irrevocable and shall not be affected by any circumstance whatsoever, including any amendment, extension, reinstatement or renewal of any Letter of Credit or the occurrence and continuance of a Default or reduction or termination of the Commitments.

In consideration and in furtherance of the foregoing, each Lender hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably agrees to pay to Administrative Agent, for account of the applicable L/C Issuer, such Lender's Applicable Percentage of each L/C Disbursement made by an L/C Issuer not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the notice provided by Administrative Agent to the Lenders pursuant to **Section 2.03(f)** until such L/C Disbursement is reimbursed by Borrower or at any time after any reimbursement payment is required to be refunded to Borrower for any reason, including after the Maturity Date then in effect. Such payment shall be made without any offset, abatement, withholding or reduction whatsoever. Each such payment shall be made in the same manner as provided in **Section 2.02** with respect to Loans made by such Lender (and **Section 2.02** shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to the applicable L/C Issuer the amounts so received by it from the Lenders. Promptly following receipt by Administrative Agent of any payment from Borrower pursuant to **Section 2.03(f)**, Administrative Agent shall distribute such payment to the applicable L/C Issuer or, to the extent that the Lenders have made payments pursuant to this *clause (e)* to reimburse such L/C Issuer, then to such Lenders and such L/C Issuer as their interests may appear. Any payment made by a Lender pursuant to this *clause (e)* to reimburse an L/C Issuer for any L/C Disbursement shall not constitute a Loan and shall not relieve Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such L/C Disbursement.

Each Lender further acknowledges and agrees that its participation in each Letter of Credit will be automatically adjusted to reflect such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the aggregate amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit at each time such Lender's Commitment is amended pursuant to the operation of *Section 2.13* or *2.14*, as a result of an assignment in accordance with *Section 10.06* or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement.

If any Lender fails to make available to Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this *Section 2.03(e)*, then, without limiting the other provisions of this Agreement, the applicable L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through Administrative Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to such L/C Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the applicable L/C Issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by such L/C Issuer in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in the relevant Borrowing or L/C Advance in respect of the relevant L/C Borrowing, as the case may be. A certificate of any L/C Issuer submitted to any Lender (through Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this *clause (e)* shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

Reimbursement. If an L/C Issuer shall make any L/C Disbursement in respect of a Letter of Credit, Borrower shall reimburse such L/C Issuer in respect of such L/C Disbursement by paying to Administrative Agent an amount equal to such L/C Disbursement not later than 12:00 noon on (i) the Business Day that Borrower receives notice of such L/C Disbursement, if such notice is received prior to 10:00 a.m. or (ii) the Business Day immediately following the day that Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is not received prior to such time, provided that, if such L/C Disbursement is not less than \$1,000,000, Borrower may, subject to the conditions to borrowing set forth herein, request in accordance with Section 2.02 that such payment be financed with a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in an equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. If Borrower fails to make such payment when due, Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the applicable L/C Disbursement, the payment then due from Borrower in respect thereof (the "Unreimbursed Amount") and such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. In such event, Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans to be disbursed on the date of payment by the applicable L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in Section 2.02 for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the amount of the unutilized portion of the Aggregate Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than the delivery of a Loan Notice). Any notice given by any L/C Issuer or Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 2.03(f) may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing:provided that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice. Notwithstanding the

- (g) **Obligations Absolute**. Borrower's obligation to reimburse L/C Disbursements as provided in *clause (f)* of this *Section 2.03* shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be performed strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under any and all circumstances whatsoever and irrespective of:
 - (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any Letter of Credit, or any term or provision herein or therein;
 - (ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that Borrower or any Subsidiary may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), any L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;
 - (iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under a Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement in such draft or other document being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;
 - (iv) waiver by any L/C Issuer of any requirement that exists for such L/C Issuer's protection and not the protection of Borrower or any waiver by such L/C Issuer which does not in fact materially prejudice Borrower;
 - (v) honor of a demand for payment presented electronically even if such Letter of Credit required that demand be in the form of a draft;
 - (vi) any payment made by any L/C Issuer in respect of an otherwise complying item presented after the date specified as the expiration date of, or the date by which documents must be received under such Letter of Credit if presentation after such date is authorized by the UCC, the ISP or the UCP, as applicable;

- (vii) payment by the applicable L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply strictly with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by any L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law; or
- (viii) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this **Section 2.03**, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, Borrower's obligations hereunder.

Borrower shall promptly examine a copy of each Letter of Credit and each amendment thereto that is delivered to it and, in the event of any claim of noncompliance with Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, Borrower will immediately notify the applicable L/C Issuer. Borrower shall be conclusively deemed to have waived any such claim against each L/C Issuer and its correspondents unless such notice is given as aforesaid.

None of Administrative Agent, the Lenders, any L/C Issuer, or any of their Related Parties shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit by the applicable L/C Issuer or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms, any error in translation or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the applicable L/C Issuer; provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse an L/C Issuer from liability to Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by Borrower to the extent permitted by Applicable Law) suffered by Borrower that are caused by such L/C Issuer's failure to exercise care when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. The parties hereto expressly agree that, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of an L/C Issuer (as finally determined by a court of competent jurisdiction), an L/C Issuer shall be deemed to have exercised care in each such determination, and that:

- (i) an L/C Issuer may replace a purportedly lost, stolen, or destroyed original Letter of Credit or missing amendment thereto with a certified true copy marked as such or waive a requirement for its presentation;
- (ii) an L/C Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, and may make payment upon presentation of documents that appear on their face to be in substantial compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit and without regard to any non-documentary condition in such Letter of Credit;
- (iii) an L/C Issuer shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to decline to accept such documents and to make such payment if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit; and

(iv) this sentence shall establish the standard of care to be exercised by an L/C Issuer when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof (and the parties hereto hereby waive, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, any standard of care inconsistent with the foregoing).

Without limiting the foregoing, none of Administrative Agent, the Lenders, any L/C Issuer, or any of their Related Parties shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of (i) any presentation that includes forged or fraudulent documents or that is otherwise affected by the fraudulent, bad faith, or illegal conduct of the beneficiary or other Person, (ii) an L/C Issuer declining to take-up documents and make payment (A) against documents that are fraudulent, forged, or for other reasons by which that it is entitled not to honor or (B) following a Borrower's waiver of discrepancies with respect to such documents or request for honor of such documents or (iii) an L/C Issuer retaining proceeds of a Letter of Credit based on an apparently applicable attachment order, blocking regulation, or third-party claim notified to such L/C Issuer.

- (h) Applicability of ISP and UCP; Limitation of Liability. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the applicable L/C Issuer and Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued by it, the rules of the ISP shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no L/C Issuer shall be responsible to Borrower for, and no L/C Issuer's rights and remedies against Borrower shall be impaired by, any action or inaction of any L/C Issuer required or permitted under any law, order, or practice that is required or permitted to be applied to any Letter of Credit or this Agreement, including the Law or any order of a jurisdiction where any L/C Issuer or the beneficiary is located, the practice stated in the ISP or UCP, as applicable, or in the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade International Financial Services Association (BAFT-IFSA), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, whether or not any Letter of Credit chooses such law or practice.
- (i) Benefits and Immunities of each L/C Issuer. Each L/C Issuer shall act on behalf of the Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith, and each L/C Issuer shall have all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to Administrative Agent in Article IX with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by such L/C Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" as used in Article IX included such L/C Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to such L/C Issuer.
- Letter of Credit Fees. Borrower shall pay to Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance, subject to Section 2.16, with its Applicable Percentage a Letter of Credit fee (the "Letter of Credit Fee") for each Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. Letter of Credit Fees shall be (i) due and payable on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Maturity Date, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand and (ii) computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, all Letter of Credit Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.

- (k) Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuer. Borrower shall pay directly to the applicable L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee with respect to each Letter of Credit, equal to the greater of (i) \$1,500 and (ii) 0.125% per annum times the maximum amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit (whether or not such maximum amount is then in effect with respect to such Letter of Credit), payable at the time of the issuance of such Letter of Credit and at each renewal of same. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. In addition, Borrower shall pay directly to the applicable L/C Issuer for its own account the customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of such L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.
- (1) **Disbursement Procedures**. The L/C Issuer for any Letter of Credit shall, within the time allowed by Applicable Laws or the specific terms of the Letter of Credit following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under such Letter of Credit. such L/C Issuer shall promptly after such examination notify Administrative Agent and Borrower in writing of such demand for payment if such L/C Issuer has made or will make an L/C Disbursement thereunder; *provided* that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve Borrower of its obligation to reimburse such L/C Issuer and the Lenders with respect to any such L/C Disbursement.
- (m) Interim Interest. If the L/C Issuer for any Letter of Credit shall make any L/C Disbursement, then, unless Borrower shall reimburse such L/C Disbursement in full on the date such L/C Disbursement is made, the unpaid amount thereof shall bear interest, for each day from and including the date such L/C Disbursement is made to but excluding the date that Borrower reimburses such L/C Disbursement, at the rate per annum then applicable to Base Rate Loans; provided that if Borrower fails to reimburse such L/C Disbursement when due pursuant to clause (f) of this Section 2.03, then Section 2.07(b) shall apply. Interest accrued pursuant to this clause (m) shall be for account of such L/C Issuer, except that interest accrued on and after the date of payment by any Lender pursuant to clause (f) of this Section 2.03 to reimburse such L/C Issuer shall be for account of such Lender to the extent of such payment.
- (n) Replacement of any L/C Issuer. any L/C Issuer may be replaced at any time by written agreement between Borrower, Administrative Agent, the replaced L/C Issuer and the successor L/C Issuer. Administrative Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of an L/C Issuer. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(j). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (i) the successor L/C Issuer shall have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued by it thereafter and (ii) references herein to the term "L/C Issuer" shall be deemed to include such successor or any previous L/C Issuer, or such successor and all previous L/C Issuer, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an L/C Issuer hereunder, the replaced L/C Issuer shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit.

Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, Lenders with L/C Obligations representing at least 50% of the total L/C Obligations) demanding the deposit of Cash Collateral pursuant to this *clause* (o), Borrower shall immediately deposit into an account established and maintained on the books and records of Administrative Agent (the "Collateral Account") an amount in cash equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, *provided* that the obligation to deposit such Cash Collateral shall become effective immediately, and such deposit shall become immediately due and payable, without demand or other notice of any kind, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default with respect to Borrower described in *clause* (f) of Section 8.01. Such deposit shall be held by Administrative Agent as collateral for the payment and performance of the obligations of Borrower under this Agreement. In addition, and without limiting the foregoing or *clause* (d) of this Section 2.03, if any L/C Obligations remain outstanding after the expiration date specified in said *clause* (d), Borrower shall immediately deposit into the Collateral Account an amount in cash equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount as of such date plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon; *provided*, that Borrower shall Cash Collateralize, in an amount equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon, each Letter of Credit that has an expiration date beyond the Maturity Date then in effect at least 30 days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect.

Administrative Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over the Collateral Account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and sole discretion of Administrative Agent and at Borrower's risk and expense, such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in the Collateral Account. Moneys in the Collateral Account shall be applied by Administrative Agent to reimburse each L/C Issuer for L/C Disbursements for which it has not been reimbursed, together with related fees, costs, and customary processing charges, and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of Borrower for the L/C Obligations at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to the consent of Lenders with L/C Obligations representing 50% of the total L/C Obligations), be applied to satisfy other obligations of Borrower under this Agreement. If Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned to Borrower within three Business Days after all Events of Default have been cured or waived.

(p) Conflict with Issuer Documents. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Document, the terms hereof shall control.

2.04 Prepayments.

(a) Borrower may, upon notice to Administrative Agent pursuant to delivery to Administrative Agent of a Notice of Loan Prepayment, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that (i) such notice must be received by Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (A) three Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans and (B) on the date of prepayment of Base Rate Loans; (ii) any prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof; and (iii) any prepayment of Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, in each case, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. Administrative Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by Borrower, Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Subject to Section 2.16, each such prepayment shall be applied to the Loans of the Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.

- (b) If for any reason (i) the Total Outstandings at any time exceed the lesser of (A) Aggregate Commitments then in effect or (B) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations or (ii) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt shall at any time exceed Borrowing Base Availability, then Borrower shall immediately prepay Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; provided, however, that Borrower shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this **Section 2.04(b)** unless after the prepayment in full of the Loans either (x) the Total Outstandings exceed the lesser of (1) the Aggregate Commitments then in effect or (2) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations or (y) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt exceeds Borrowing Base Availability.
- Termination or Reduction of Commitments. Borrower may, upon notice to Administrative Agent, terminate the Aggregate Commitments, or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Commitments; provided that (i) any such notice shall be received by Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. five Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, (iii) Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Aggregate Commitments if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, (A) the Total Outstandings would exceed the lesser of (1) the Aggregate Commitments and (2) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations or (B) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt would exceed Borrowing Base Availability, and (iv) if, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Aggregate Commitments, such Letter of Credit Sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess. Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any such notice of termination or reduction of the Aggregate Commitments. Any reduction of the Aggregate Commitments shall be applied to the Commitment of each Lender according to its Applicable Percentage. All fees accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.
- 2 . 0 6 Repayment of Loans. Borrower shall repay to the Lenders on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of Loans and L/C Borrowings outstanding on such date.

2.07 Interest.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of *subsection (b)* below, (i) each Eurodollar Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period plus the Applicable Rate; and (ii) each Base Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.
- (b) (i) If any amount of principal of any Loan is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

- (ii) If any amount (other than principal of any Loan) payable by Borrower under any Loan Document is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, then upon the request of the Required Lenders, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Laws.
- (iii) Upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists (other than as set forth inclauses (b)(i) and (b)(ii) above), Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of all outstanding Obligations hereunder at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Laws.
 - (iv) Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.
- (c) Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.
- 2.08 Fees. In addition to any other fees described herein or in any other Loan Document, but subject in all cases to the provisions of Section 2.16 hereof:
- (a) Unused Fee. Borrower shall pay to Administrative Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, an unused fee equal to the Applicable Rate times the actual daily amount by which the Aggregate Commitments then in effect (or, if terminated, in effect immediately prior to such termination) exceed the Total Outstandings at such time, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.16. The unused fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period (and, if applicable, thereafter on demand). The unused fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears and if there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate for each period during which such Applicable Rate was in effect.

(b) Other Fees.

- (i) Borrower shall pay to each Arranger and Administrative Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times specified in each Fee Letter. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.
- (ii) Borrower shall pay to the Lenders such fees as shall have been separately agreed upon in writing in the amounts and at the times so specified. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

2.09 Computation of Interest and Fees; Retroactive Adjustments of Applicable Rate.

- (a) All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans (including Base Rate Loans determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) shall be made on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365-day year). Interest shall accrue on each Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid, *provided* that any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to *Section 2.11(a)*, bear interest for one day. Each determination by Administrative Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.
- (b) If, as a result of any restatement of or other adjustment to the financial statements of Borrower or for any other reason, Borrower or the Lenders determine that (i) the Debt to Capitalization Ratio as calculated by Borrower as of any applicable date was inaccurate and (ii) a proper calculation of the Debt to Capitalization Ratio would have resulted in higher pricing for such period, Borrower shall immediately and retroactively be obligated to pay to Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, promptly on demand by Administrative Agent (or, after the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, automatically and without further action by Administrative Agent, any Lender or any L/C Issuer, an amount equal to the excess of the amount of interest and fees that should have been paid for such period over the amount of interest and fees actually paid for such period. This *clause (b)* shall not limit the rights of Administrative Agent, any Lender or any L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under *Section 2.03(c)(iii)*, *2.03(h)* or *2.07(b)* or under *Article VIII*. Borrower's obligations under this *clause (b)* shall survive the termination of the Aggregate Commitments and the repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

2.10 Evidence of Debt.

- (a) The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by such Lender in the ordinary course of business. Administrative Agent shall maintain the Register in accordance with Section 10.06(c). The accounts or records maintained by each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by the Lenders to Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the Register, the Register shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through Administrative Agent, Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through Administrative Agent) a Note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.
- (b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to insubsection (a) above, each Lender and Administrative Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.11 Payments Generally; Administrative Agent's Clawback.

- (a) General. All payments to be made by Borrower shall be made free and clear of and without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by Borrower hereunder shall be made to Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at Administrative Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.
- (b) **Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Administrative Agent.** Unless Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing of Eurodollar Rate Loans (or, in the case of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Borrowing) that such Lender will not make available to Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with **Section 2.02** (or, in the case of a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by **Section 2.02**) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to Administrative Agent, then the applicable Lender and Borrower severally agree to pay to Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to Administrative Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by Administrative Agent in connection with the foregoing, and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to Borrower the amount of such interest paid by Borrower for such Borrower for such Borrower that shall have failed to make such payment to Administrative Agent.
 - (i i) Payments by Borrower; Presumptions by Administrative Agent. Unless Administrative Agent shall have received notice from Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or any L/C Issuer hereunder that Borrower will not make such payment, Administrative Agent may assume that Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or such L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of Administrative Agent to any Lender or Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this clause (b) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent. If any Lender makes available to Administrative Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this *Article II*, and such funds are not made available to Borrower by Administrative Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in *Article IV* are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, Administrative Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) **Obligations of Lenders Several.** The obligations of the Lenders hereunder to make Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments pursuant to **Section 10.04(c)** are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under **Section 10.04(c)** on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under **Section 10.04(c)**.
- (e) **Funding Source**. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.
- Sharing of Payments by Lenders. If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of the Loans made by it, or the participations in L/C Obligations held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its pro rata share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Loans and other amounts owing them, provided that:
 - (i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
 - (ii) the provisions of this Section 2.12 shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by or on behalf of Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (y) the application of Cash Collateral provided for in Section 2.15, or (z) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations to any assignee or participant, other than an assignment to Borrower or any Affiliate thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section 2.12 shall apply).

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

2.13 Extension of Maturity Date.

- (a) **Requests for Extension**. Borrower may, by written notice to Administrative Agent (who shall promptly notify the Lenders) not earlier than 90 days and not later than 30 days prior to each annual anniversary of the Closing Date, request that the then-existing Maturity Date be extended for an additional one year; provided, however, that any such request may be made only once during each such 60-day period.
- (b) Lender Elections to Extend. Each Lender, acting in its sole and individual discretion, shall, by notice to Administrative Agent given not later than the date (the "Notice Date") that is 20 days prior to the annual anniversary of the Closing Date, advise Administrative Agent whether or not such Lender agrees to such extension (and each Lender that determines not to so extend its Maturity Date (a "Non-Extending Lender") shall promptly notify Administrative Agent of such determination (but in any event no later than the Notice Date) and any Lender that does not so advise Administrative Agent on or before the Notice Date shall be deemed to be a Non-Extending Lender). The election of any Lender to agree to such extension shall not obligate any other Lender to so agree.
- (c) **Notification by Administrative Agent.** Administrative Agent shall notify Borrower of each Lender's determination under this *Section* no later than the date 15 days prior to the annual anniversary of the Closing Date (or, if such date is not a Business Day, on the next preceding Business Day).
- (d) Additional Commitment Lenders. Borrower shall have the right to replace each Non-Extending Lender with, and add as "Lenders" under this Agreement in place thereof, one or more Eligible Assignees (each, an "Additional Commitment Lender") as provided in Section 10.13; provided that each of such Additional Commitment Lender shall enter into an Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Additional Commitment Lender shall, effective as of the Maturity Date then in effect, undertake a Commitment (and, if any such Additional Commitment Lender is already a Lender, its Commitment shall be in addition to such Lender's Commitment hereunder on such date).
- (e) Minimum Extension Requirement. If (and only if) the total of the Commitments of the Lenders that have agreed so to extend their Maturity Date (each, an "Extending Lender") and the additional Commitments of the Additional Commitment Lenders shall be more than 66-2/3% of the aggregate amount of the Commitments in effect immediately prior to the Maturity Date then in effect, then, effective as of the then-existing Maturity Date, the Maturity Date of each Extending Lender and of each Additional Commitment Lender shall be extended to the date falling one year after the Maturity Date then in effect (except that, if such date is not a Business Day, such Maturity Date as so extended shall be the next preceding Business Day) and each Additional Commitment Lender shall thereupon become a "Lender" for all purposes of this Agreement.

(f) Conditions to Effectiveness of Extensions. As conditions precedent to each such extension:

- (i) Borrower shall deliver to Administrative Agent a certificate of each Loan Party as of the Maturity Date then in effect (in sufficient copies for each Lender and each Additional Commitment Lender) signed by a Responsible Officer of such Loan Party (A) certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Loan Party approving or consenting to such extension and (B) in the case of Borrower, certifying that, before and after giving effect to such extension, (1) the representations and warranties contained in *Article V* and the other Loan Documents are true and correct on and as of the Maturity Date then in effect, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this *Section 2.13*, the representations and warranties contained in *clauses (a)* and (b) of *Section 5.05* shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to *clauses (a)* and (b), respectively, of *Section 6.01*, and (2) no Default exists or would result therefrom.
- (ii) On the Maturity Date of each Non-Extending Lender, Borrower shall prepay any Loans outstanding on such date (and pay any additional amounts required pursuant to *Section 3.05*) to the extent necessary to keep outstanding Loans ratable with any revised Applicable Percentages of the respective Lenders effective as of such date.
- (iii) On the Maturity Date then in effect, Borrower shall pay to Administrative Agent a fee, for the pro rata account of each Extending Lender and each Additional Commitment Lender in an amount to be determined by Borrower and Administrative Agent at the time of any request to extend the Maturity Date under this *Section*, which fee shall, when paid, be fully earned and non-refundable under any circumstances.
- (iv) (A) Upon the reasonable request of any Lender, including any Additional Commitment Lender, made at least 15 days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect, Borrower shall have provided to such Lender, and such Lender shall be reasonably satisfied with, the documentation and other information so requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including the PATRIOT Act, in each case at least 10 days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect and (B) at least 10 days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect, any Loan Party that qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation shall have delivered, to each Lender that so requests, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Loan Party.
- (v) On the date of the notice described in **Section 2.13(a)** and the date of such extension and after giving effect thereto, (A) the representations and warranties contained in **Article V** and the other Loan Documents are true and correct on and as of the Maturity Date then in effect, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this **Section 2.13**, the representations and warranties contained in **clauses (a)** and **(b)** of **Section 5.05** shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to **clauses (a)** and **(b)**, respectively, of **Section 6.01**, and (B) no Default exists or would result therefrom.
- (g) Amendment; Sharing of Payments. In connection with any extension of the Maturity Date, Borrower, Administrative Agent and each Extending Lender may make such amendments to this Agreement as Administrative Agent determines to be reasonably necessary to evidence the extension. This Section 2.13 shall supersede any provisions in Section 2.12 or 10.01 to the contrary.

2.14 Increase in Commitments.

- (a) Request for Increase. Provided there exists no Default, upon notice to Administrative Agent (which shall promptly notify the Lenders), Borrower may from time to time, request an increase in the Aggregate Commitments (which increase may take the form of additional Commitments, new revolving loan tranches, new term loan tranches or any combination of the foregoing) by an amount (for all such requests) not exceeding \$300,000,000; provided that any such request for an increase shall be in a minimum amount of \$25,000,000 (or such lesser amount approved by Administrative Agent in writing). At the time of sending such notice, Borrower (in consultation with Administrative Agent) shall specify the time period within which each Lender is requested to respond (which shall in no event be less than ten Business Days from the date of delivery of such notice to the Lenders).
- (b) Lender Elections to Increase. Each Lender shall notify Administrative Agent within such time period whether or not it agrees to increase its Commitment and, if so, whether by an amount equal to, greater than, or less than its Applicable Percentage of such requested increase. Any Lender not responding within such time period shall be deemed to have declined to increase its Commitment.
- (c) Notification by Administrative Agent; Additional Lenders. Administrative Agent shall notify Borrower and each Lender of the Lenders' responses to each request made hereunder. To achieve the full amount of a requested increase and subject to the approval of Administrative Agent and each L/C Issuer, Borrower may also invite additional Eligible Assignees to become Lenders pursuant to a joinder agreement in form and substance satisfactory to Administrative Agent and its counsel.
- (d) Effective Date and Allocations. If the Aggregate Commitments are increased in accordance with this Section, Administrative Agent and Borrower shall determine the effective date (the "Increase Effective Date") and the final allocation of such increase. Administrative Agent shall promptly notify Borrower and the Lenders of the final allocation of such increase and the Increase Effective Date.
 - (e) Conditions to Effectiveness of Increase. As conditions precedent to each such increase:
 - (i) Administrative Agent shall have approved in writing of such increase;
 - (ii) Borrower shall deliver to Administrative Agent a certificate of each Loan Party dated as of the Increase Effective Date (in sufficient copies for each Lender) signed by a Responsible Officer of such Loan Party (A) certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Loan Party approving or consenting to such increase, and (B) in the case of Borrower, certifying that, before and after giving effect to such increase, (1) the representations and warranties contained in *Article V* and the other Loan Documents are true and correct on and as of the Increase Effective Date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this *Section 2.14*, the representations and warranties contained in *subsections (a)* and (b) of *Section 5.05* shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to *subsections (a)* and (b), respectively, of *Section 6.01*, and (2) no Default exists or would result therefrom.

- (iii) (x) Upon the reasonable request of any Lender made at least 15 days prior to the Increase Effective Date, Borrower shall have provided to such Lender, and such Lender shall be reasonably satisfied with, the documentation and other information so requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including the PATRIOT Act, in each case at least 10 days prior to the Increase Effective Date and (y) at least 10 days prior to the Increase Effective Date, any Loan Party that qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation shall have delivered, to each Lender that so requests, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Loan Party.
- (iv) On the date of the notice described in *Section 2.14(a)* and the Increase Effective Date and after giving effect thereto, (A) the representations and warranties contained in *Article V* and the other Loan Documents are true and correct on and as of the Maturity Date then in effect, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this *Section 2.14*, the representations and warranties contained in *clauses (a)* and *(b)* of *Section 5.05* shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to *clauses (a)* and *(b)*, respectively, of *Section 6.01*, and (B) no Default exists or would result therefrom.
- (v) To the extent that the increase of the Aggregate Commitments shall take the form of a term loan tranche, this Agreement shall be amended, in form and substance satisfactory to Administrative Agent to include such terms as are customary for a term loan commitment. Borrower shall prepay any Loans outstanding on the Increase Effective Date (and pay any additional amounts required pursuant to *Section 3.05*) to the extent necessary to keep the outstanding Loans ratable with any revised Applicable Percentages arising from any nonratable increase in the Commitments under this *Section*. Each Loan Party shall execute and deliver such other documents or instruments as Administrative Agent may reasonably require to evidence such increase to the Commitments and to ratify each such Loan Party's continuing obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents.
- (f) Conflicting Provisions. This Section 2.14 shall supersede any provisions in Section 2.12 or 10.01 to the contrary.

2.15 Cash Collateral.

(a) **Obligation to Cash Collateralize**. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, within one Business Day following the written request of Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer (with a copy to Administrative Agent), Borrower shall Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender (determined after giving effect to **Section 2.16(a)(iv)** and any Cash Collateral provided by such Defaulting Lender) in an amount not less than the Minimum Collateral Amount.

- (b) Grant of Security Interest. Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to (and subjects to the control of) Administrative Agent, for the benefit of Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein, and all other property so provided as collateral pursuant hereto, and in all proceeds of the foregoing, all as security for the obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to Section 2.15(c). If at any time Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than Administrative Agent or the applicable L/C Issuer as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount, Borrower will, promptly upon demand by Administrative Agent, pay or provide to Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (determined in the case of Cash Collateral provided pursuant to clause (a)(iv) above, after giving effect to Section 2.16(a)(iv) and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender). All Cash Collateral (other than credit support not constituting funds subject to deposit) shall be maintained in blocked, non-interest bearing deposit accounts at Bank of America. Borrower shall pay on demand therefor from time to time all customary account opening, activity and other administrative fees and charges in connection with the maintenance and disbursement of Cash Collateral.
- (c) Application. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this Section 2.15 or Sections 2.03, 2.04, 2.16 or 8.02 in respect of Letters of Credit shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific L/C Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.
- Release. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or to secure other obligations shall be released promptly following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender (or, as appropriate, its assignee following compliance with Section 10.06(b)(vii)) or (ii) the determination by Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer that there exists excess Cash Collateral; provided, however, (x) any such release shall be without prejudice to, and any disbursement or other transfer of Cash Collateral shall be and remain subject to, any other Lien conferred under the Loan Documents and the other applicable provisions of the Loan Documents, and (y) the Person providing Cash Collateral and the applicable L/C Issuer may agree that Cash Collateral shall not be released but instead held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

2.16 **Defaulting Lenders**.

- (a) Adjustments. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as that Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:
 - (i) Waivers and Amendments. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of "Required Lenders" and Section 10.01.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VIII or otherwise) or received by Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 10.08 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to any L/C Issuer hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 2.15; fourth, as Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by Administrative Agent and Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 2.15; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the L/C Issuers as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, any L/C Issuer against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or L/C Borrowings in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments hereunder without giving effect to Section 2.16(a)(iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.16(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) Certain Fees.

- (A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under *Section 2.08* for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).
- (B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to *Section 2.15*.

- (C) With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to *clause (A)* or *(B)* above, Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to *clause (iv)* below, (y) pay to each L/C Issuer, as applicable, the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.
- (iv) Reallocation of Applicable Percentages to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment. Subject to Section 10.21, no reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.
- (v) Cash Collateral. If the reallocation described in *clause (a)(iv)* above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under Applicable Law, Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in *Section 2.15*.
- (b) **Defaulting Lender Cure.** If Borrower, Administrative Agent and each L/C Issuer agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with the Commitments (without giving effect to Section 2.16(a)(iv)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; provided that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.
- (c) New Letters of Credit. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, no L/C Issuer shall be required to issue, extend, increase, reinstate or renew any Letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

III. TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY.

- 3.01 Taxes.
 - (a) **Defined Terms.** For purposes of this *Section 3.01*, the term "Applicable Law" includes FATCA.
- (b) Payments Free of Taxes. Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 3.01) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

- (c) Payment of Other Taxes by Loan Parties. The Loan Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, or at the option of Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (d) Indemnification by Loan Parties. Each of the Loan Parties shall indemnify each Recipient, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section 3.01) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to Administrative Agent), or by Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- Indemnification by the Lenders. Each Lender shall severally indemnify Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that any Loan Party has not already indemnified Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 10.06(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by Administrative Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to Administrative Agent under this clause (e).
- (f) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by Borrower to a Governmental Authority as provided in this Section 3.01, Borrower shall deliver to Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of any return required by Laws to report such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent.

(g) Status of Lenders; Tax Documentation.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to Borrower and Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent as will enable Borrower or Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 3.01(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that Borrower is a U.S. Person,
- (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to Borrower and Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of Borrower or Administrative Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;
- (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to Borrower and Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of Borrower or Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
 - (1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or W-8BEN, as applicable) establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or W-8BEN, as applicable) establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;
 - (2) executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;
 - (3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of *Exhibit G-1* to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of *Section 881(c)(3)(A)* of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of Borrower within the meaning of *Section 881(c)(3)(B)* of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in *Section 881(c)(3)(C)* of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or W-8BEN, as applicable); or

- (4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or W-8BEN, as applicable), a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of *Exhibit G-2* or *Exhibit G-3*, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; *provided* that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of *Exhibit G-4* on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;
- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to Borrower and Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of Borrower or Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit Borrower or Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to Borrower and Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by Borrower or Administrative Agent as may be necessary for Borrower and Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.
- (iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered pursuant to this Section 3.01 expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify Borrower and Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do

- (h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. Unless required by applicable Laws, at no time shall Administrative Agent have any obligation to file for or otherwise pursue on behalf of a Lender or an L/C Issuer, or have any obligation to pay to any Lender or any L/C Issuer, any refund of Taxes withheld or deducted from funds paid for the account of such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be. If any Recipient determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Loan Party or with respect to which any Loan Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.01, it shall pay to the Loan Party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by a Loan Party under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Loan Party, upon the request of the Recipient, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Loan Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this clause (h), in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Loan Party pursuant to this clause (h) the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This subsection Party or any other Person.
- (i) **Survival.** Each party's obligations under this **Section 3.01** shall survive the resignation or replacement of Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender or an L/C Issuer, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.
- Illegality. If any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, then, upon notice thereof by such Lender to Borrower (through Administrative Agent), (a) any obligation of such Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended, and (b) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender making or maintaining Base Rate Loans the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by Administrative Agent without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, in each case until such Lender notifies Administrative Agent and Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, (i) Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to Administrative Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all Eurodollar Rate Loans of such Lender to Base Rate Loans (the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by Administrative Agent without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate), either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans and (ii) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender determining or charging interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, Administrative Agent shall during the period of such suspension compute the Base Rate applicable to such Lender without reference to the Eurodollar Rate component thereof until Administrative Agent is advised in writing by such Lender that it is no longer illegal for such Lender to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates.

- (a) If in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof, (i) Administrative Agent determines that (A) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank Eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Eurodollar Rate Loan, or (B) (x) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the Eurodollar Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan or in connection with an existing or proposed Base Rate Loan and (y) the circumstances described in *Section 3.03(c)(i)* do not apply (in each case with respect to this *clause (i)*, "*Impacted Loans*"), or (ii) Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders determine that for any reason the Eurodollar Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Eurodollar Rate Loan, Administrative Agent will promptly so notify Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended, (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans or Interest Periods), and (y) in the event of a determination described in the preceding sentence with respect to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, the utilization of the Eurodollar Rate component in determining the Base Rate shall be suspended, in each case until Administrative Agent (or, in the case of a determination by the Required Lenders described in *clause (ii)* of *Section 3.03(a)*, until Administrative Agent upon instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans or Interest Periods) or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request for a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount sp
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Administrative Agent has made the determination described in *clause (i)* of *Section 3.03(a)*, Administrative Agent, in consultation with Borrower and Required Lenders, may establish an alternative interest rate for the Impacted Loans, in which case, such alternative rate of interest shall apply with respect to the Impacted Loans until (i) Administrative Agent revokes the notice delivered with respect to the Impacted Loans under *clause (i)* of the first sentence of *Section 3.03(a)*, (ii) Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders notify Administrative Agent and Borrower that such alternative interest rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding the Impacted Loans, or (iii) any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for such Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to such alternative rate of interest or to determine or charge interest rates based upon such rate or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to do any of the foregoing and provides Administrative Agent and Borrower written notice thereof. Administrative Agent will promptly (in one or more notices) notify Borrower and each Lender of the establishment of an alternative interest rate pursuant to this *clause (b)*.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other Loan Documents, if Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), or Borrower or Required Lenders notify Administrative Agent (with, in the case of the Required Lenders, a copy to Borrower) that Borrower or Required Lenders (as applicable) have determined, that:
 - (i) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining LIBOR for any Interest Period hereunder or any other tenors of LIBOR, including because the LIBOR Screen Rate is not available or published on a current basis and such circumstances are unlikely to be temporary; or

- (ii) the administrator of the LIBOR Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over Administrative Agent or such administrator has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which LIBOR or the LIBOR Screen Rate shall no longer be made available, or used for determining the interest rate of loans, *provided* that, at the time of such statement, there is no successor administrator that is satisfactory to Administrative Agent, that will continue to provide LIBOR after such specific date (such specific date, the "Scheduled Unavailability Date"); or
- (iii) the administrator of the LIBOR Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over such administrator has made a public statement announcing that all Interest Periods and other tenors of LIBOR are no longer representative; or
- (iv) syndicated loans currently being executed, or that include language similar to that contained in this Section 3.03, are being executed or amended (as applicable) to incorporate or adopt a new benchmark interest rate to replace LIBOR,

then, in the case of clauses (i)-(iii) above, on a date and time determined by Administrative Agent (any such date, the "LIBOR Replacement Date"), which date shall be at the end of an Interest Period or on the relevant interest payment date, as applicable, for interest calculated and shall occur reasonably promptly upon the occurrence of any of the events or circumstances under clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above and, solely with respect to clause (ii) above, no later than the Scheduled Unavailability Date, LIBOR will be replaced hereunder and under any Loan Document with, subject to the proviso below, the first available alternative set forth in the order below for any payment period for interest calculated that can be determined by Administrative Agent, in each case, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document (the "LIBOR Successor Rate"); and any such rate before giving effect to the Related Adjustment, the "Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate"):

- (x) Term SOFR plus the Related Adjustment; and
- (y) SOFR plus the Related Adjustment;

and in the case of *clause (iv)* above, Borrower and Administrative Agent may amend this Agreement solely for the purpose of replacing LIBOR under this Agreement and under any other Loan Document in accordance with the definition of "*LIBOR Successor Rate*" and such amendment will become effective at 5:00 p.m., on the fifth Business Day after Administrative Agent shall have notified all Lenders and Borrower of the occurrence of the circumstances described in *clause (iv)* above unless, prior to such time, Lenders comprising the Required Lenders have delivered to Administrative Agent written notice that such Required Lenders object to the implementation of a LIBOR Successor Rate pursuant to such clause; *provided* that, if Administrative Agent determines that Term SOFR has become available, is administratively feasible for Administrative Agent and would have been identified as the Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate in accordance with the foregoing if it had been so available at the time that the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect was so identified, and Administrative Agent notifies Borrower and each Lender of such availability, then from and after the beginning of the Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, in each case, commencing no less than 30 days after the date of such notice, the Pre-Adjustment Successor Rate shall be Term SOFR and the LIBOR Successor Rate shall be Term SOFR plus the relevant Related Adjustment.

Administrative Agent will promptly (in one or more notices) notify Borrower and each Lender of (x) any occurrence of any of the events, periods or circumstances under *clauses (i)* through (iii) above, (y) a LIBOR Replacement Date and (z) the LIBOR Successor Rate.

Any LIBOR Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner consistent with market practice; provided that to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for Administrative Agent, such LIBOR Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything else herein, if at any time any LIBOR Successor Rate as so determined would otherwise be less than 0.50%, the LIBOR Successor Rate will be deemed to be 0.50% for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

In connection with the implementation of a LIBOR Successor Rate, Administrative Agent will have the right to make LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement; *provided* that, with respect to any such amendment effected, Administrative Agent shall post each such amendment implementing such LIBOR Successor Rate Conforming Changes to Borrower and the Lenders reasonably promptly after such amendment becomes effective.

If the events or circumstances of the type described in Section 3.03(c)(i)-(iii) have occurred with respect to the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect, then the successor rate thereto shall be determined in accordance with the definition of "LIBOR Successor Rate."

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) after any such determination by Administrative Agent or receipt by Administrative Agent of any such notice described under *Section 3.03(c)(i)-(iii)*, as applicable, if Administrative Agent determines that none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available on or prior to the LIBOR Replacement Date, (ii) if the events or circumstances described in *Section 3.03(c)(i)-(iii)* have occurred but none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available, or (iii) if the events or circumstances of the type described in *Section 3.03(c)(i)-(iii)* have occurred with respect to the LIBOR Successor Rate then in effect and Administrative Agent determines that none of the LIBOR Successor Rates is available, then in each case, Administrative Agent and Borrower may amend this Agreement solely for the purpose of replacing LIBOR or any then current LIBOR Successor Rate in accordance with this *Section 3.03* at the end of any Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, as applicable, with another alternate benchmark rate giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar U.S. dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities for such alternative benchmarks and, in each case, including any Related Adjustments and any other mathematical or other adjustments to such benchmark giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar U.S. dollar denominated syndicated credit facilities for such benchmarks, which adjustment or method for calculating such adjustment shall be published on an information service as selected by Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion and may be periodically updated. For the avoidance of doubt, any such proposed rate and adjustments shall constitute a LIBOR Successor Rate. Any such amendment shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Business Day after Administrative Agent shall have posted such proposed amendment to all Lenders objec

(e) If, at the end of any Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, no LIBOR Successor Rate has been determined in accordance with *clauses* (c) or (d) of this Section 3.03 and the circumstances under *clauses* (c)(i) or (c)(iii) above exist or the Scheduled Unavailability Date has occurred (as applicable), Administrative Agent will promptly so notify Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended, (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans, Interest payment dates or payment periods), and (y) the Eurodollar Rate component shall no longer be utilized in determining the Base Rate, until the LIBOR Successor Rate has been determined in accordance with *clauses* (c) or (d). Upon receipt of such notice, Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans, Interest Periods, interest payment dates or payment periods) or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans (subject to the foregoing *clause* (y)) in the amount specified therein.

3.04 Increased Costs; Reserves on Eurodollar Rate Loans.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement contemplated by **Section 3.04(e)**) or any L/C Issuer;
- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in *clauses (b)* through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or any L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

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

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

- (c) Certificates for Reimbursement. A certificate of a Lender or an L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or such L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in *clauses (a)* or *(b)* of this *Section 3.04* and delivered to Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Borrower shall pay such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.
- (d) **Delay in Requests.** Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or any L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this **Section 3.04** shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or such L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, *provided* that Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or an L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this **Section 3.04** for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or such L/C Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- (e) Reserves on Eurodollar Rate Loans. Borrower shall pay to each Lender, as long as such Lender shall be required to maintain reserves with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including Eurocurrency funds or deposits (currently known as "Eurocurrency liabilities"), additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Eurodollar Rate Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocated to such Loan by such Lender (as determined by such Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive), which shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such Loan, provided Borrower shall have received at least 10 days' prior notice (with a copy to Administrative Agent) of such additional interest from such Lender. If a Lender fails to give notice 10 days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date, such additional interest shall be due and payable 10 days from receipt of such notice.
- 3.05 Compensation for Losses. Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to Administrative Agent) from time to time, Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
 - (a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);
 - (b) any failure by Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by Borrower; or
 - (c) any assignment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by Borrower pursuant to *Section 10.13*;

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by Borrower to the Lenders under this Section 3.05, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it at the Eurodollar Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Eurodollar Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

- Designation of a Different Lending Office. Each Lender may make any Credit Extension to Borrower through any Lending Office provided that the exercise of this option shall not affect the obligation of Borrower to repay the Credit Extension in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or requires Borrower to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender, any L/C Issuer, or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender or any L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 3.01, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to Section 3.02, then at the request of Borrower such Lender or such L/C Issuer shall, as applicable, use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender or such L/C Issuer, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.01 or 3.04, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to Section 3.02, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be. Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender or any L/C Issuer in connection with any such designation or assignment.
- (b) Replacement of Lenders. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or if Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 3.01 and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with Section 3.06(a), Borrower may replace such Lender in accordance with Section 10.13.
- 3.07 **Survival**. All of Borrower's obligations under this *Article III* shall survive termination of the Aggregate Commitments, repayment of all other Obligations hereunder, and resignation of Administrative Agent.

IV. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS.

- 4.01 **Conditions of Initial Credit Extension**. The obligation of each L/C Issuer and each Lender to make its initial Credit Extension hereunder is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
 - (a) Administrative Agent's receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or telecopies (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date) and each in form and substance satisfactory to Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders:
 - (i) executed counterparts of this Agreement and each Guaranty, sufficient in number for distribution to Administrative Agent, each L/C Issuer, each Lender and Borrower;

- (ii) a Note executed by Borrower in favor of each Lender requesting a Note;
- (iii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of each Loan Party as Administrative Agent may require evidencing the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which any Loan Party is a party;
- (iv) such documents and certifications as Administrative Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and that each Loan Party is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (v) a favorable opinion of Baker Botts LLP, counsel to the Loan Parties, addressed to Administrative Agent, each L/C Issuer and each Lender, regarding the Loan Parties and the Loan Documents in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders;
- (vi) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party (A) either (1) attaching copies of all consents, licenses and approvals required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by such Loan Party and the validity against such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and such consents, licenses and approvals shall be in full force and effect, or (2) stating that no such consents, licenses or approvals are so required; and (B) certifying that there are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of each such Loan Party after due and diligent investigation, threatened or contemplated, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against any member of the Consolidated Group or against any of their properties or revenues that (1) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (2) either individually or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (vii) a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower certifying (A) that the conditions specified in *Sections 4.02(a)* and *(b)* have been satisfied; and (B) that there has been no event or circumstance since December 31, 2019 that has had or could be reasonably expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect;
- (viii) executed affidavits establishing that all of the Loan Documents have been executed and delivered by Borrower and accepted by the Administrative Agent outside of the State of Florida and delivered to Administrative Agent (or its agent or designee) outside of the State of Florida;

- (ix) the Historical Audited Financial Statements, the unaudited financial statements and the Proforma Financial Statements referred to in Section 5.05(a), (b) and (d);
- (x) a duly completed Compliance Certificate dated as of the Closing Date and calculated as of the last day of the fiscal quarter of Borrower ended on September 30, 2020 after giving pro forma effect to the IPO, the Corporate Reorganization, the Borrowings on the Closing Date under the Credit Agreement, and payment in full of the Existing Credit Agreements, signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower;
- (xi) a duly completed Borrowing Base Certificate dated as of the Closing Date and calculated as of November 30, 2020, signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower;
- (xii) payoff letters or other evidence that each of the Existing Credit Agreements has been or concurrently with the Closing Date is being terminated and all Liens securing obligations thereunder, except for Liens permitted under *Section 7.01(j)*, have been or concurrently with the Closing Date are being released;
 - (xiii) evidence that Borrower shall have completed the Corporate Reorganization and the IPO; and
- (xiv) such other assurances, certificates, documents, consents or opinions as Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or the Required Lenders reasonably may require, including Borrower's Instruction Certificate and Borrower Remittance Instructions.
- (b) (i) Upon the reasonable request of any Lender made at least 15 days prior to the Closing Date, Borrower shall have provided to such Lender, and such Lender shall be reasonably satisfied with, the documentation and other information so requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and antimoney-laundering rules and regulations, including the PATRIOT Act, in each case at least 10 days prior to the Closing Date and (ii) at least 10 days prior to the Closing Date, any Loan Party that qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation shall have delivered, to each Lender that so requests, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Loan Party.
 - (c) Any fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid.
- (d) Unless waived by Administrative Agent, Borrower shall have paid all fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Administrative Agent (directly to such counsel if requested by Administrative Agent) to the extent invoiced prior to or on the Closing Date, plus such additional amounts of such fees, charges and disbursements as shall constitute its reasonable estimate of such fees, charges and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by it through the closing proceedings (provided that such estimate shall not thereafter preclude a final settling of accounts between Borrower and Administrative Agent).
 - (e) The Closing Date shall have occurred on or before February 1, 2021.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the last paragraph of Section 9.03, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.01, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

- 4.02 **Conditions to all Credit Extensions**. The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension (other than a Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Type, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans) is subject to the following conditions precedent:
 - (a) The representations and warranties of Borrower and each other Loan Party contained in Article V or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct on and as of the date of such Credit Extension, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Section 4.02, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to subsections (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01.
 - (b) No Default shall exist, or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof.
 - (c) Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the applicable L/C Issuer shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof.
 - (d) Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the applicable L/C Issuer shall have received a pro forma Borrowing Base Certificate, dated as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.
 - (e) After giving effect to such proposed Credit Extension, (i) the Total Outstandings do not exceed the lesser of (A) the Aggregate Commitments and (B) Borrowing Base Availability minus Borrowing Base Debt other than the Obligations; (ii) the amount of the credit extension does not exceed the unused portion of the Aggregate Commitments; (iii) the outstanding Borrowing Base Debt does not exceed Borrowing Base Availability; and (iv) Borrower is in compliance with the covenants set forth in *Section 7.13* calculated on a pro forma basis.

Each Request for Credit Extension (other than a Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Type or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans) submitted by Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in **Sections 4.02(a)** and **(b)** have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

V. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Borrower represents and warrants to Administrative Agent and the Lenders that:

Existence, Qualification and Power. Each Loan Party and each Subsidiary thereof (a) is duly organized or formed, validly existing and, as applicable, in good standing or active status under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in *clause (b)(i)* or *(c)*, to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- Authorization; No Contravention. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is party, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and do not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of (or the requirement to create) any Lien under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any Contractual Obligation to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject; or (c) violate any Applicable Law.
- 5 . 0 3 **Governmental Authorization; Other Consents**. No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- 5.04 **Binding Effect.** This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered hereunder, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms.

5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect

- (a) The Historical Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; (ii) fairly present the financial condition of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (iii) show all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness. When delivered as required under this Agreement, the Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; (ii) fairly present the financial condition of the Consolidated Group as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (iii) show all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of the Consolidated Group as of the date thereof, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness.
- (b) The unaudited consolidated balance sheet of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries dated September 30, 2020, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended on that date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present the financial condition of DF Holdings and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of *clauses (i)* and (ii), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments. *Schedule 5.05* sets forth all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of DF Holdings as of the Closing Date not reflected in such financial statements, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness. When delivered as required under this Agreement, the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Consolidated Group dated March 31, 2021, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended on that date (A) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (B) fairly present the financial condition of the Consolidated Group as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of *clauses (A)* and (B), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments.

- (c) Since the date of the Historical Audited Financial Statements, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) The Proforma Financial Statements fairly present the consolidated pro forma financial condition of the Consolidated Group as of the dates set forth therein and the consolidated pro forma results of operations of the Consolidated Group for the periods ended on such dates, all in accordance with GAAP.
- 5.06 **Litigation**. There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the actual knowledge of any member of the Consolidated Group after due and diligent investigation, threatened, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against any member of the Consolidated Group or against any of their properties or revenues that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (b) either individually or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.07 **No Default.** No member of the Consolidated Group is in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- 5.08 **Ownership of Property; Liens.** Each member of the Consolidated Group has good record and marketable title in fee simple to, or valid leasehold interests in, all real property necessary or used in the ordinary conduct of its business, except for such defects in title as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The property of Borrower and its Subsidiaries is subject to no Liens, other than Liens permitted by **Section 7.01**.
- 5.09 **Environmental Compliance**. Each member of the Consolidated Group conducts in the ordinary course of business a review of the effect of existing Environmental Laws and claims alleging potential liability or responsibility for violation of any Environmental Law on their respective businesses, operations and properties. Such Environmental Laws and claims could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.10 **Insurance**. The properties of each member of the Consolidated Group are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of any member of the Consolidated Group, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the applicable member of the Consolidated Group operates.
- Taxes. The members of the Consolidated Group have filed all Federal, state and other material tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all Federal, state and other material taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed tax assessment against the members of the Consolidated Group that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. No member of the Consolidated Group is party to any tax sharing agreement.

5.12 ERISA Compliance.

- (a) Each Plan is in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state laws. Each Pension Plan that is intended to be a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the form of such Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code and the trust related thereto has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code, or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the Internal Revenue Service. To the best knowledge of each member of the Consolidated Group, nothing has occurred that would prevent or cause the loss of such tax-qualified status.
- (b) There are no pending or, to the best knowledge of each member of the Consolidated Group, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) (i) No ERISA Event has occurred, and no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate is aware of any fact, event or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to constitute or result in an ERISA Event with respect to any Pension Plan; (ii) each Loan Party and each ERISA Affiliate has met all applicable requirements under the Pension Funding Rules in respect of each Pension Plan, and no waiver of the minimum funding standards under the Pension Funding Rules has been applied for or obtained; (iii) as of the most recent valuation date for any Pension Plan, the funding target attainment percentage (as defined in *Section 430(d)(2)* of the Code) is 60% or higher and no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate knows of any facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause the funding target attainment percentage for any such plan to drop below 60% as of the most recent valuation date; (iv) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability to the PBGC other than for the payment of premiums, and there are no premium payments which have become due that are unpaid; (v) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to *Section 4069* or *Section 4212(c)* of ERISA; and (vi) no Pension Plan has been terminated by the plan administrator thereof nor by the PBGC, and no event or circumstance has occurred or exists that could reasonably be expected to cause the PBGC to institute proceedings under *Title IV* of ERISA to terminate any Pension Plan.
- (d) No Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate maintains or contributes to, or has any unsatisfied obligation to contribute to, or liability under, any active or terminated Pension Plan other than Pension Plans not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement.
- (e) Each Loan Party represents and warrants as of the Closing Date that such Loan Party is not and will not be using "plan assets" (within the meaning of 29 CFR Sec. 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans in connection with the Loans, the Letters of Credit or the Commitments.
- 5.13 **Subsidiaries; Equity Interests.** As of the Closing Date, Borrower has no Subsidiaries (other than any VIE's) other than those specifically disclosed in *Part (a)* of *Schedule 5.13*, and all of the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by a Loan Party in the amounts specified on *Part (a)* of *Schedule 5.13* free and clear of all Liens. As of the Closing Date, Borrower has no equity Investments in any other Person other than those specifically disclosed in *Part (b)* of *Schedule 5.13*. As of the Closing Date, Borrower has no Investments in any VIE's other than those specifically disclosed in *Part (c)* of *Schedule 5.13*.

5.14 Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act.

- (a) No member of the Consolidated Group is engaged nor will any member of the Consolidated Group engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock.
- (b) Following the application of the of the proceeds of each Borrowing or drawing under each Letter of Credit, not more than 25% of the value of the assets (either of Borrower only or of the Consolidated Group) subject to the provisions of *Section 7.01* or *Section 7.05* or subject to any restriction contained in any agreement or instrument between Borrower and any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender relating to Indebtedness and within the scope of *Section 8.01(e)* will be margin stock.
- (c) No member of the Consolidated Group, nor any Person Controlling any member of the Consolidated Group, is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

5.15 Disclosure.

- (a) Each Loan Party has disclosed to Administrative Agent and the Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, and all other matters known to it, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No report, financial statement, certificate or other information furnished (whether in writing or orally) by or on behalf of any Loan Party to Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; *provided* that, with respect to projected financial information, Borrower represents only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time.
- (b) As of the date most recently delivered, the information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification, if applicable, is true and correct in all respects.
- 5.16 **Compliance with Laws**. Each member of the Consolidated Group is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Applicable Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
 - 5.17 **Taxpayer Identification Number.** Borrower's true and correct U.S. taxpayer identification number is set forth on Schedule 10.02.

- 5.18 Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc. Each member of the Consolidated Group owns, or possesses the right to use, all of the trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, patents, patent rights, trade secrets, know-how, franchises, licenses and other intellectual property rights (collectively, "IP Rights") that are reasonably necessary for the operation of its respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. To the best knowledge of each member of the Consolidated Group, no product, service, process, method, substance, part or other material now used, or now contemplated to be used, by any member of the Consolidated Group infringes, misappropriates or otherwise violates upon any rights held by any other Person. No claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the actual knowledge of each member of the Consolidated Group, thereatened, which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the best knowledge of each member of the Consolidated Group, there has been no unauthorized use, access, interruption, modification, corruption or malfunction of any information technology assets or systems (or any information or transactions stored or contained therein or transmitted thereby) owned or used by any member of the Consolidated Group, which, either individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.19 **OFAC.** No member of the Consolidated Group, nor, to the knowledge of any member of the Consolidated Group, any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative thereof, is an individual or entity that is, or is owned or controlled by one or more individuals or entities that are (a) currently the subject or target of any Sanctions, (b) included on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals or HMT's Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets, or any similar list enforced by any other relevant sanctions authority or (c) located, organized or resident in a Designated Jurisdiction. The members of the Consolidated Group have conducted their businesses in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Sanctions and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such Sanctions.
- 5.20 Anti-Corruption Laws. Each member of the Consolidated Group has conducted its businesses in compliance in all material respects with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other applicable anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws.
 - 5.21 Affected Financial Institutions. No Loan Party is an Affected Financial Institution.
 - 5.22 **Covered Entities**. No Loan Party is a Covered Entity.
 - 5.23 Solvency. Each Loan Party is, individually and together with its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, Solvent.
- 5 . 2 4 Stock Exchange Listing. On and after the Closing Date, Borrower's common Equity Interests are currently publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ.
- 5.25 **Borrowing Base**. Each Housing Unit and each Finished Lot included in Borrowing Base Availability is eligible to be included therein pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement.

- VI. **AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS**. So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall, and shall (except in the case of the covenants set forth in *Sections 6.01*, *6.02*, and *6.03*) cause each other member of the Consolidated Group to:
 - 6.01 Financial Statements. Deliver to Administrative Agent and each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Administrative Agent:
 - (a) as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of Borrower (or, if earlier, 15 days after the date required to be filed with the SEC (without giving effect to any extension permitted by the SEC)) (commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020), a consolidated balance sheet of the Consolidated Group as at the end of such fiscal year, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, audited and accompanied by a report and opinion of an independent certified public accountant of nationally recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like qualification or exception or any qualification or exception; *provided* that the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 may be for DF Holdings;
 - (b) as soon as available, but in any event within 45 days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of Borrower (or, if earlier, five days after the date required to be filed with the SEC (without giving effect to any extension permitted by the SEC)) (commencing with the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2021), a consolidated balance sheet of the Consolidated Group as at the end of such fiscal quarter, the related consolidated statements of income or operations for such fiscal quarter and for the portion of Borrower's fiscal year then ended, and the related consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the portion of Borrower's fiscal year then ended, in each case setting forth in comparative form, as applicable, the figures for the corresponding portion of the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, certified by a Responsible Officer of Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Consolidated Group in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and
 - (c) as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, forecasts prepared by management of Borrower, in form satisfactory to Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, of consolidated balance sheets and statements of income or operations and cash flows of the Consolidated Group on a monthly basis for the immediately following fiscal year (including the fiscal year in which the Maturity Date occurs).

As to any information contained in materials furnished pursuant to **Section 6.02(e)**, Borrower shall not be separately required to furnish such information under **subsection (a)** or **(b)** above, but the foregoing shall not be in derogation of the obligation of Borrower to furnish the information and materials described in **subsections (a)** and **(b)** above at the times specified therein.

- 6.02 **Certificates; Other Information**. Deliver to Administrative Agent and each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders:
 - (a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in **Sections 6.01(a)** and **(b)**, a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower (which delivery may, unless Administrative Agent, or a Lender requests executed originals, be by electronic communication including fax or email and shall be deemed to be an original authentic counterpart thereof for all purposes) representing and certifying, inter alia, compliance with the covenants set forth in **Section 7.13** for the period covered by such Compliance Certificate, and containing the calculations in reasonable detail evidencing such compliance as of the end of the period covered by such Compliance Certificate; provided that the Compliance Certificate delivered with the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 shall be calculated as of December 31, 2020 after giving pro forma effect to the IPO, the Corporate Reorganization, the Borrowings on the Closing Date under the Credit Agreement, and payment in full of the Existing Credit Agreements;

- (b) promptly, and in any event within 45 days after each fiscal quarter end, a report from a Responsible Officer of Borrower detailing, sales, closings, and inventory of Housing Units of the Consolidated Group for such fiscal quarter;
- (c) promptly, and in any event within 30 days after each calendar month end, a Borrowing Base Certificate with calculations as of the end of such calendar month;
- (d) promptly after any request by Administrative Agent or any Lender, copies of any detailed audit reports, management letters or recommendations submitted to the board of directors (or the audit committee of the board of directors) of Borrower by independent accountants in connection with the accounts or books of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any audit of any of them;
- (e) promptly after the same are available, copies of each annual report, proxy or financial statement or other report or communication sent to the stockholders of Borrower, and copies of all annual, regular, periodic and special reports and registration statements which Borrower may file or be required to file with the SEC under *Section 13* or *15(d)* of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and not otherwise required to be delivered to Administrative Agent pursuant hereto;
- (f) promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after receipt thereof by any member of the Consolidated Group, copies of each notice or other correspondence received from the SEC (or comparable agency in any applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction) concerning any investigation or possible investigation or other inquiry by such agency regarding financial or other operational results of any member of the Consolidated Group;
- (g) promptly following any request therefor, provide information and documentation reasonably requested by Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including the PATRIOT Act and the Beneficial Ownership Regulation; and
- (h) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial, legal or corporate affairs of any member of the Consolidated Group, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as Administrative Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(a) and (b) or Section 6.02(e) (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which the applicable member of the Consolidated Group posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on a member of the Consolidated Group's website on the Internet at the website address listed on Schedule 10.02; or (ii) on which such documents are posted on the applicable member of the Consolidated Group's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by Administrative Agent); provided that: (i) Borrower shall deliver paper copies of such documents to Administrative Agent or any Lender upon its request to Borrower to deliver such paper copies until a written request to cease delivering paper copies is given by Administrative Agent or such Lender and (ii) Borrower shall notify Administrative Agent and each Lender (by facsimile or electronic mail) of the posting of any such documents and provide to Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions (i.e., soft copies) of such documents. Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery of or to maintain paper copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by Borrower with any such request by a Lender for delivery, and each Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

Borrower hereby acknowledge that (a) Administrative Agent and/or the Arrangers may, but shall not be obligated to, make available to the Lenders and the L/C Issuers materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of Borrower hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting Borrower Materials on IntraLinks, SyndTrak, ClearPar, or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the "Platform") and (b) certain of the Lenders (each, a "Public Lender") may have personnel who do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to Borrower or their Affiliates, or the respective securities of any of the foregoing, and who may be engaged in investment and other market-related activities with respect to such Persons' securities. Borrower hereby agree that (w) all Borrower Materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, each L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to Borrower or their securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 10.07); (y) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Side Information," and (z) Administrative Agent and the Arrangers shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "Public" as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated "Public Side Information." Notwithstanding the foregoing, Borrower shall not be under any obligation to mark any Borrower Materials "Public".

- 6.03 **Notices.** Promptly notify Administrative Agent and each Lender:
 - (a) of the occurrence of any Default;
- (b) of any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, including (i) breach or non-performance of, or any default under, a Contractual Obligation of any member of the Consolidated Group; (ii) any action, suit, dispute, litigation, investigation, proceeding or suspension involving any Loan Party or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties and any Governmental Authority; or (iii) the commencement of, or any material development in, any litigation or proceeding affecting any member of the Consolidated Group, including pursuant to any applicable Environmental Laws;
 - (c) of the occurrence of any ERISA Event; and
- (d) of any material change in accounting policies or financial reporting practices by any member of the Consolidated Group, including any determination by Borrower referred to in **Section 2.09(b)**.

Each notice pursuant to this *Section 6.03* shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the applicable member of the Consolidated Group setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action such member of the Consolidated Group has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to *Section 6.03(a)* shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

- Payment of Obligations. Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all Tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by Borrower or such Subsidiary; (b) all lawful claims which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property; and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness.
- Preservation of Existence, Etc. (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by Section 7.04 or 7.05; (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew all of its registered patents, trademarks, trade names and service marks, the non-preservation of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Maintenance of Properties. (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material properties and equipment necessary in the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; (b) make all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) use the standard of care typical in the industry in the operation and maintenance of its facilities
- 6.07 **Maintenance of Insurance**. Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of Borrower, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business, of such types and in such amounts as are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons.
- 6.08 **Compliance with Laws**. Comply in all material respects with the requirements of all Applicable Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 6.09 **Books and Records.** (a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of each such Person, as the case may be; and (b) maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over such Person, as the case may be.

- 6.10 **Inspection Rights.** Permit representatives and independent contractors of Administrative Agent and each Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of Borrower and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to Borrower; provided, however, that when an Event of Default exists Administrative Agent or any Lender (or any of their respective representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.
- 6.11 **Use of Proceeds.** Use the proceeds of the Credit Extensions for refinancing existing Indebtedness of the Consolidated Group on the Closing Date under the Existing Credit Agreements, general corporate purposes (including, without limitation, working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions, construction, horizontal and vertical development and redevelopment), and other lawful corporate purposes not in contravention of any Law or of any Loan Document.
- Additional Guarantors. Notify Administrative Agent at the time that any Person becomes a Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) or any Subsidiary no longer qualifies as an Excluded Subsidiary, and promptly thereafter (and in any event within 30 days), cause such Person to (a) become a Guarantor by executing and delivering to Administrative Agent a counterpart of the Guaranty or such other document as Administrative Agent shall deem appropriate for such purpose, and (b) deliver to Administrative Agent documents of the types referred to in *clauses* (iii) and (iv) of Section 4.01(a) and favorable opinions of counsel to such Person (which shall cover, among other things, the legality, validity, binding effect and enforceability of the documentation referred to in *clause* (a)), all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent.
- 6.13 Anti-Corruption Laws; Sanctions. Conduct its businesses in compliance in all material respects with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other applicable anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions and with all applicable Sanctions, and maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and Sanctions.
- 6.14 **Environmental Matters.** (a) Comply with all Environmental Laws except where the failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (b) keep its properties free of Hazardous Material to the extent failing to take any such action or actions could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 6.15 **Further Assurances**. Execute any and all further documents, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions which may be required under any Applicable Law, or which either Administrative Agent or any Lender may reasonably request, to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents to which it is a party.
- 6.16 **Lien Searches.** Promptly following a written request from Administrative Agent, Borrower shall deliver to Administrative Agent completed requests for information listing all financing statements that name any Loan Party as debtor, together with copies of such financing statements.
- 6.17 **Material Contracts**. Perform and observe all the terms and provisions of each Material Contract to be performed or observed by it, maintain each such Material Contract in full force and effect, enforce each such Material Contract in accordance with its terms, take all such action to such end as may be from time to time requested by Administrative Agent and, upon request of Administrative Agent, make to each other party to each such Material Contract such demands and requests for information and reports or for action as any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is entitled to make under such Material Contract, and cause each of its Subsidiaries to do so.

- VII. **NEGATIVE COVENANTS**. So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any other member of the Consolidated Group to, directly or indirectly:
- 7.01 **Liens.** Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than the following:
 - (a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;
 - (b) Liens for Taxes not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person in accordance with GAAP;
 - (c) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person;
 - (d) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA;
 - (e) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts and leases (other than Indebtedness), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
 - (f) notices of commencement, easements, rights-of-way, restrictions, development agreements, special taxing district documents, community development district documents, metropolitan district documents and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;
 - (g) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under *Section 7.03(d)*; *provided* that (i) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (ii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost or fair market value, whichever is lower, of the property being acquired on the date of acquisition;
 - (h) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h);
 - (i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(i); and
 - (j) Liens that secure Indebtedness that has been paid in full in accordance with payoff statements, payoff letters, or other similar documentation but for which Lien terminations have not yet been filed or recorded but are being diligently pursued in good faith, so long as such Lien terminations are filed or recorded within 60 days following the date such Indebtedness has been paid in full (or such later date as Administrative Agent agrees in its sole discretion).

- 7.02 **Investments**. Make any Investments, except:
 - (a) Investments held by a member of the Consolidated Group in the form of cash equivalents;
- (b) advances to officers, directors and employees of a member of the Consolidated Group in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 at any time outstanding, for travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes;
- (c) Subject to **Section 7.13(f)**, Investments of any member of the Consolidated Group in any other Person that is, or will upon the making of such Investment become, a member of the Consolidated Group;
- (d) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
 - (e) Subject to Section 7.13(f), Investments in any Person that is, or will upon the making of such Investment become, an Unconsolidated Affiliate;
 - (f) acquisitions of real property in the ordinary course of business; and
 - (g) Guarantees permitted by Section 7.03.
- 7.03 **Indebtedness**. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:
 - (a) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;
- (b) Guarantees of any member of the Consolidated Group in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted hereunder of any other member of the Consolidated Group;
- (c) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of Borrower or any Subsidiary existing or arising under any Swap Contract, provided that (i) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets, or property held or reasonably anticipated by such Person, or changes in the value of securities issued by such Person, and not for purposes of speculation or taking a "market view;" and (ii) such Swap Contract does not contain any provision exonerating the non-defaulting party from its obligation to make payments on outstanding transactions to the defaulting party;
- (d) Indebtedness in respect of Capital Leases, Synthetic Lease Obligations and purchase money obligations for fixed or capital assets within the limitations set forth in *Section 7.01(g)*; provided, however, that the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness at any one time outstanding shall not exceed \$5,000,000; provided, further Borrower or its Affiliates shall be permitted to enter into any model home lease back in the normal course of business in which Borrower or its Affiliates are a tenant to the extent any such lease is deemed a Capital Lease and such model home leases shall not be subject to the limitation in the preceding clause;
 - (e) Non-Recourse Indebtedness to the extent permitted under **Section 7.13(g)**;

- (f) obligations with respect to homeowners' association obligations, community facility district bonds, metro district bonds, Mello-Roos bonds and subdivision improvement bonds and similar bonding requirements arising in the ordinary course of business of a homebuilder;
 - (g) obligations not constituting Indebtedness for borrowed money with vendors, subcontractors and other contractors in the normal course of business;
 - (h) PPP Forgiven Indebtedness; and
- (i) Indebtedness of Financial Services Subsidiaries and VIEs, in each case so long as no other member of the Consolidated Group has guaranteed or is otherwise obligated with respect to such Indebtedness or has pledged collateral to secure such Indebtedness.
- 7.04 **Fundamental Changes.** Merge, dissolve, liquidate, consolidate with or into another Person, or Dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to or in favor of any Person (including, in each case, pursuant to a Division), except that, so long as no Default exists or would result therefrom:
 - (a) (i) any Subsidiary may merge or consolidate with Borrower, provided that Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving Person, (ii) any Subsidiary other than DF Homes may merge or consolidate with DF Holdings, provided that DF Holdings shall be the continuing or surviving Person, (iii) any Subsidiary other than DF Holdings may merge or consolidate with DF Homes, provided that DF Homes shall be the continuing or surviving Person, or (iv) any Subsidiary other than DF Holdings and DF Homes may merge or consolidate with any one or more Subsidiaries other than DF Holdings and DF Homes, provided that when any Guarantor is merging with another Subsidiary pursuant to this subsection, the continuing or surviving Person shall be or become a Guarantor; and
 - (b) any Subsidiary other than DF Holdings and DF Homes may Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to Borrower or to another Subsidiary; *provided* that if the transferor in such a transaction is a Guarantor, then the transferee must either be Borrower or a Guarantor.
 - 7.05 **Dispositions**. Make any Disposition or enter into any agreement to make any Disposition, except:
 - (a) Dispositions of obsolete or worn out property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business;
 - (b) Dispositions of Housing Units and Finished Lots in the ordinary course of business;
 - (c) Dispositions of equipment or real 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 reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;
 - (d) Dispositions of property by any Subsidiary to Borrower or to a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary; *provided* that if the transferor of such property is a Guarantor, the transferee thereof must either be Borrower or a Guarantor; and

(e) Dispositions permitted by **Section 7.04**;

provided, however, that any Disposition pursuant to subsections (a) through (e) shall be for fair market value.

- 7.06 **Restricted Payments**. Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so, or issue or sell any Equity Interests if any Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom or if, after giving effect thereto, Borrower would not be in compliance with the covenants set forth in *Section 7.13* calculated on a pro forma basis.
- 7.07 **Change in Nature of Business**. Engage in any material line of business substantially different from those lines of business conducted by the Consolidated Group on the date hereof or any business substantially related or incidental thereto.
- 7.08 **Transactions with Affiliates**. Enter into any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of a member of the Consolidated Group, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to such member of the Consolidated Group as would be obtainable by such member of the Consolidated Group at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate.
- Burdensome Agreements. Enter into any Contractual Obligation (other than this Agreement or any other Loan Document) that (a) limits the ability (i) of any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments to Borrower or any Guarantor or to otherwise transfer property to Borrower or any Guarantor, (ii) of any Guarantor to Guarantee the Indebtedness of Borrower or (iii) of Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist Liens on property of such Person; provided, however, that this clause (iii) shall not prohibit any Negative Pledge incurred or provided in favor of any holder of Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e) solely to the extent any such Negative Pledge relates to the property financed by or the subject of such Indebtedness; or (b) requires the grant of a Lien to secure an obligation of such Person if a Lien is granted to secure another obligation of such Person.
- 7 . 1 0 **Use of Proceeds**. Use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, to purchase or carry margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U) or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock or to refund indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose.
- 7.11 **Amendment to Organizational Documents**. Amend any Organization Document of any Loan Party in any manner that would adversely affect any Loan Party's ability to pay its Obligations hereunder or materially and adversely impairs any rights or remedies of Administrative Agent or any Lender under the Loan Documents or Applicable Laws.
- 7.12 **Accounting Changes**. Make any change in (a) accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by or otherwise in accordance with GAAP, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, the SEC or other Governmental Authority, or (b) its fiscal year.

7.13 Financial Covenants.

January 2023 and each fiscal quarter thereafter

(a) **Maximum Debt to Capitalization Ratio.** Permit the Debt to Capitalization Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower to be greater than the ratio set forth below opposite such fiscal quarter:

Four Fiscal Quarters Ending Maximum Debt to Capitalization Ratio

Closing Date through December 2021

January 2022 through December 2022

62.50%

(b) Minimum Interest Coverage Ratio. Permit the Interest Coverage Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower to be less than 2.00 to 1.00.

60.00%

- (c) Minimum Liquidity Ratio. Permit the Liquidity Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower to be less than 1.00 to 1.00.
- (d) **Minimum Tangible Net Worth.** Permit Tangible Net Worth at any time to be less than the sum of (i) \$211,691,051, (ii) an amount equal to 50% of the Net Income earned in each full fiscal quarter ending after September 30, 2020 (with no deduction for a net loss in any such fiscal quarter) and (iii) an amount equal to 50% of the aggregate increases in shareholders' equity of the Consolidated Group after the date hereof by reason of the issuance and sale of Equity Interests of the members of the Consolidated Group (other than issuances to Borrower or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary), including upon any conversion of debt securities of any member of the Consolidated Group into such Equity Interests.
 - (e) Maximum Risk Assets Ratio. Permit the Risk Assets Ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower to be less than 1.00 to 1.00.
- (f) **Investments in Unconsolidated Affiliates.** Permit the aggregate amount of Investments of the Consolidated Group in Unconsolidated Affiliates to exceed 15% of Tangible Net Worth as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower.
- (g) **Maximum Non-Recourse Indebtedness.** Permit the aggregate amount of Non-Recourse Indebtedness of the Consolidated Group to exceed 15% of Tangible Net Worth as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of Borrower.
- 7 . 1 4 Sanctions. Directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person, to fund any activities of or business with any Person that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions, or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any Person (including any Person participating in the transaction, whether as Lender, Arranger, Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer, or otherwise) of Sanctions.
- 7.15 Anti-Corruption Laws. Directly or indirectly use the proceeds of any Credit Extension for any purpose which would breach the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions.

VIII. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.

- 8.01 **Events of Default**. Any of the following shall constitute an event of default (each, an 'Event of Default'):
- (a) Non-Payment. Borrower or any other Loan Party fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid herein, any amount of principal of any Loan or any L/C Obligation, or (ii) within three days after the same becomes due, any interest on any Loan or on any L/C Obligation, or any fee due hereunder, or (iii) any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, in the case of this *clause (iii)*, within five Business Days after written notice from Administrative Agent; or

- (b) Specific Covenants. Any member of the Consolidated Group fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of Section 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05, 6.10, 6.11 or 6.12 or Article VII; or
- (c) Other Defaults. Any member of the Consolidated Group fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in *subsection* (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for 30 days; or
- (d) Representations and Warranties. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of Borrower or any other Loan Party herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be materially incorrect or misleading when made or deemed made; or
- Cross-Default. (i) Any member of the Consolidated Group (A) fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) beyond any applicable cure period in respect of any Indebtedness or Guarantee (other than Indebtedness hereunder and Indebtedness under Swap Contracts) having an aggregate principal amount (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) of more than the Threshold Amount, or (B) fails to observe or perform beyond any applicable cure period any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or Guarantee or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Guarantee (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which any member of the Consolidated Group is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Swap Contract as to which any member of the Consolidated Group is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by such member of the Consolidated Group as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount; or
- (f) Insolvency Proceedings, Etc. Any member of the Consolidated Group institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for 60 calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for 60 calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or

- (g) Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment. (i) Any member of the Consolidated Group becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within 30 days after its issue or levy; or
- (h) **Judgments**. There is entered against any member of the Consolidated Group (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments or orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance as to which the insurer does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of 10 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; or
- (i) ERISA. (i) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of any member of the Consolidated Group under *Title IV* of ERISA to the Pension Plan, Multiemployer Plan or the PBGC in an aggregate amount in excess of the Threshold Amount, or (ii) Any member of the Consolidated Group fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under *Section 4201* of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan in an aggregate amount in excess of the Threshold Amount; or
- (j) Invalidity of Loan Documents. Any provision of any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect; or any Loan Party or any other Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document; or any Loan Party denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any provision of any Loan Document; or
 - (k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control; or
- (1) Stock Exchange Listing. Borrower's common Equity Interests shall cease to be traded on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, or other nationally recognized exchange reasonably acceptable to Required Lenders.
- 8 . 0 2 Remedies Upon Event of Default If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:
 - (a) declare the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
 - (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Borrower;

- (c) require that Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount with respect thereto); and
- (d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers all rights and remedies available to it, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers under the Loan Documents;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an event described in Section 8.01(f), the obligation of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of Administrative Agent or any Lender.

8.03 **Application of Funds**. After the exercise of remedies provided for in *Section 8.02* (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to *Section 8.02*), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall, subject to the provisions of *Sections 2.15* and *2.16*, be applied by Administrative Agent in the following order:

First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Administrative Agent and amounts payable under Article III) payable to Administrative Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, interest and Letter of Credit Fees) payable to the Lenders and the L/C Issuers (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuers (including fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of any Lender or any L/C Issuer) and amounts payable under Article III), ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Second payable to them;

Third, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Letter of Credit Fees and interest on the Loans, L/C Borrowings and other Obligations, ratably among the Lenders and the L/C Issuers in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Third payable to them;

Fourth, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings, ratably among the Lenders and the L/C Issuers in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth held by them;

Fifth, to Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable L/C Issuer, to Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit to the extent not otherwise Cash Collateralized by Borrower pursuant to Sections 2.03 and 2.15; and

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

Subject to Sections 2.03(c) and 2.15, amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause Fifth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

- Appointment and Authority. Each of the Lenders and each L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this *Article IX* are solely for the benefit of Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers, and no member of the Consolidated Group shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to Administrative Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any Applicable Law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.
- Rights as a Lender. The Person serving as Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.
- 9.03 **Exculpatory Provisions.** Administrative Agent or the Arrangers, as applicable, shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Administrative Agent or the Arrangers, as applicable:
 - (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing
 - (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided that Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or Applicable Law, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law;
 - (c) shall not have any duty or responsibility to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, to any Lender or any L/C Issuer, any credit or other information concerning the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition or creditworthiness of any of the Loan Parties or any of their Affiliates, that is communicated to, obtained or in the possession of, Administrative Agent, Arrangers or any of their Related Parties in any capacity, except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by Administrative Agent herein;

- (d) shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in **Sections 10.01** and **8.02**) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment. Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given in writing to Administrative Agent by Borrower, a Lender or an L/C Issuer; and
- (e) shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in *Article IV* or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to Administrative Agent.
- Reliance by Administrative Agent. Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or an L/C Issuer, Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or such L/C Issuer unless Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or such L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.
- Delegation of Duties. Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub agents appointed by Administrative Agent. Administrative Agent and any such sub agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article IX shall apply to any such sub agent and to the Related Parties of Administrative Agent and any such sub agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Administrative Agent. Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and non-appealable judgment that Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

9.06 Resignation of Administrative Agent.

- (a) Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the L/C Issuers and Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with Borrower (so long as no Event of Default exists), to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) on behalf of the Lenders and the L/C Issuers, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above, provided that in no event shall any such successor Administrative Agent be a Defaulting Lender. Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.
- (b) If the Person serving as Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to *clause (d)* of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, by notice in writing to Borrower and such Person remove such Person as Administrative Agent and, in consultation with Borrower (so long as no Event of Default exists), appoint a successor. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "*Removal Effective Date*"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.
- with effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable) (1) the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and (2) except for any indemnity payments or other amounts then owed to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent, all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and each L/C Issuer directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or removed) Administrative Agent (other than as provided in Section 3.01(g) and other than any rights to indemnity payments or other amounts owed to the retiring or removed Administrative Agent as of the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date, as applicable), and the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section 9.06). The fees payable by Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between Borrower and such successor. After the retiring or removed Administrative Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article IX and Section 10.04 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent and (ii) after such resignation or removal for as long as any of them (i) while the retiring or removed Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent and (iii) after such resignation or removal

- (d) Any resignation or removal by Bank of America as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 9.06 shall also constitute its resignation as an L/C Issuer. If Bank of America resigns as an L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of an L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as an L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to Section 2.03(c). Upon the appointment by Borrower of a successor L/C Issuer hereunder (which successor shall in all cases be a Lender other than a Defaulting Lender), (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, as applicable, (b) the retiring L/C Issuer shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (c) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.
- Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Other Lenders. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer expressly acknowledges that none of Administrative Agent nor any Arranger has made any representation or warranty to it, and that no act by Administrative Agent or any Arranger hereafter taken, including any consent to, and acceptance of any assignment or review of the affairs of any Loan Party of any Affiliate thereof, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by Administrative Agent or any Arranger to any Lender or each L/C Issuer as to any matter, including whether Administrative Agent or any Arranger have disclosed material information in their (or their Related Parties') possession. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer represents to Administrative Agent and each Arranger that it has, independently and without reliance upon Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis of, appraisal of, and investigation into, the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, and all applicable bank or other regulatory Laws relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to extend credit to Borrower hereunder. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon Administrative Agent, any Arranger, any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder, and to make such investigations as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer represents and warrants that (i) the Loan Documents set forth the terms of a commercial lending facility and (ii) it is engaged in making, acquiring or holding commercial loans in the ordinary course and is entering into this Agreement as a Lender or L/C Issuer for the purpose of making, acquiring or holding commercial loans and providing other facilities set forth herein as may be applicable to such Lender or L/C Issuer, and not for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring or holding any other type of financial instrument, and each Lender and each L/C Issuer agrees not to assert a claim in contravention of the foregoing. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer represents and warrants that it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to make, acquire and/or hold commercial loans and to provide other facilities set forth herein, as may be applicable to such Lender or such L/C Issuer, and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to make, acquire and/or hold such commercial loans or to provide such other facilities, is experienced in making, acquiring or holding such commercial loans or providing such other facilities.
- 9.08 **No Other Duties, Etc.** Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Bookrunners, Arrangers or other titles listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as Administrative Agent, a Lender or an L/C Issuer hereunder.

- 9.09 Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise
 - (a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the L/C Issuers and Administrative Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the L/C Issuers and Administrative Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders, the L/C Issuers and Administrative Agent under Sections 2.03(i) and 10.04) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
 - (b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and each L/C Issuer to make such payments to Administrative Agent and, in the event that Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the L/C Issuers, to pay to Administrative Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of Administrative Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due Administrative Agent under *Section 10.04*.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or any L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or any L/C Issuer to authorize Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or any L/C Issuer in any such proceeding.

9.10 **Guaranty Matters.** Without limiting the provisions of **Section 9.09**, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers irrevocably authorize Administrative Agent, at its option and in its discretion, to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty if such Person ceases to be required to be a Guarantor as a result of a transaction permitted under the Loan Documents.

Upon request by Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing Administrative Agent's authority to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this Section 9.10.

9.11 Certain ERISA Matters.

- (a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:
 - (i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments or this Agreement,

- (ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84-14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95-60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90-1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96-23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement,
- (iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of *Part VI* of PTE 84-14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of *subsections* (b) through (g) of *Part I* of PTE 84-14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of *subsection* (a) of *Part I* of PTE 84-14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement, or
- (iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.
- (b) In addition, unless either (1) subclause (i) in the immediately preceding clause (a) is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with subclause (iv) in the immediately preceding clause (a), such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of Borrower or any other Loan Party, that Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

X. MISCELLANEOUS.

- Amendments, Etc. Subject to Section 3.03(c) and the last paragraph of this Section 10.01, no amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by Borrower or any other Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and Borrower or the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by Administrative Agent, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, however, that no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:
 - (a) waive any condition set forth in Section 4.01(a) without the written consent of each Lender;

- (b) extend or increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to **Section 8.02**) without the written consent of such Lender;
- (c) postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
- (d) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to the second proviso to this Section 10.01) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or change the manner of computation of any financial ratio (including any change in any applicable defined term) used in determining the Applicable Rate that would result in a reduction of any interest rate on any Loan or any fee payable hereunder without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby, provided, however, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to (i) amend the definition of "Default Rate", (ii) waive any obligation of Borrower to pay interest or Letter of Credit Fees at the Default Rate or (iii) amend any financial covenant in the Loan Documents, including Section 7.13, (or any defined term used therein) even if the effect of such amendment would be to reduce the rate of interest on any Loan or L/C Borrowing or to reduce any fee payable under the Loan Documents);
- (e) without the written consent of each Lender, (i) change **Section 2.12**, **Section 8.03**, or any other provision hereof in a manner that would have the effect of altering the ratable reduction of Commitments or the pro rata sharing of payments otherwise required hereunder; (ii) subordinate, or have the effect of subordinating, the Obligations hereunder to any other Indebtedness or other obligation; and (iii) release, or have the effect of releasing, all or substantially all of the value of the Obligations;
- (f) change any provision of this *Section* or the definition of "*Required Lenders*" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender; or
- (g) release all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranties without the written consent of each Lender, except to the extent the release of any Guarantor is permitted pursuant to **Section 9.10** (in which case such release may be made by Administrative Agent acting alone);

and, provided, further, that (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by each L/C Issuer in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of each L/C Issuer under this Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it; (ii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by Administrative Agent in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; and (iii) any Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (and any amendment, waiver or consent which by its terms requires the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender may be effected with the consent of the applicable Lenders other than Defaulting Lenders), except that (x) the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender may not be increased or extended or the maturity of any of its Loans may not be extended, the rate of interest on any of its Loans may not be reduced and the principal amount of any of its Loans may not be forgiven, in each case without the consent of such Defaulting Lender more adversely relative to other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, this Agreement may be amended with the written consent of the Required Lenders, Administrative Agent and Borrower (i) to add one or more additional revolving credit or term loan facilities to this Agreement, in each case subject to the limitations in *Section 2.14*, and to permit the extensions of credit and all related obligations and liabilities arising in connection therewith from time to time outstanding to share ratably (or on a basis subordinated to the existing facilities hereunder) in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents with the obligations and liabilities from time to time outstanding in respect of the existing facilities hereunder, and (ii) in connection with the foregoing, to permit, as deemed appropriate by Administrative Agent and approved by the Required Lenders, the Lenders providing such additional credit facilities to participate in any required vote or action required to be approved by the Required Lenders or by any other number, percentage or class of Lenders hereunder.

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if Administrative Agent and Borrower acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including the schedules and exhibits thereto), then Administrative Agent and Borrower shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect, and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement.

10.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communication.

- (a) **Notices Generally**. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in *clause (b)* below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by electronic mail as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:
 - (i) if to Borrower or any other Loan Party, Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer, to the address, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on *Schedule 10.02*; and
 - (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire (including, as appropriate, notices delivered solely to the Person designated by a Lender on its Administrative Questionnaire then in effect for the delivery of notices that may contain material non-public information relating to Borrower).

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by e-mail shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in sub *clause (b)* below, shall be effective as provided in such *clause (b)*.

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the L/C Issuers hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e mail, FpML messaging, and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by Administrative Agent, provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or any L/C Issuer pursuant to Article II if such Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable, has notified Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article II by electronic communication. Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or Borrower may each, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing *clause* (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; *provided* that, for both *clauses* (i) and (ii), if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice, email or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient.

- (c) The Platform. THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to Borrower, any Lender, any L/C Issuer or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of Borrower's, any Loan Party's or Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials or notices through the Platform, any other electronic platform or electronic messaging service, or through the Internet.
- Change of Address, Etc. Each of Borrower, Administrative Agent, and each L/C Issuer may change its address, facsimile or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, facsimile or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to Borrower, Administrative Agent and each L/C Issuer. In addition, each Lender agrees to notify Administrative Agent from time to time to ensure that Administrative Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, facsimile number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender. Furthermore, each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the "Private Side Information" or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender's compliance procedures and Applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Laws, to make reference to Borrower Materials that are not made available through the "Public Side Information" portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities laws.

- Reliance by Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders. Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic notices, Loan Notices and Letter of Credit Applications) purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Loan Parties shall indemnify Administrative Agent, each L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with Administrative Agent may be recorded by Administrative Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.
- No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement. No failure by any Lender, any L/C Issuer or Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided, and provided under each other Loan Document, are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the authority to enforce rights and remedies hereunder and under the other Loan Documents against the Loan Parties or any of them shall be vested exclusively in, and all actions and proceedings at law in connection with such enforcement shall be instituted and maintained exclusively by, Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 8.02 for the benefit of all the Lenders and the L/C Issuers; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit (a) Administrative Agent from exercising on its own behalf the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Administrative Agent) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (b) any L/C Issuer from exercising the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as L/C Issuer) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (c) any Lender from exercising setoff rights in accordance with Section 10.08 (subject to the terms of Section 2.12), or (d) any Lender from filing proofs of claim or appearing and filing pleadings on its own behalf during the pendency of a proceeding relative to any Loan Party under any Debtor Relief Law; and provided, further, that if at any time there is no Person acting as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, then (i) the Required Lenders shall have the rights otherwise ascribed to Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 8.02 and (ii) in addition to the matters set forth in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of the preceding proviso and subject to Section 2.12, any Lender may, with the consent of the Required Lenders, enforce any rights and remedies available to it and as authorized by the Required Lenders.

10.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) Costs and Expenses. Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for Administrative Agent) in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the L/C Issuers in connection with the issuance, amendment, extension, reinstatement or renewal of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out of pocket expenses incurred by Administrative Agent, any Lender or any L/C Issuer (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for Administrative Agent, any Lender or any L/C Issuer) in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with his Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section 10.04, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out of pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

- Indemnification by Borrower. Borrower shall indemnify Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Arranger, each Lender and each L/C Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee) incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any Person (including Borrower or any other Loan Party) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of Administrative Agent (and any sub agent thereof) and its Related Parties only, the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including in respect of any matters addressed in Section 3.01), (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by any L/C Issuer to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by Borrower or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto, IN ALL CASES, WHETHER OR NOT CAUSED BY OR ARISING, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OUT OF THE COMPARATIVE, CONTRIBUTORY OR SOLE NEGLIGENCE OF THE INDEMNITEE; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee or (y) result from a claim not involving an act or omission of Borrower and that is brought by an Indemnitee against another Indemnitee (other than against an Arranger or Administrative Agent in their capacities as such). Without limiting the provisions of Section 3.01(c), this Section 10.04(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.
- Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that Borrower for any reason fails to indefeasibly pay any amount required underclauses (a) or (b) of this Section 10.04 to be paid by it to Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), any L/C Issuer, or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), such L/C Issuer or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's pro rata share (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought based on each Lender's share of the Total Credit Exposure at such time) of such unpaid amount (including any such unpaid amount in respect of a claim asserted by such Lender), such payment to be made severally among them based on such Lenders' Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought), provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), such L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or such L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.11(d).

- Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, Borrower shall not assert, and hereby waives, and acknowledges that no other Person shall have, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in clause (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.
 - (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section 10.04 shall be payable not later than ten Business Days after demand therefor.
- (f) Survival. The agreements in this Section 10.04 and the indemnity provisions of Section 10.02(e) shall survive the resignation of Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.
- 10.05 **Payments Set Aside**. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of Borrower is made to Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Lender, or Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by Administrative Agent, such L/C Issuer or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and each L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the L/C Issuers under *clause (b)* of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

10.06 Successors and Assigns.

(a) Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that neither Borrower nor any other Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Administrative Agent and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this Section, or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions ofsubsection (e) of this Section (and on the attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in clause (d) of this Section 10.06 and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

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

(i) Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and/or the Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds (determined after giving effect to such Assignments) that equal at least the amount specified in *clause (b)(i)(B)* of this *Section 10.06* in the aggregate or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in *clause* (b)(i)(A) of this Section 10.06, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000 unless each of Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (ii) **Proportionate Amounts**. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned, except that this *clause (ii)* shall not prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations among the revolving credit facility provided hereunder and any separate revolving credit provided pursuant to the second to last paragraph of *Section 10.01* on a non-pro rata basis;
- (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by clause (b)(i)(B) of this Section 10.06 and, in addition:
 - (A) the consent of Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (1) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; *provided* that Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to Administrative Agent within five Business Days after having received notice thereof; and *provided*, *further*, that Borrower's consent shall not be required during the primary syndication of the credit facility provided herein;

- (B) the consent of Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender; and
 - (C) the consent of each L/C Issuer shall be required for any assignment.
- (iv) Assignment and Assumption. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; provided, however, that Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.
- (v) **No Assignment to Certain Persons**. No such assignment shall be made (A) to Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (B) to any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this *clause* (B), or (C) to a natural Person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of one or more natural Persons).
- (vi) Certain Additional Payments. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of Borrower and Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and obligations in Letters of Credit in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under Applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this *clause (vi)*, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

- (vii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by Administrative Agent pursuant to *clause* (c) of this *Section 10.06*, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of *Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05*, and 10.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; *provided* that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender. Upon request, Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this *clause* (b) shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with *clause* (d) of this *Section 10.06*.
- Register. Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of Borrower (and such agency being solely for Tax purposes), shall maintain at Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it (or the equivalent thereof in electronic form) and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and Borrower, Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- Participations. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, Borrower or Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person, or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of one or more natural Persons, a Defaulting Lender or Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations) owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) Borrower, Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 10.04(c) without regard to the existence of any participation.

Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to Section 10.01 that affects such Participant. Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 3.05 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 10.06 (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 3.01(e) shall be delivered to the Lender who sells the participation) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 10.06; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 3.06 and 10.13 as if it were an assignee under clause (b) of this Section 10.06 and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 3.01 or 3.04, with respect to any participation, than the Lender from whom it acquired the applicable participation would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 3.06 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 10.08 as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.12 as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

- (e) **Certain Pledges**. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; *provided* that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (f) Resignation as L/C Issuer after Assignment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time any L/C Issuer assigns all of its Commitment and Loans pursuant to *clause* (b) above, such L/C Issuer may, upon 30 days' notice to Administrative Agent, Borrower and the Lenders, resign as an L/C Issuer. In the event of any such resignation as an L/C Issuer, Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor L/C Issuer hereunder; provided, however, that no failure by Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of the applicable L/C Issuer as an L/C Issuer. If the applicable L/C Issuer resigns as an L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of an L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit issued by it and outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as an L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto (including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to Section 2.03(c)). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C Issuer, (x) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and (y) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the applicable retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality. Each of Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates, its auditors and its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent required or requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over such Person or its Related Parties (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 10.07, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or any Eligible Assignee invited to be a Lender pursuant to Section 2.14(c) or Section 10.01 or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (g) on a confidential basis to (i) any rating agency in connection with rating Borrower or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided hereunder or (ii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the application, issuance, publishing and monitoring of CUSIP numbers or other market identifiers with respect to the credit facilities provided hereunder, (h) with the consent of Borrower or (i) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 10.07, (y) becomes available to Administrative Agent, any Lender, any L/C Issuer or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than Borrower or (z) is independently discovered or developed by a party hereto without utilizing any Information received from Borrower or violating the terms of this Section 10.07. In addition, Administrative Agent and the Lenders may disclose the existence of this Agreement and information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry and service providers to Administrative Agent and the Lenders in connection with the administration of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and the Commitments.

For purposes of this **Section 10.07**, "**Information**" means all information received from Borrower or any Subsidiary relating to Borrower or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to Administrative Agent, any Lender or any L/C Issuer on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by Borrower or any Subsidiary, provided that, in the case of information received from Borrower or any Subsidiary after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this **Section 10.07** shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

Each of Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuers acknowledges that (a) the Information may include material non-public information concerning Borrower or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (b) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and (c) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with Applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Laws.

- Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, each L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, such L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of any Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or such L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender, L/C Issuer or Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of such Lender or such L/C Issuer different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.16 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender, each L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and each L/C Issuer agrees to notify Borrower and Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, p
- Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by Applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If Administrative Agent or any Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by Administrative Agent or a Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.
- 10.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement, the other Loan Documents, and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer, constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by Administrative Agent and when Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic imaging means (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.
- Survival of Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by Administrative Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by Administrative Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that Administrative Agent or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of any Credit Extension, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding.

- 10.12 **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this **Section 10.12**, if and to the extent that the enforceability of any provisions in this Agreement relating to Defaulting Lenders shall be limited by Debtor Relief Laws, as determined in good faith by Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer, as applicable, then such provisions shall be deemed to be in effect only to the extent not so limited.
- Replacement of Lenders. If Borrower is entitled to replace a Lender pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.06, or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender or if any other circumstance exists hereunder that gives Borrower the right to replace a Lender as a party hereto, then Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 10.06), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Sections 3.01 and 3.04) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:
 - (a) Borrower shall have paid to Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in Section 10.06(b);
 - (b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and L/C Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under *Section 3.05*) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
 - (c) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under Section 3.04 or payments required to be made pursuant to Section 3.01, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;
 - (d) such assignment does not conflict with Applicable Laws; and
 - (e) in the case of an assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent.

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

Each party hereto agrees that (a) an assignment required pursuant to this Section 10.13 may be effected pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption executed by Borrower, Administrative Agent and the assignee and (b) the Lender required to make such assignment need not be a party thereto in order for such assignment to be effective and shall be deemed to have consented to an be bound by the terms thereof; provided that, following the effectiveness of any such assignment, the other parties to such assignment agree to execute and deliver such documents necessary to evidence such assignment as reasonably requested by the applicable Lender, provided, further that any such documents shall be without recourse to or warranty by the parties thereto.

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 10.13 to the contrary, (i) any Lender that acts as an L/C Issuer may not be replaced hereunder at any time it has any Letter of Credit outstanding hereunder unless arrangements satisfactory to such Lender (including the furnishing of a backstop standby letter of credit in form and substance, and issued by an issuer, reasonably satisfactory to such L/C Issuer or the depositing of cash collateral into a cash collateral account in amounts and pursuant to arrangements reasonably satisfactory to such L/C Issuer) have been made with respect to such outstanding Letter of Credit and (ii) the Lender that acts as Administrative Agent may not be replaced hereunder except in accordance with the terms of Section 9.06.

10.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (EXCEPT, AS TO ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN) AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- (b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT IT WILL NOT COMMENCE ANY ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION, WHETHER IN LAW OR EQUITY, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY LENDER, ANY L/C ISSUER, OR ANY RELATED PARTY OF THE FOREGOING IN ANY WAY RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATING HERETO OR THERETO, IN ANY FORUM OTHER THAN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY LENDER OR ANY L/C ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST ANY LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.
- (c) WAIVER OF VENUE. BORROWER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN CLAUSE (b) OF THIS SECTION 10.14. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

- (d) **SERVICE OF PROCESS.** EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN *SECTION 10.02*. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.
- 1 0 . 1 5 **Waiver of Jury Trial**. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (a) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (b) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS **SECTION 10.15**.
- No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document), Borrower acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i)(A) the arranging and other services regarding this Agreement provided by Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, and the Lenders are arm's-length commercial transactions between each Loan Party and its respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, and the Lenders, on the other hand, (B) each Loan Party has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and (C) each Loan Party is capable of evaluating, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents; (ii) (A) Administrative Agent, each Arranger, and each Lender is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for any Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) neither Administrative Agent, the Arrangers nor any Lender has any obligation to any Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; and (iii) Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and their Affiliates, and neither Administrative Agent, nor any Arranger, nor any Lender has any obligation to disclose any of such interests to the Loan Parties or any of their Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Borrower hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against Administrative Agent, any Arranger or any Lender with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection wit

10.17 Electronic Execution of Assignments and Certain Other Documents.

- (a) The words "execute," "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in or related to any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby (including Assignment and Assumptions, amendments or other modifications, Loan Notices, waivers and consents) shall be deemed to include Electronic Signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by Administrative Agent, or any other Electronic Record.
- This Agreement and any document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice, certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement (each a "Communication"), including Communications required to be in writing, may be in the form of an Electronic Record and may be executed using Electronic Signatures. Borrower agrees that any Electronic Signature on or associated with any Communication shall be valid and binding on Borrower to the same extent as a manual, original signature, and that any Communication entered into by Electronic Signature, will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of Borrower enforceable against such in accordance with the terms thereof to the same extent as if a manually executed original signature was delivered. Any Communication may be executed in as many counterparts as necessary or convenient, including both paper and electronic counterparts, but all such counterparts are one and the same Communication. For the avoidance of doubt, the authorization under this paragraph may include use or acceptance by Administrative Agent, any Lender, or any L/C Issuer of a manually signed paper Communication which has been converted into electronic form (such as scanned into PDF format), or an electronically signed Communication converted into another format, for transmission, delivery and/or retention. Each of Administrative Agent, each Lender, and each L/C Issuer may, at its option, create one or more copies of any Communication in the form of an imaged Electronic Record ("Electronic Copy"), which shall be deemed created in the ordinary course of the such Person's business, and destroy the original paper document. All Communications in the form of an Electronic Record, including an Electronic Copy, shall be considered an original for all purposes, and shall have the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as a paper record. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Administrative Agent is under no obligation to accept an Electronic Signature in any form or in any format unless expressly agreed to by Administrative Agent pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, that, without limiting the foregoing, (a) to the extent Administrative Agent has agreed to accept such Electronic Signature, Administrative Agent, each Lender, and each L/C Issuer shall be entitled to rely on any such Electronic Signature purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower without further verification and (b) upon the request of Administrative Agent, any Lender, or any L/C Issuer, any Electronic Signature shall be promptly followed by such manually executed counterpart. For purposes hereof, "Electronic Record" and "Electronic Signature" shall have the meanings assigned to them, respectively, by 15 USC Sec. 7006, as it may be amended from time to time.
- 10.18 USA PATRIOT Act. Each Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) and Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (*Title III* of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of each such Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender or Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify such Loan Party in accordance with the Act. Each Loan Party shall, promptly following a request by Administrative Agent or any Lender, provide all documentation and other information that Administrative Agent or such Lender requests in order to comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Act.

- 10.19 **Time of the Essence**. Time is of the essence of the Loan Documents.
- 10.20 **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES.
- Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions. Solely to the extent any Lender or L/C Issuer that is an Affected Financial Institution is a party to this Agreement and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Lender or L/C Issuer that is an Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:
 - (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any Lender or L/C Issuer that is an Affected Financial Institution; and
 - (b) the effects of any Bail-In Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
 - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
 - (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
 - (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.
- Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for any Swap Contract or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, "QFC Credit Support", and each such QFC, a "Supported QFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):
 - (a) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a "Covered Party") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

- (b) As used in this **Section 10.22**, the following terms have the following meanings:
- "BHC Act Affiliate" of a party means an "affiliate" (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.
- "Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Sec. 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Sec. 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Sec. 382.2(b).
- "Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. Secs. 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.
 - "QFC" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).
- 10.23 **Keepwell**. Each Loan Party that is a Qualified ECP Guarantor at the time any Guaranty, in each case, by any Specified Loan Party, becomes effective with respect to any Swap Obligation, hereby jointly and severally, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support to each Specified Loan Party with respect to such Swap Obligation as may be needed by such Specified Loan Party from time to time to honor all of its obligations under its Guaranty and the other Loan Documents in respect of such Swap Obligation (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering such Qualified ECP Guarantor's obligations and undertakings under this **Section** voidable under Applicable Law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this **Section** shall remain in full force and effect until the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid and performed in full. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor intends this **Section** to constitute, and this **Section** shall be deemed to constitute, a guarantee of the obligations of, and a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of, each Specified Loan Party for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.
- 10.24 **Florida Administrative Code**. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, pursuant to Section 12B-4, Florida Administrative Code, the terms and provisions of the Note are expressly not incorporated herein by reference to this Loan Agreement.

Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank; Signature Page(s) to Follow. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

BORROWER:

DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick Zalupski

Name: Patrick Zalupski Title: President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ William Campano

Name: William Campano
Title: Senior Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender and an L/C Issuer

By: /s/ William Campano

Name: William Campano
Title: Senior Vice President

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION d/b/a HOUSING CAPITAL COMPANY, as a Lender and an L/C Issuer

By: /s/ Rhonda Harold

Name: Rhonda Harold Title: Vice President

AMERIS BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ Steve T. Felske

Name: Steve T. Felske Title: Vice President

ZIONS BANCORPORATION, N.A. DBA VECTRA BANK COLORADO, as a Lender

By:

/s/ Shane Frazier

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UNITED BANK, as a Lender

By:

Name: Thomas Van Lierde
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ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Brian Gross

Name: Brian Gross Title: Authorized Signatory

SYNOVUS BANK, as a Lender

By: /s/ Michael Sawicki

Name: Michael Sawicki Title: Director, Corporate Banking

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, as a Lender

By: /s/ Drew Szilagyi

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TEXAS CAPITAL BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By:

/s/ Misty Lieb-Bannatyne
Name: Misty Lieb-Banatyne
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DREAM FINDERS HOMES, INC.

2021 Equity Incentive Plan

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

The Plan's purpose is to enhance the Company's ability to attract, retain and motivate persons who make (or are expected to make) important contributions to the Company by providing these individuals with equity ownership opportunities. Capitalized terms used in the Plan and not defined elsewhere in the text are defined in Article XI.

ARTICLE II. ELIGIBILITY

Service Providers are eligible to be granted Awards under the Plan, subject to the limitations described herein.

ARTICLE III. ADMINISTRATION AND DELEGATION

- 3.1 Administration. The Plan is administered by the Administrator. The Administrator has authority to determine which Service Providers receive Awards, grant Awards and set Award terms and conditions, subject to the conditions and limitations in the Plan. The Administrator also has the authority to take all actions and make all determinations under the Plan, to interpret the Plan and Award Agreements and to adopt, amend and repeal Plan administrative rules, guidelines and practices as it deems advisable. The Administrator may correct defects and ambiguities, supply omissions and reconcile inconsistencies in the Plan or any Award as it deems necessary or appropriate to administer the Plan and any Awards. The Administrator's determinations under the Plan are in its sole discretion and will be final and binding on all persons having or claiming any interest in the Plan or any Award.
- 3.2 <u>Appointment of Committees.</u> To the extent Applicable Laws permit, the Board may delegate any or all of its powers under the Plan to one or more Committees or officers of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; provided, that, any such officer delegation shall exclude the power to grant Awards to non-employee Directors or Section 16 Persons. The Board may abolish any Committee and/or re-vest in itself any previously delegated authority at any time. The Board or Committee, as applicable, may engage or authorize the engagement of a third party administrator to carry out the administrative functions of the Plan.

ARTICLE IV. STOCK AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS

- 4.1 Number of Shares. Subject to adjustment under Article VIII and the terms of this Article IV, the maximum number of shares that may be issued pursuant to Awards under the Plan shall be equal to the Overall Share Limit. Shares issued under the Plan may consist of authorized but unissued Shares, Shares purchased on the open market or treasury Shares.
- 4.2 <u>Share Recycling.</u> If all or any part of an Award expires, lapses or is terminated, exchanged for or settled in cash, surrendered, repurchased, canceled without having been fully exercised or forfeited, in any case, in a manner that results in the Company acquiring Shares covered by the Award at a price not greater than the price (as adjusted to reflect any Equity Restructuring) paid by the Participant for such Shares or not issuing any Shares covered by the Award, the unused Shares covered by the Award will, as applicable, become or again be available for Award grants under the Plan. Further, Shares delivered (either by actual delivery or attestation) to the Company by a Participant to satisfy the applicable exercise or purchase price of an Award and/or to satisfy any applicable tax withholding obligation (including Shares retained by the Company from the Award being exercised or purchased and/or creating the tax obligation) will again be available for Award grants under the Plan. The payment of Dividend Equivalents in cash in conjunction with any outstanding Awards will not count against the Overall Share Limit.

- 4.3 <u>Incentive Stock Option Limitations.</u> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, all Shares that may be issued pursuant to Awards under the Plan may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options.
- 4.4 Substitute Awards. In connection with an entity's merger or consolidation with the Company or the Company's acquisition of an entity's property or stock, the Administrator may grant Awards in substitution for any options or other stock or stock-based awards granted before such merger or consolidation by such entity or its affiliate. Substitute Awards may be granted on such terms as the Administrator deems appropriate, notwithstanding limitations on Awards in the Plan. Substitute Awards will not count against the Overall Share Limit (nor shall Shares subject to a Substitute Award be added to the Shares available for Awards under the Plan as provided above), except that Shares acquired by exercise of substitute Incentive Stock Options will count against the maximum number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options under the Plan. Additionally, in the event that a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines has shares available under a pre-existing plan approved by stockholders and not adopted in contemplation of such acquisition or combination, the shares available for grant pursuant to the terms of such pre-existing plan (as adjusted, to the extent appropriate, using the exchange ratio or other adjustment or valuation ratio or formula used in such acquisition or combination to determine the consideration payable to the holders of common stock of the entities party to such acquisition or combination) may be used for Awards under the Plan and shall not reduce the Shares authorized for grant under the Plan (and Shares subject to such Awards shall not be added to the Shares available for Awards under the Plan as provided above); provided that Awards using such available shares shall not be made after the date awards or grants could have been made under the terms of the pre-existing plan, absent the acquisition or combination, and shall only be made to individuals who were not Employees, Consultants or Directors prior
- 4.5 <u>Non-Employee Director Compensation.</u> Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Plan, the Administrator may establish compensation for non-employee Directors from time to time, subject to the limitations in the Plan. The sum of any cash compensation, or other compensation, and the value (determined as of the grant date in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or any successor thereto) of Awards granted to a non-employee Director as compensation for services as a non-employee Director during any fiscal year of the Company may not exceed \$400,000 (the "Director Limit").

ARTICLE V. STOCK OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS

5.1 General. The Administrator may grant Options or Stock Appreciation Rights to Service Providers subject to the limitations in the Plan, including any limitations in the Plan that apply to Incentive Stock Options. A Stock Appreciation Right will entitle the Participant (or other person entitled to exercise the Stock Appreciation Right) to receive from the Company upon exercise of the exercisable portion of the Stock Appreciation Right an amount determined by multiplying the excess, if any, of the Fair Market Value of one Share on the date of exercise over the exercise price per Share of the Stock Appreciation Right by the number of Shares with respect to which the Stock Appreciation Right is exercised, subject to any limitations of the Plan or that the Administrator may impose and payable in cash, Shares valued at Fair Market Value or a combination of the two as the Administrator may determine or provide in the Award Agreement.

- 5.2 Exercise Price. The Administrator will establish each Option's and Stock Appreciation Right's exercise price and specify the exercise price in the Award Agreement. The exercise price will not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value on the grant date of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right (subject to Section 5.6). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of an Option or a Stock Appreciation Right that is a Substitute Award, the exercise price per share of the Shares subject to such Option or Stock Appreciation Right, as applicable, may be less than the Fair Market Value per share on the date of grant; provided that the exercise price of any Substitute Award shall be determined in accordance with the applicable requirements of Sections 424 and 409A of the Code.
- 5.3 <u>Duration</u>. Each Option or Stock Appreciation Right will be exercisable at such times and as specified in the Award Agreement, provided that the term of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right will not exceed ten years (subject to Section 5.6). Notwithstanding the foregoing and unless determined otherwise by the Company, in the event that on the last business day of the term of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right (other than an Incentive Stock Option) (i) the exercise of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right is prohibited by Applicable Law, as determined by the Company, or (ii) Shares may not be purchased or sold by the applicable Participant due to any Company insider trading policy (including blackout periods) or a "lock-up" agreement undertaken in connection with an issuance of securities by the Company, the term of the Option or Stock Appreciation Right shall be extended until the date that is thirty (30) days after the end of the legal prohibition, black-out period or lock-up agreement, as determined by the Company; provided, however, in no event shall the extension last beyond the ten year term of the applicable Option or Stock Appreciation Right. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent permitted under Applicable Laws, if the Participant, prior to the end of the term of an Option or Stock Appreciation Right violates the non-competition, non-solicitation, confidentiality or other similar restrictive covenant provisions of any employment contract, confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement or other agreement between the Participant and the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the right of the Participant and the Participant's transferees to exercise any Option or Stock Appreciation Right issued to the Participant shall terminate immediately upon such violation, unless the Company otherwise determines.
- 5.4 <u>Exercise.</u> Options and Stock Appreciation Rights may be exercised by delivering to the Company a written notice of exercise, in a form the Administrator approves (which may be electronic), signed by the person authorized to exercise the Option or Stock Appreciation Right, together with, as applicable, payment in full (i) as specified in Section 5.5 for the number of Shares for which the Award is exercised and (ii) as specified in Section 9.5 for any applicable taxes. Unless the Administrator otherwise determines, an Option or Stock Appreciation Right may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.
- 5.5 <u>Payment Upon Exercise.</u> Subject to Section 10.8, any Company insider trading policy (including blackout periods) and Applicable Laws, the exercise price of an Option must be paid by:
- (a) cash, wire transfer of immediately available funds or by check payable to the order of the Company, provided that the Company may limit the use of one of the foregoing payment forms if one or more of the payment forms below is permitted;
 - (b) if there is a public market for Shares at the time of exercise, unless the Company otherwise determines, through a Broker Assisted Transaction;

- (c) to the extent permitted by the Administrator, delivery (either by actual delivery or attestation) of Shares owned by the Participant valued at their Fair Market Value:
- (d) to the extent permitted by the Administrator, surrendering Shares then issuable upon the Option's exercise valued at their Fair Market Value on the exercise date;
- (e) to the extent permitted by the Administrator, delivery of a promissory note or any other property that the Administrator determines is good and valuable consideration; or
 - (f) to the extent permitted by the Company, any combination of the above payment forms approved by the Administrator.
- Additional Terms of Incentive Stock Options. The Administrator may grant Incentive Stock Options only to employees of the Company, any of its present or future parent or subsidiary corporations, as defined in Sections 424(e) or (f) of the Code, respectively, and any other entities the employees of which are eligible to receive Incentive Stock Options under the Code. If an Incentive Stock Option is granted to a Greater Than 10% Stockholder, the exercise price will not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value on the Option's grant date, and the term of the Option will not exceed five years. All Incentive Stock Options will be subject to and construed consistently with Section 422 of the Code. By accepting an Incentive Stock Option, the Participant agrees to give prompt notice to the Company of dispositions or other transfers (other than in connection with a Change in Control) of Shares acquired under the Option made within (i) two years from the grant date of the Option or (ii) one year after the transfer of such Shares to the Participant, specifying the date of the disposition or other transfer and the amount the Participant realized, in cash, other property, assumption of indebtedness or other consideration, in such disposition or other transfer. Neither the Company nor the Administrator will be liable to a Participant, or any other party, if an Incentive Stock Option fails or ceases to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code. Any Incentive Stock Option or portion thereof that fails to qualify as an "incentive stock option" under Section 422 of the Code for any reason, including becoming exercisable with respect to Shares having a fair market value exceeding the \$100,000 limitation under Treasury Regulation Section 1.422-4, will be a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

ARTICLE VI. RESTRICTED STOCK; RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

General. The Administrator may grant Restricted Stock, or the right to purchase Restricted Stock, to any Service Provider, subject to the Company's right to repurchase all or part of such shares at their issue price or other stated or formula price from the Participant (or to require forfeiture of such shares) if conditions the Administrator specifies in the Award Agreement are not satisfied before the end of the applicable restriction period or periods that the Administrator establishes for such Award. In addition, the Administrator may grant to Service Providers Restricted Stock Units, which may be subject to vesting and forfeiture conditions during the applicable restriction period or periods, as set forth in an Award Agreement. The Administrator will determine and set forth in the Award Agreement the terms and conditions for each Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Award, subject to the conditions and limitations contained in the Plan.

6.2 Restricted Stock.

- (a) <u>Dividends.</u> Participants holding shares of Restricted Stock will be entitled to all ordinary cash dividends paid with respect to such Shares, unless the Administrator provides otherwise in the Award Agreement. In addition, unless the Administrator provides otherwise, if any dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, or consist of a dividend or distribution to holders of Common Stock of property other than an ordinary cash dividend, the Shares or other property will be subject to the same restrictions on transferability and forfeitability as the shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were paid.
- (b) <u>Stock Certificates</u>. The Company may require that the Participant deposit in escrow with the Company (or its designee) any stock certificates issued in respect of shares of Restricted Stock, together with a stock power endorsed in blank.

6.3 <u>Restricted Stock Units.</u>

- (a) <u>Settlement</u>. The Administrator may provide that settlement of Restricted Stock Units will occur upon or as soon as reasonably practicable after the Restricted Stock Units vest or will instead be deferred, on a mandatory basis or at the Participant's election, in a manner intended to comply with Section 409A.
- (b) <u>Stockholder Rights.</u> A Participant will have no rights of a stockholder with respect to Shares subject to any Restricted Stock Unit unless and until the Shares are delivered in settlement of the Restricted Stock Unit.

ARTICLE VII. OTHER STOCK OR CASH BASED AWARDS; DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS

- 7.1 Other Stock or Cash Based Awards. Other Stock or Cash Based Awards may be granted to Participants, including Awards entitling Participants to receive Shares to be delivered in the future and including annual or other periodic or long-term cash bonus awards (whether based on specified Performance Criteria or otherwise), in each case subject to any conditions and limitations in the Plan. Such Other Stock or Cash Based Awards will also be available as a payment form in the settlement of other Awards, as standalone payments and as payment in lieu of compensation to which a Participant is otherwise entitled. Other Stock or Cash Based Awards may be paid in Shares, cash or other property, as the Administrator determines. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Administrator will determine the terms and conditions of each Other Stock or Cash Based Award, including any purchase price, performance goal (which may be based on the Performance Criteria), transfer restrictions, and vesting conditions, which will be set forth in the applicable Award Agreement.
- 7.2 <u>Dividend Equivalents.</u> A grant of Restricted Stock Units or Other Stock or Cash Based Award may provide a Participant with the right to receive Dividend Equivalents, and no Dividend Equivalents shall be payable with respect to Options or Stock Appreciation Rights. Dividend Equivalents may be paid currently or credited to an account for the Participant, settled in cash or Shares and subject to the same restrictions on transferability and forfeitability as the Award with to which the Dividend Equivalents are paid and subject to other terms and conditions as set forth in the Award Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Dividend Equivalents with respect to an Award shall only be paid out to the Participant to the extent that the vesting conditions are subsequently satisfied. All such Dividend Equivalent payments will be made no later than March 15 of the calendar year following calendar year in which the right to the Dividend Equivalent payment becomes nonforfeitable, unless determined otherwise by the Administrator or unless deferred in a manner intended to comply with Section 409A.

ARTICLE VIII. ADJUSTMENTS FOR CHANGES IN COMMON STOCK AND CERTAIN OTHER EVENTS

- 8.1 Equity Restructuring. In connection with any Equity Restructuring, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article VIII, the Administrator will equitably adjust each outstanding Award to reflect the Equity Restructuring, which may include adjusting the number and type of securities subject to each outstanding Award and/or the Award's exercise price or grant price (if applicable), granting new Awards to Participants, and making a cash payment to Participants. The adjustments provided under this Section 8.1 will be nondiscretionary and final and binding on the affected Participant and the Company; provided that the Administrator will determine whether an adjustment is equitable.
- 8.2 <u>Corporate Transactions.</u> In the event of any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Common Stock, other securities, or other property), reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, amalgamation, repurchase, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, or sale, transfer, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or sale or exchange of Common Stock or other securities of the Company, Change in Control, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Common Stock or other securities of the Company, other similar corporate transaction or event, other unusual or nonrecurring transaction or event affecting the Company or its financial statements or any change in any Applicable Laws or accounting principles, the Administrator, on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate, either by the terms of the Award or by action taken prior to the occurrence of such transaction or event (except that action to give effect to a change in Applicable Law or accounting principles may be made within a reasonable period of time after such change) is hereby authorized to take any one or more of the following actions whenever the Administrator determines that such action is appropriate in order to (x) prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended by the Company to be made available under the Plan or with respect to any Award granted or issued under the Plan, (y) to facilitate such transaction or event or (z) give effect to such changes in Applicable Laws or accounting principles:
- (a) To provide for the cancellation of any such Award in exchange for either an amount of cash or other property with a value equal to the amount that could have been obtained upon the exercise or settlement of the vested portion of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights under the vested portion of such Award, as applicable; provided that, if the amount that could have been obtained upon the exercise or settlement of the vested portion of such Award or realization of the Participant's rights, in any case, is equal to or less than zero, then the Award may be terminated without payment;
- (b) To provide that such Award shall vest and, to the extent applicable, be exercisable as to all Shares covered thereby, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan or the provisions of such Award;
- (c) To provide that such Award be assumed by the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, or shall be substituted for by awards covering the stock of the successor or survivor corporation, or a parent or subsidiary thereof, with appropriate adjustments as to the number and kind of shares and/or applicable exercise or purchase price, in all cases, as determined by the Administrator;.
- (d) To make adjustments in the number and type of Shares (or other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards and/or with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan (including, but not limited to, adjustments of the limitations in Article IV hereof on the maximum number and kind of shares which may be issued) and/or in the terms and conditions of (including the grant or exercise price or applicable performance goals), and the criteria included in, outstanding Awards;

- (e) To replace such Award with other rights or property selected by the Administrator; and/or
- (f) To provide that the Award will terminate and cannot vest, be exercised or become payable after the applicable event.
- 8.3 Effect of Non-Assumption in a Change in Control. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 8.2, if a Change in Control occurs and a Participant's Awards are not continued, converted, assumed, or replaced with a substantially similar award by (a) the Company, or (b) a successor entity or its parent or subsidiary (an "Assumption"), and provided that the Participant has not had a Termination of Service, then, immediately prior to the Change in Control, such Awards shall become fully vested, exercisable and/or payable, as applicable, and all forfeiture, repurchase and other restrictions on such Awards shall lapse, in which case, such Awards shall be canceled upon the consummation of the Change in Control in exchange for the right to receive the Change in Control consideration payable to other holders of Common Stock (i) which may be on such terms and conditions as apply generally to holders of Common Stock under the Change in Control documents (including, without limitation, any escrow, earn-out or other deferred consideration provisions) or such other terms and conditions as the Administrator may provide, and (ii) determined by reference to the number of Shares subject to such Awards and net of any applicable exercise price; provided that to the extent that any Awards constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" that may not be paid upon the Change in Control under Section 409A without the imposition of taxes thereon under Section 409A, the timing of such payments shall be governed by the applicable Award Agreement (subject to any deferred consideration provisions applicable under the Change in Control documents); and provided, further, that if the amount to which a Participant would be entitled upon the settlement or exercise of such Award at the time of the Change in Control less than zero, then such Award may be terminated without payment. The Administrator shall determine whether an Assumption of an Award has occurred in connection with a Change in Control.
- 8.4 <u>Administrative Stand Still.</u> In the event of any pending stock dividend, stock split, combination or exchange of shares, merger, consolidation or other distribution (other than normal cash dividends) of Company assets to stockholders, or any other extraordinary transaction or change affecting the Shares or the share price of Common Stock, including any Equity Restructuring or any securities offering or other similar transaction, for administrative convenience, the Administrator may refuse to permit the exercise of any Award for up to sixty (60) days before or after such transaction.
- 8.5 General. Except as expressly provided in the Plan or the Administrator's action under the Plan, no Participant will have any rights due to any subdivision or consolidation of Shares of any class, dividend payment, increase or decrease in the number of Shares of any class or dissolution, liquidation, merger, or consolidation of the Company or other corporation. Except as expressly provided with respect to an Equity Restructuring under Section 8.1 or the Administrator's action under the Plan, no issuance by the Company of Shares of any class, or securities convertible into Shares of any class, will affect, and no adjustment will be made regarding, the number of Shares subject to an Award or the Award's grant or exercise price. The existence of the Plan, any Award Agreements and the Awards granted hereunder will not affect or restrict in any way the Company's right or power to make or authorize (i) any adjustment, recapitalization, reorganization or other change in the Company's capital structure or its business, (ii) any merger, consolidation dissolution or liquidation of the Company or sale of Company assets or (iii) any sale or issuance of securities, including securities with rights superior to those of the Shares or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Shares. The Administrator may treat Participants and Awards (or portions thereof) differently under this Article VIII.

ARTICLE IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO AWARDS

- 9.1 <u>Transferability.</u> Except as the Administrator may determine or provide in an Award Agreement or otherwise for Awards other than Incentive Stock Options, Awards may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered, either voluntarily or by operation of law, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution, or, subject to the Administrator's consent, pursuant to a domestic relations order, and, during the life of the Participant, will be exercisable only by the Participant. Any permitted transfer of an Award hereunder shall be without consideration, except as required by Applicable Law. References to a Participant, to the extent relevant in the context, will include references to a Participant's authorized transferee that the Administrator specifically approves.
- 9.2 <u>Documentation</u>. Each Award will be evidenced in an Award Agreement, which may be written or electronic, as the Administrator determines. The Award Agreement will contain the terms and conditions applicable to an Award. Each Award may contain terms and conditions in addition to those set forth in the Plan.
- 9.3 <u>Discretion</u>. Except as the Plan otherwise provides, each Award may be made alone or in addition or in relation to any other Award. The terms of each Award to a Participant need not be identical, and the Administrator need not treat Participants or Awards (or portions thereof) uniformly.
- 9.4 <u>Termination of Status</u>. The Administrator will determine how an authorized leave of absence or any other change or purported change in a Participant's Service Provider status affects an Award and the extent to which, and the period during which, the Participant, the Participant's legal representative, conservator, guardian or Designated Beneficiary may exercise rights under the Award, if applicable.
- Withholding. Each Participant must pay the Company, or make provision satisfactory to the Administrator for payment of, any taxes required by Applicable Law to be withheld in connection with such Participant's Awards by the date of the event creating the tax liability. The Company may deduct an amount sufficient to satisfy such tax obligations based on the applicable statutory withholding rates (or such other rate as may be determined by the Company after considering any accounting consequences or costs) from any payment of any kind otherwise due to a Participant. In the absence of a contrary determination by the Company (or, with respect to withholding pursuant to clause (ii) below with respect to Awards held by Section 16 Persons, a contrary determination by the Administrator), all tax withholding obligations will be calculated based on the maximum applicable statutory withholding rates. Subject to Section 10.8 and any Company insider trading policy (including blackout periods), Participants may satisfy such tax obligations (i) in cash, by wire transfer of immediately available funds, by check made payable to the order of the Company, provided that the Company may limit the use of the foregoing payment forms if one or more of the payment forms below is permitted, (ii) to the extent permitted by the Administrator, in whole or in part by delivery of Shares, including Shares delivered by attestation and Shares retained from the Award creating the tax obligation, valued at their Fair Market Value on the date of delivery, (iii) if there is a public market for Shares at the time the tax obligations are satisfied, unless the Company otherwise determines, (A) delivery through a Broker Assisted Transaction, or (iv) to the extent permitted by the Company, any combination of the foregoing payment forms approved by the Administrator. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the number of Shares which may be so delivered or retained pursuant to clause (ii) of the immediately preceding sentence shall be limited to the number of Shares which have a Fair Market Value on the date of delivery or retention no greater than the aggregate amount of such liabilities based on the maximum individual statutory tax rate in the applicable jurisdiction at the time of such withholding (or such other rate as may be required to avoid the liability classification of the applicable award under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America)); provided, however, to the extent such Shares were acquired by Participant from the Company as compensation, the Shares must have been held for the minimum period required by applicable accounting rules to avoid a charge to the Company's earnings for financial reporting purposes; provided, further, that, any such Shares delivered or retained shall be rounded up to the nearest whole Share to the extent rounding up to the nearest whole Share does not result in the liability classification of the applicable Award under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America. If any tax withholding obligation will be satisfied under clause (ii) above by the Company's retention of Shares from the Award creating the tax obligation and there is a public market for Shares at the time the tax obligation is satisfied, the Company may elect to instruct any brokerage firm determined acceptable to the Company for such purpose to sell on the applicable Participant's behalf some or all of the Shares retained and to remit the proceeds of the sale to the Company or its designee, and each Participant's acceptance of an Award under the Plan will constitute the Participant's authorization to the Company and instruction and authorization to such brokerage firm to complete the transactions described in this sentence.

- 9.6 Amendment of Award; Repricing. The Administrator may amend, modify or terminate any outstanding Award, including by substituting another Award of the same or a different type, changing the exercise or settlement date, and converting an Incentive Stock Option to a Non-Qualified Stock Option. The Participant's consent to such action will be required unless (i) the action, taking into account any related action, does not materially and adversely affect the Participant's rights under the Award, or (ii) the change is permitted under Article VIII or pursuant to Section 10.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything in the Plan to the contrary, the Administrator may, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, reduce the exercise price per share of outstanding Options or Stock Appreciation Rights in exchange for cash, other Awards or Options or Stock Appreciation Rights with an exercise price per share that is less than the exercise price per share of the original Options or Stock Appreciation Rights.
- 9.7 <u>Conditions on Delivery of Stock.</u> The Company will not be obligated to deliver any Shares under the Plan or remove restrictions from Shares previously delivered under the Plan until (i) all Award conditions have been met or removed to the Company's satisfaction, (ii) as determined by the Company, all other legal matters regarding the issuance and delivery of such Shares have been satisfied, including any applicable securities laws and stock exchange or stock market rules and regulations, and (iii) the Participant has executed and delivered to the Company such representations or agreements as the Administrator deems necessary or appropriate to satisfy any Applicable Laws. The Company's inability to obtain authority from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which the Administrator determines is necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any securities, will relieve the Company of any liability for failing to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority has not been obtained.
- 9.8 Acceleration. The Administrator may at any time provide that any Award will become immediately vested and fully or partially exercisable, free of some or all restrictions or conditions, or otherwise fully or partially realizable.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1 No Right to Employment or Other Status. No person will have any claim or right to be granted an Award, and the grant of an Award will not be construed as giving a Participant the right to continued employment or any other relationship with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. The Company and its Subsidiaries expressly reserves the right at any time to dismiss or otherwise terminate its relationship with a Participant free from any liability or claim under the Plan or any Award, except as expressly provided in an Award Agreement.

- 10.2 No Rights as Stockholder; Certificates. Subject to the Award Agreement, no Participant or Designated Beneficiary will have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any Shares to be distributed under an Award until becoming the record holder of such Shares. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, unless the Administrator otherwise determines or Applicable Laws require, the Company will not be required to deliver to any Participant certificates evidencing Shares issued in connection with any Award and instead such Shares may be recorded in the books of the Company (or, as applicable, its transfer agent or stock plan administrator). The Company may place legends on stock certificates issued under the Plan that the Administrator deems necessary or appropriate to comply with Applicable Laws.
- 10.3 Effective Date and Term of Plan. Unless earlier terminated by the Board, the Plan will become effective on the day immediately prior to the Public Trading Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, an Incentive Stock Option may not be granted under the Plan after 10 years from the earlier of (i) the date the Board adopted the Plan or (ii) the date the Company's stockholders approved the Plan, but Awards previously granted may extend beyond that date in accordance with the Plan. If the Plan is not approved by the Company's stockholders, the Plan will not become effective and no Awards will be granted under the Plan.
- 10.4 Amendment of Plan. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan at any time; provided that no amendment, other than an increase to the Overall Share Limit, may materially and adversely affect any Award outstanding at the time of such amendment without the affected Participant's consent. No Awards may be granted under the Plan during any suspension period or after the Plan's termination. Awards outstanding at the time of any Plan suspension or termination will continue to be governed by the Plan and the Award Agreement, as in effect before such suspension or termination. The Board will obtain stockholder approval of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary to comply with Applicable Laws, or any amendment to increase the Director Limit.
- 10.5 <u>Provisions for Foreign Participants</u> The Administrator may modify Awards granted to Participants who are foreign nationals or employed outside the United States or establish subplans or procedures under the Plan to address differences in laws, rules, regulations or customs of such foreign jurisdictions with respect to tax, securities, currency, employee benefit or other matters.

10.6 <u>Section 409A</u>.

- (a) General. The Company intends that all Awards be structured to comply with, or be exempt from, Section 409A, such that no adverse tax consequences, interest, or penalties under Section 409A apply. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, the Administrator may, without a Participant's consent, amend this Plan or Awards, adopt policies and procedures, or take any other actions (including amendments, policies, procedures and retroactive actions) as are necessary or appropriate to preserve the intended tax treatment of Awards, including any such actions intended to (A) exempt this Plan or any Award from Section 409A, or (B) comply with Section 409A, including regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority that may be issued after an Award's grant date. The Company makes no representations or warranties as to an Award's tax treatment under Section 409A or otherwise. The Company will have no obligation under this Section 10.6 or otherwise to avoid the taxes, penalties or interest under Section 409A with respect to any Award and will have no liability to any Participant or any other person if any Award, compensation or other benefits under the Plan are determined to constitute noncompliant "nonqualified deferred compensation" subject to taxes, penalties or interest under Section 409A.
- (b) <u>Separation from Service</u>. If an Award constitutes "nonqualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A, any payment or settlement of such Award upon a termination of a Participant's Service Provider relationship will, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes under Section 409A, be made only upon the Participant's "separation from service" (within the meaning of Section 409A), whether such "separation from service" occurs upon or after the termination of the Participant's Service Provider relationship. For purposes of this Plan or any Award Agreement relating to any such payments or benefits, references to a "termination," "termination of employment" or like terms means a "separation from service."

- (c) Payments to Specified Employees. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Plan or any Award Agreement, any payment(s) of "nonqualified deferred compensation" required to be made under an Award to a "specified employee" (as defined under Section 409A and as the Administrator determines) due to his or her "separation from service" will, to the extent necessary to avoid taxes under Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, be delayed for the six-month period immediately following such "separation from service" (or, if earlier, until the specified employee's death) and will instead be paid (as set forth in the Award Agreement) on the day immediately following such six-month period or as soon as administratively practicable thereafter (without interest). Any payments of "nonqualified deferred compensation" under such Award payable more than six months following the Participant's "separation from service" will be paid at the time or times the payments are otherwise scheduled to be made.
- 10.7 <u>Limitations on Liability.</u> Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan, no individual acting as a director, officer, other employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary will be liable to any Participant, former Participant, spouse, beneficiary, or any other person for any claim, loss, liability, or expense incurred in connection with the Plan or any Award, and such individual will not be personally liable with respect to the Plan because of any contract or other instrument executed in his or her capacity as an Administrator, director, officer, other employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary. The Company will indemnify and hold harmless each director, officer, other employee and agent of the Company or any Subsidiary that has been or will be granted or delegated any duty or power relating to the Plan's administration or interpretation, against any cost or expense (including attorneys' fees) or liability (including any sum paid in settlement of a claim with the Administrator's approval) arising from any act or omission concerning this Plan unless arising from such person's own fraud or bad faith.
- 10.8 <u>Lock-Up Period</u>. The Company may, at the request of any underwriter representative or otherwise, in connection with registering the offering of any Company securities under the Securities Act, prohibit Participants from, directly or indirectly, selling or otherwise transferring any Shares or other Company securities during a period of up to one hundred eighty (180) days following the effective date of a Company registration statement filed under the Securities Act, or such longer period as determined by the underwriter.
- Data Privacy. As a condition for receiving any Award, each Participant explicitly and unambiguously consents to the collection, use and transfer, in electronic or other form, of personal data as described in this section by and among the Company and its Subsidiaries and affiliates exclusively for implementing, administering and managing the Participant's participation in the Plan. The Company and its Subsidiaries and affiliates may hold certain personal information about a Participant, including the Participant's name, address and telephone number; birthdate; social security, insurance number or other identification number; salary; nationality; job title(s); any Shares held in the Company or its Subsidiaries and affiliates; and Award details, to implement, manage and administer the Plan and Awards (the " Data"). The Company and its Subsidiaries and affiliates may transfer the Data amongst themselves as necessary to implement, administer and manage a Participant's participation in the Plan, and the Company and its Subsidiaries and affiliates may transfer the Data to third parties assisting the Company with Plan implementation, administration and management. These recipients may be located in the Participant's country, or elsewhere, and the Participant's country may have different data privacy laws and protections than the recipients' country. By accepting an Award, each Participant authorizes such recipients to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, to implement, administer and manage the Participant's participation in the Plan, including any required Data transfer to a broker or other third party with whom the Company or the Participant may elect to deposit any Shares. The Data related to a Participant will be held only as long as necessary to implement, administer, and manage the Participant's participation in the Plan. A Participant may, at any time, view the Data that the Company holds regarding such Participant, request additional information about the storage and processing of the Data regarding such Participant, recommend any necessary corrections to the Data regarding the Participant or refuse or withdraw the consents in this Section 10.9 in writing, without cost, by contacting the local human resources representative. The Company may cancel Participant's ability to participate in the Plan and, in the Administrator's discretion, the Participant may forfeit any outstanding Awards if the Participant refuses or withdraws the consents in this Section 10.9. For more information on the consequences of refusing or withdrawing consent, Participants may contact their local human resources representative.

- 10.10 Severability. If any portion of the Plan or any action taken under it is held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity will not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan will be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provisions had been excluded, and the illegal or invalid action will be null and void.
- 10.11 Governing Documents. If any contradiction occurs between the Plan and any Award Agreement or other written agreement between a Participant and the Company (or any Subsidiary) that the Administrator has approved, the Plan will govern, unless it is expressly specified in such Award Agreement or other written document that a specific provision of the Plan will not apply.
- 10.12 <u>Governing Law.</u> The Plan and all Awards will be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, disregarding any state's choice-of-law principles requiring the application of a jurisdiction's laws other than the State of Delaware.
- 10.13 <u>Claw-back Provisions.</u> All Awards (including, without limitation, any proceeds, gains or other economic benefit actually or constructively received by Participant upon any receipt or exercise of any Award or upon the receipt or resale of any Shares underlying the Award) shall be subject to the provisions of any claw-back policy implemented by the Company, including, without limitation, any claw-back policy adopted to comply with Applicable Laws (including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder) as and to the extent set forth in such claw-back policy or the Award Agreement.
- 10.14 <u>Titles and Headings</u>. The titles and headings in the Plan are for convenience of reference only and, if any conflict, the Plan's text, rather than such titles or headings, will control.
- 10.15 <u>Conformity to Securities Laws.</u> Participant acknowledges that the Plan is intended to conform to the extent necessary with Applicable Laws. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Plan and all Awards will be administered only in conformance with Applicable Laws. To the extent Applicable Laws permit, the Plan and all Award Agreements will be deemed amended as necessary to conform to Applicable Laws.
- 10.16 <u>Relationship to Other Benefits</u>. No payment under the Plan will be taken into account in determining any benefits under any pension, retirement, savings, profit sharing, group insurance, welfare or other benefit plan of the Company or any Subsidiary except as expressly provided in writing in such other plan or an agreement thereunder.

Participant under or with respect to the Plan or Awards, including amounts to be paid under the final sentence of Section 9.5: (a) any Shares to be sold through the Broker-Assisted Transaction will be sold on the day the payment first becomes due, or as soon thereafter as practicable; (b) such Shares may be sold as part of a block trade with other Participants in the Plan in which all participants receive an average price; (c) the applicable Participant will be responsible for all broker's fees and other costs of sale, and by accepting an Award, each Participant agrees to indemnify and hold the Company harmless from any losses, costs, damages, or expenses relating to any such sale; (d) to the extent the Company or its designee receives proceeds of such sale that exceed the amount owed, the Company will pay such excess in cash to the applicable Participant as soon as reasonably practicable; (e) the Company and its designees are under no obligation to arrange for such sale at any particular price; and (f) in the event the proceeds of such sale are insufficient to satisfy the Participant's applicable obligation, the Participant may be required to pay immediately upon demand to the Company or its designee an amount in cash sufficient to satisfy any remaining portion of the Participant's obligation.

ARTICLE XI. DEFINITIONS

As used in the Plan, the following words and phrases will have the following meanings:

- 11.1 "Administrator" means the Board or a Committee to the extent that the Board's powers or authority under the Plan have been delegated to such Committee.
- 11.2 "Applicable Laws" means the requirements relating to the administration of equity incentive plans under U.S. federal and state securities, tax and other applicable laws, rules and regulations, the applicable rules of any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted and the applicable laws and rules of any foreign country or other jurisdiction where Awards are granted.
- 11.3 "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Dividend Equivalents, or Other Stock or Cash Based Awards.
- 11.4 "Award Agreement" means a written agreement evidencing an Award, which may be electronic, that contains such terms and conditions as the Administrator determines, consistent with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.
 - 11.5 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 11.6 "Broker Assisted Transaction" means either (A) delivery (including electronically or telephonically to the extent permitted by the Company) of an irrevocable and unconditional undertaking by a broker acceptable to the Company to deliver promptly to the Company sufficient funds to pay the exercise price or withholding tax obligations, or (B) the Participant's delivery to the Company of a copy of irrevocable and unconditional instructions to a broker acceptable to the Company to deliver promptly to the Company cash or a check sufficient to pay the exercise price; provided that such amount is paid to the Company at such time as may be required by the Administrator.
- "Cause" with respect to a Participant, means "Cause" (or any term of similar effect) as defined in such Participant's employment agreement with the Company if such an agreement exists and contains a definition of Cause (or term of similar effect), or, if no such agreement exists or such agreement does not contain a definition of Cause (or term of similar effect), then Cause will include, but not be limited to: (i) the Participant's unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets of the Company or any material breach of a written agreement between the Participant and the Company, including without limitation a material breach of any employment, confidentiality, non-compete, non-solicit or similar agreement; (ii) the Participant's commission of, indictment for or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the Participant to, a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or any crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude (or any similar crime in any jurisdiction outside the United States); (iii) the Participant's gross negligence or willful misconduct or the Participant's willful or repeated failure or refusal to substantially perform assigned duties; (iv) any act of fraud, embezzlement, material misappropriation or dishonesty committed by the Participant against the Company; or (v) any acts, omissions or statements by a Participant which the Company reasonably determines to be materially detrimental or damaging to the reputation, operations, prospects or business relations of the Company. For purposes of this definition. "Company" will also be deemed to include any Subsidiary of the Company.

11.8 "Change in Control" means and includes each of the following:

- (a) A transaction or series of transactions (other than an offering of Common Stock to the general public through a registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or a transaction or series of transactions that meets the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subsection (c) below) whereby any "person" or related "group" of "persons" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act) (other than the Company, any of its Subsidiaries, an employee benefit plan maintained by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or a "person" that, prior to such transaction, directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Company) directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of securities of the Company possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company's securities outstanding immediately after such acquisition; or
- (b) During any period of two consecutive years, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board together with any new Director(s) (other than a Director designated by a person who shall have entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in subsections (a) or (c)) whose election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then still in office who either were Directors at the beginning of the two-year period or whose election or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute a majority thereof; or
- (c) The consummation by the Company (whether directly involving the Company or indirectly involving the Company through one or more intermediaries) of (x) a merger, consolidation, reorganization, or business combination or (y) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets in any single transaction or series of related transactions or (z) the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case other than a transaction:
- (i) which results in the Company's voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the Company or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, the Company or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of the Company's assets or otherwise succeeds to the business of the Company (the Company or such person, the "Successor Entity")) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity's outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and
- (ii) after which no person or group beneficially owns voting securities representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity; provided, however, that no person or group shall be treated for purposes of this clause (ii) as beneficially owning 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Successor Entity solely as a result of the voting power held in the Company prior to the consummation of the transaction.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Change in Control constitutes a payment event with respect to any Award (or portion of any Award) that provides for the deferral of compensation that is subject to Section 409A, to the extent required to avoid the imposition of additional taxes under Section 409A, the transaction or event described in subsection (a), (b) or (c) with respect to such Award (or portion thereof) shall only constitute a Change in Control for purposes of the payment timing of such Award if such transaction also constitutes a "change in control event," as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5).

The Administrator shall have full and final authority, which shall be exercised in its discretion, to determine conclusively whether a Change in Control has occurred pursuant to the above definition, the date of the occurrence of such Change in Control and any incidental matters relating thereto; provided that any exercise of authority in conjunction with a determination of whether a Change in Control is a "change in control event" as defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(5) shall be consistent with such regulation.

- 11.9 "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder.
- 11.10 "Committee" means one or more committees or subcommittees of the Board, which may include one or more Company directors or executive officers, to the extent Applicable Laws permit. To the extent required to comply with the provisions of Rule 16b-3, it is intended that each member of the Committee will be, at the time the Committee takes any action with respect to an Award that is subject to Rule 16b-3, a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3; however, a Committee member's failure to qualify as a "non-employee director" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 will not invalidate any Award granted by the Committee that is otherwise validly granted under the Plan.
 - 11.11 "Common Stock" means the Class A Common Stock.
 - 11.12 "Company" means Dream Finders Homes, Inc., a Delaware corporation, or any successor.
- 11.13 "Consultant" means any person, including any adviser, engaged by the Company or its parent or any of its Subsidiaries to render services to such entity if the consultant or adviser: (a) renders bona fide services to the Company; (b) renders services not in connection with the offer or sale of securities in a capital-raising transaction and does not directly or indirectly promote or maintain a market for the Company's securities; and (c) is a natural person.
- 11.14 "Designated Beneficiary" means the beneficiary or beneficiaries the Participant designates, in a manner the Administrator determines, to receive amounts due or exercise the Participant's rights if the Participant dies or becomes incapacitated. Without a Participant's effective designation, "Designated Beneficiary" will mean the Participant's estate.
 - 11.15 "Director" means a Board member.
 - 11.16 "Disability" means a permanent and total disability under Section 22(e)(3) of the Code, as amended.
- 11.17 "Dividend Equivalents" means a right granted to a Participant under the Plan to receive the equivalent value (in cash or Shares) of dividends paid on Shares.
 - 11.18 "Employee" means any employee of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

- 11.19 "Equity Restructuring" means, as determined by the Administrator, a non-reciprocal transaction between the Company and its stockholders, such as a stock dividend, stock split, spin-off or recapitalization through a large, nonrecurring cash dividend, or other large, nonrecurring cash dividend, that affects the Shares (or other securities of the Company) or the share price of Common Stock (or other securities of the Company) and causes a change in the per share value of the Common Stock underlying outstanding Awards.
 - 11.20 "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- 11.21 "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of a share of Common Stock determined as follows: (a) if the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange, its Fair Market Value will be the closing sales price for such Common Stock as quoted on such exchange for such date, or if no sale occurred on such date, the last day preceding such date during which a sale occurred, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or another source the Administrator deems reliable; (b) if the Common Stock is not traded on a stock exchange but is quoted on a national market or other quotation system, the closing sales price on such date, or if no sales occurred on such date, then on the last date preceding such date during which a sale occurred, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or another source the Administrator deems reliable; or (c) without an established market for the Common Stock, the Administrator will determine the Fair Market Value in its discretion. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any Award granted on the pricing date of the Company's initial public offering, the Fair Market Value shall mean the initial public offering price of a Share as set forth in the Company's final prospectus relating to its initial public offering filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- 11.22 "Greater Than 10% Stockholder" means an individual then owning (within the meaning of Section 424(d) of the Code) more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or its parent or subsidiary corporation, as defined in Section 424(e) and (f) of the Code, respectively.
 - 11.23 "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option, or portion thereof, intended to qualify as an "incentive stock option" as defined in Section 422 of the Code.
 - 11.24 "Non-Qualified Stock Option" means an Option, or portion thereof, not intended or not qualifying as an Incentive Stock Option.
- 11.25 "*Option*" means an option to purchase Shares awarded to a Participant under Article V, which will either be an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.
- 11.26 "Other Stock or Cash Based Awards" means cash awards, awards of Shares, and other awards valued wholly or partially by referring to, or are otherwise based on, Shares or other property awarded to a Participant under Article VII.
 - 11.27 "Overall Share Limit" means 9,100,000 Shares.
 - 11.28 "Participant" means a Service Provider who has been granted an Award.
- "Performance Criteria" mean the criteria (and adjustments) that the Administrator may select for an Award to establish performance goals for a 11.29 performance period, which may include the following: net earnings or losses (either before or after one or more of interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and non-cash equity-based compensation expense); gross or net sales or revenue or sales or revenue growth; net income (either before or after taxes) or adjusted net income; profits (including but not limited to gross profits, net profits, profit growth, net operation profit or economic profit), profit return ratios or operating margin; budget or operating earnings (either before or after taxes or before or after allocation of corporate overhead and bonus); cash flow (including operating cash flow and free cash flow or cash flow return on capital); return on assets; return on capital or invested capital; cost of capital; return on stockholders' equity; total stockholder return; return on sales; costs, reductions in costs and cost control measures; expenses; working capital; earnings or loss per share; adjusted earnings or loss per share; price per share or dividends per share (or appreciation in or maintenance of such price or dividends); regulatory achievements or compliance; implementation, completion or attainment of objectives relating to research, development, regulatory, commercial, or strategic milestones or developments; market share; economic value or economic value added models; division, group or corporate financial goals; customer satisfaction/growth; customer service; employee satisfaction; recruitment and maintenance of personnel; human resources management; supervision of litigation and other legal matters; strategic partnerships and transactions; financial ratios (including those measuring liquidity, activity, profitability or leverage); debt levels or reductions; sales-related goals; financing and other capital raising transactions; cash on hand; acquisition activity; investment sourcing activity; and marketing initiatives, any of which may be measured in absolute terms or as compared to any incremental increase or decrease. Such performance goals also may be based solely by reference to the Company's performance or the performance of a Subsidiary, division, business segment or business unit of the Company or a Subsidiary, or based upon performance relative to performance of other companies or upon comparisons of any of the indicators of performance relative to performance of other companies.

- 11.30 "Plan" means this 2021 Equity Incentive Plan.
- 11.31 "**Public Trading Date**" means the first date upon which the Class A Common Stock is listed (or approved for listing) upon notice of issuance on any securities exchange or designated (or approved for designation) upon notice of issuance as a national market security on an interdealer quotation system, or, if earlier, the date on which the Company becomes a "publicly held corporation" for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.162-27(c)(1).
 - 11.32 "Restricted Stock" means Shares awarded to a Participant under Article VI subject to certain vesting conditions and other restrictions.
- 11.33 "Restricted Stock Unit" means an unfunded, unsecured right to receive, on the applicable settlement date, one Share or an amount in cash or other consideration determined by the Administrator to be of equal value as of such settlement date awarded to a Participant under Article VI subject to certain vesting conditions and other restrictions.
 - 11.34 "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.
 - 11.35 "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code and all regulations, guidance, compliance programs and other interpretative authority thereunder.
 - 11.36 "Section 16 Persons" means those officers, directors or other persons who are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act.
 - 11.37 "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
 - 11.38 "Service Provider" means an Employee, Consultant or Director.
 - 11.39 "Shares" means shares of Common Stock.
 - 11.40 "Stock Appreciation Right" means a stock appreciation right granted under Article V.
- 11.41 "Subsidiary" means any entity (other than the Company), whether domestic or foreign, in an unbroken chain of entities beginning with the Company if each of the entities other than the last entity in the unbroken chain beneficially owns, at the time of the determination, securities or interests representing at least 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of securities or interests in one of the other entities in such chain.
- 11.42 "Substitute Awards" means Awards granted or Shares issued by the Company in assumption of, or in substitution or exchange for, awards previously granted, or the right or obligation to make future awards, in each case by a company acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary or with which the Company or any Subsidiary combines.
 - 11.43 "Termination of Service" means the date the Participant ceases to be a Service Provider.

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