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OMNIBUS AGREEMENT

THIS OMNIBUS AGREEMENT has been executed and delivered on October 1, 2014, and will automatically become effective concurrent with and as of the Closing Date (as defined herein), among COSTAMARE VENTURES INC., a Marshall Islands corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CMRE (as defined herein), COSTAMARE INC., a Marshall Islands corporation ("CMRE"), COSTAMARE PARTNERS LP, a Marshall Islands limited partnership (the "MLP"), COSTAMARE PARTNERS GP LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability company (including any permitted successors and assigns under the MLP Agreement (as defined herein)) (the "General Partner"), COSTAMARE PARTNERS HOLDINGS LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability corporation, SPARROW HOLDINGS, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("Bparrow"), BLUEBIRD HOLDINGS, L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("Bluebird" and, together with Sparrow, "York"), and YORK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GLOBAL ADVISORS LLC, a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the State of New York ("York Capital"), on behalf of itself and the York Funds (as defined below).

RECITALS:

- 1. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their understanding, as more fully set forth in Articles II and IV, with respect to (a) those business opportunities that the CMRE Entities (as defined herein) and York will not pursue during the term of this Agreement and (b) the procedures whereby such business opportunities are to be offered to the Partnership Group (as defined herein) and accepted or declined.
- 2. Costamare Ventures Inc., CMRE, Sparrow and York Capital (as defined below) are parties to a Framework Agreement (as defined herein), pursuant to which certain jointly owned companies ("JV Entities") may acquire containership vessels ("JV Vessels").
- 3. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their understanding, as more fully set forth in Articles III and IV, with respect to (a) those business opportunities that the Partnership Group (as defined herein) will not pursue during the term of this Agreement and (b) the procedures whereby such business opportunities are to be offered to CMRE and accepted or declined (and, if accepted, may, pursuant to the Framework Agreement, be acquired by a JV Entity).
- 4. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their understanding, as more fully set forth in Article V, with respect to the MLP's right of first offer relating to Five-Year Vessel Interests that CMRE might own, including any JV Vessel Interests (as defined herein) that CMRE, York or a JV Entity might own, to the extent that they constitute Five-Year-Vessel Interests.
- 5. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their understanding, as more fully set forth in Articles VI and VII, with respect to the rights of the MLP to purchase the Valence Interests or the Substitute Vessel Interests (each as defined herein) from CMRE and the agreement by CMRE and York to offer the General Partner the right to purchase the Hull NCP0113 Interests, Hull NCP0114 Interests, Hull NCP0115 Interests, Hull NCP0116 Interests, Hull S2121 Interests, Hull S2122 Interests, Hull S2123 Interests, Hull S2124 Interests and Hull S2125 Interests (in each case, as defined herein).
- 6. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their understanding, as more fully set forth in Article VIII and, with respect to any vessels acquired by the MLP pursuant to Article IV, Article VI or Article VII, as more fully set forth in Annex A, with respect to certain indemnification obligations of CMRE.

In consideration of the premises and the covenants, conditions, and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

"Acquiring Party" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.1.

hereof.

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Agreement" means this Omnibus Agreement, as it may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance witl Section 10.6

"Break-up Costs" means the aggregate amount of any and all additional taxes, flag administration, financing, legal and other similar costs (except with respect to Section 2.2(b) where Break-up Costs shall be deemed to include only administrative costs associated with transfer and re-flagging, including related legal costs) to (a) the CMRE Entities and, with respect to a JV Vessel, a York Entity, or a JV Entity, as applicable, that would be required to transfer Five-Year Vessels acquired by the CMRE Entities and, with respect to JV Vessels, JV Entities, as applicable, as part of a larger transaction to a Partnership Group Member pursuant to Sections 2.2(b) or 2.2(d)(i), or (b) the Partnership Group that would be required to transfer Non-Five-Year Vessels acquired by the Partnership Group as part of a larger transaction to a CMRE Entity pursuant to Section 3.2(b)(i).

"business day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are open for commercial business in New York, United States and London, England.

"Change of Control" means, with respect to any Person (the "Applicable Person"), any of the following events: (a) any sale, lease, exchange or other transfer (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) of all or substantially all of the Applicable Person's assets to any other Person, unless immediately following such sale, lease, exchange or other transfer such assets are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Applicable Person; (b) the consolidation or merger of the Applicable Person with or into another Person pursuant to a transaction in which the outstanding Voting Securities of the Applicable Person are changed into or exchanged for Voting Securities of the surviving Person or its parent and (ii) the holders of the Voting Securities of the Applicable Person immediately prior to such transaction own, directly or indirectly, not less than a majority of the outstanding Voting Securities of the Applicable Person immediately after such transaction; and (c) a "person" or "group" (within the meaning of Sections 13(d) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision), other than CMRE, York or their Affiliates with respect to the General Partner or the MLP or a Permitted Holder with respect to CMRE, being or becoming the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities of the Applicable Person, except in a merger or consolidation which would not constitute a Change of Control under clause (b) above.

"Closing Date" means the date of the closing of the initial public offering of common units representing limited partner interests and the issue of the incentive distribution rights in the MLP.

"CMRE" is defined in the introduction to this Agreement.

"CMRE Entities" means CMRE and any Person controlled, directly or indirectly, by CMRE, other than the Partnership Entities.

"Conflicts Committee" means the Conflicts Committee of the board of directors of the General Partner.

"Contribution Assets" has the meaning given such term in Section 8.1.

- "Covered Environmental Losses" means all Losses suffered or incurred by the Partnership Group by reason of, arising out of or resulting from:
 - (a) any violation or correction of violation of Environmental Laws by a CMRE Entity; or
 - (b) any event or condition relating to environmental or human health and safety matters, in each case, associated with the ownership or operation by the Partnership Group or the CMRE Entities of the Contribution Assets (including, without limitation, the presence of Hazardous Substances on, under, about or migrating to or from the Contribution Assets or the disposal or release of, or exposure to, Hazardous Substances generated by or otherwise related to operation of the Contribution Assets), including, without limitation, the reasonable and documented cost and expense of (i) any investigation, assessment, evaluation, monitoring, containment, cleanup, repair, restoration, remediation or other corrective action required or necessary under Environmental Laws, (ii) the preparation and implementation of any closure, remedial, corrective action or other plans required or necessary under Environmental Laws and (iii) any environmental or toxic tort (including, without limitation, personal injury or property damage claims) pre-trial, trial or appellate legal or litigation support work:

but only to the extent that such violation complained of under <u>clause (a)</u>, or such events or conditions included in <u>clause (b)</u>, occurred before the Closing Date; and, provided, that in no event shall Losses to the extent arising from a change in any Environmental Law after the Closing Date be deemed "Covered Environmental Losses."

- "Election Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.1(b).
- "Election Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.1(b)(i).
- "Environmental Laws" means all international, federal, state, foreign and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, treaties, conventions, orders, judgments and ordinances having the force and effect of law and relating to protection of natural resources, health and safety and the environment, each in effect and as amended through the Closing Date.
- "Evergreen" means the Evergreen Group and its members, which are the charterers of the Valence, each Substitute Vessel, Hull S2121, Hull S2122, Hull S2123, Hull S2124 and Hull S2125.
 - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
 - "Existing Non-Compete Notice Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.1.
 - "Existing Non-Compete Vessel" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.1.
- "Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests" means all of CMRE's and, with respect to any JV Vessel, CMRE's and York's respective rights, title and interests in the Existing Non-Compete Vessel, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such Existing Non-Compete Vessel and any leasehold interests to the extent that such Existing Non-Compete Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in any of the CMRE Entities or, with respect to any JV Vessel that is an Existing Non-Compete Vessel, any of the JV Entities or York Entities holding JV Vessel Interests, and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of such Existing Non-Compete Vessel then in effect.
 - "Existing Option Exercise Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 6.2(a).
 - "Existing Option Exercise Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 6.2(a).
 - "First Offer Negotiation Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2(c).

- "Five-Year Vessef" means any containership vessel, which at the time of determination, is less than seven years-old with a cargo capacity greater than 8,000 TEU and under a charter for five full years or more, which for charters that are existing at the time of such determination shall mean charters with a remaining term of five full years or more, together with the related charter (including, to the extent such a containership vessel is subject to a financing lease, the interests in the charter or other agreements relating to such containership vessel).
- "Five-Year Vessel Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, a York Entity or a JV Entity, as applicable, in the relevant Five-Year Vessel, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such Five-Year Vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that such Five-Year Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in such Five-Year Vessel and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of such Five-Year Vessel then in effect.
- "Framework Agreement" means the Framework Deed between CMRE and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Costamare Ventures Inc., on the one hand, and York Capital and its affiliated fund, Sparrow Holdings L.P., on the other, pursuant to which CMRE and York Capital agreed to invest in JV Vessels through JV Entities, as the same may be amended from time to time, including pursuant to an amendment deed effective as of the Closing Date between the parties to the Framework Agreement.
 - "General Partner" is defined in the introduction to this Agreement.
 - "Hanjin Subic Bay" means HHIC-Phil Inc., which is building the Hull NCP0113, Hull NCP0114, Hull NCP0115 and Hull NCP0116.
- "Hull NCP0113" means the containership vessel currently designated NCP0113 being built by Hanjin Subic Bay pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Kemp Maritime Co., as buyer, and Hanjin Subic Bay, as builder, dated July 31, 2013, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull NCP0113 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull NCP0113, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull NCP0113 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull NCP0113 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull NCP0113 then in effect.
- "Hull NCP0114" means the containership vessel currently designated NCP0114 being built by Hanjin Subic Bay pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Hyde Maritime Co., as buyer, and Hanjin Subic Bay, as builder, dated July 31, 2013, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull NCP0114 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull NCP0114, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull NCP0114 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull NCP0114 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull NCP0114 then in effect.
- "Hull NCP0115" means the containership vessel currently designated NCP0115 being built by Hanjin Subic Bay pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Ainsley Maritime Co., as buyer, and Hanjin Subic Bay, as builder, dated December 6, 2013, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull NCP0115 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull NCP0115, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull NCP0115 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull NCP0115 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull NCP0115 then in effect.

- "Hull NCP0116" means the containership vessel currently designated NCP0116 being built by Hanjin Subic Bay pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Ambrose Maritime Co., as buyer, and Hanjin Subic Bay, as builder, dated December 6, 2013, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull NCP0116 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull NCP0116, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull NCP0116 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull NCP0116 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull NCP0116 then in effect.
- "Hull S2121" means the containership vessel currently designated S2121 being built by Samsung pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Benedict Maritime Co., as buyer, and Samsung, as builder, dated January 7, 2014, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull S2121 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull S2121, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull S2121 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull S2121 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull S2121 then in effect.
- "Hull S2122" means the containership vessel currently designated S2122 being built by Samsung pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Bertrand Maritime Co., as buyer, and Samsung, as builder, dated January 7, 2014, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull S2122 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull S2122, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull S2122 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull S2122 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull S2122 then in effect.
- "Hull S2123" means the containership vessel currently designated S2123 being built by Samsung pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Beardmore Maritime Co., as buyer, and Samsung, as builder, dated January 7, 2014, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull S2123 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull S2123, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull S2123 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull S2123 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull S2123 then in effect.
- "Hull S2124" means the containership vessel currently designated S2124 being built by Samsung pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Schofield Maritime Co., as buyer, and Samsung, as builder, dated January 7, 2014, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull S2124 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull S2124, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull S2124 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull S2124 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull S2124 then in effect.
- "Hull S2125" means the containership vessel currently designated S2125 being built by Samsung pursuant to a related shipbuilding contract between Fairbank Maritime Co., as buyer, and Samsung, as builder, dated January 7, 2014, as the same may be amended, restated or novated from time to time.
- "Hull S2125 Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in Hull S2125, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited

partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that Hull S2125 is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in Hull S2125 and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of Hull S2125 then in effect.

- "Hazardous Substances" means (a) each substance defined, designated or classified as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, hazardous material, solid waste, contaminant or toxic substance under Environmental Laws; (b) petroleum and petroleum products, including crude oil and any fractions thereof; (c) natural gas, synthetic gas and any mixtures thereof; (d) any radioactive material; and (e) any asbestos-containing materials in a friable condition.
 - "JV Entity" has the meaning given such term in the Recitals.
- "JV Vessel" is defined in the introduction to this Agreement, including, as of the date of this Agreement, Hull NCP0113, Hull NCP0114, Hull NCP0115, Hull NCP0116, Hull S2121, Hull S2122, Hull S2123, Hull S2124 and Hull S2125.
- "JV Vessel Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, in a JV Vessel, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such JV Vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that such JV Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in such JV Vessel and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of such JV Vessel then in effect, including, as of the date of this Agreement.
- "Losses" means losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees) of any and every kind or character; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such term shall not include any special, indirect, incidental, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.
 - "Management" means the executive officers of the General Partner.
 - "MLP" is defined in the introduction to this Agreement.
- "MLP Agreement" means the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the MLP, dated as of the Closing Date, to which reference is hereby made for all purposes of this Agreement. No amendment or modification to the MLP Agreement subsequent to the Closing Date shall be given effect for purposes of this Agreement unless consented to by each of the Parties to this Agreement.
 - "New Build Interest Option Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 7.1(a).
 - "New Build Option Exercise Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 7.2(b).
 - "New Build Option Exercise Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 7.2(b).
 - "New Non-Compete Vessel" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2.
- "New Non-Compete Vessel Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of CMRE in a New Non-Compete Vessel and, with respect to a New Non-Compete Vessel which is a JV Vessel, CMRE, York or a JV Entity, as applicable, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such New Non-Compete Vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that such New Non-Compete Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in such New Non-Compete Vessel and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of such New Non-Compete Vessel then in effect.
- "Non-Compete Commencement Date" means the earliest date on which the options provided for under Article VII are no longer exercisable, either as a result of (x) the expiration of the last of the New Build Interest Option Periods as provided under <u>Article VII</u> or (y) the Partnership Entities having made elections with respect to each of the Hull NCP0113 Interests, Hull NCP0114 Interests, Hull NCP0115 Interests, Hull NCP0116 Interests, Hull S2121 Interests, Hull S2122 Interests, Hull S2123 Interests, Hull S2124 Interests and Hull S2125

Interests as to whether the Partnership Entities will exercise or not exercise the option to purchase such interests under Article VII.

- "New Non-Compete Notice Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2.
- "Non-Five-Year Vessel" means any containership vessel that is not a Five-Year Vessel.
- "Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests" means all of the rights, title and interests of a Partnership Group Member, CMRE, a York Entity or a JV Entity, as applicable, in the relevant Non-Five-Year Vessel, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such Non-Five-Year Vessel and any leasehold or bareboat charter interests to the extent that a Non-Five-Year Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in a Non-Five-Year Vessel and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of a Non-Five-Year Vessel then in effect.
 - "Offer" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2.
 - "Offered Assets" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2.
 - "Offeree" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2.
 - "Offer Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.2(b)(i).
 - "Parties" means the parties to this Agreement and their successors and permitted assigns.
 - "Partnership Entities" means the General Partner, the MLP and any Person controlled by the General Partner or the MLP.
 - "Partnership Group" means the MLP and any Person controlled by the MLP.
 - "Partnership Group Member" means any Person in the Partnership Group.
- "Permitted Holder" means (i) Achillefs Konstantakopoulos, his descendants and his Affiliates, (ii) Christos Konstantakopoulos, his descendants and his Affiliates, (iii) Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos, his descendants and his Affiliates and (iv) any group (within the meaning of Sections 13(d) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) of which any of the foregoing are members.
 - "Permitted Transaction" has the meaning given to such term in Section 2.3.
 - "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated organization or any other entity.
 - "Potential Transferee" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2(a).
- "Restrictive Covenant Agreement" means the Restrictive Covenant Agreement between CMRE and Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos, dated November 3, 2010, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which CMRE and Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos agreed to limit the activities of Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos, because of his capacity as a director and officer of CMRE, to prohibit certain activities that may compete with the business of CMRE.
 - "Sale Assets" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2(a).
 - "Samsung" means Samsung Heavy Industries Co., Ltd., which is building the Hull S2121, Hull S2122, Hull S2123, Hull S2124 and Hull S2125.
- "Shipbroker" means Arrow Research Ltd. of London, England, Braemar Seascope of London, England, Maersk Brokers of London, England and Howe Robinson of London, England.

"Substitute Vessef" means any one of the Valor (currently registered under Quentin Shipping Co. as the owner and with IMO No. 9628154), the Valiant (currently registered under Sander Shipping Co. as the owner and with IMO No. 9628178), or the Vantage (currently registered under Undine Shipping Co. as the owner and with IMO No. 9628192), which were delivered in 2013; provided that such vessels are chartered to the same charterer, and subject to the same charter rate (or no lower) and charter length (or no more than three months shorter remaining duration) as those applicable to the Valence.

"Substitute Vessel Interests" means all of CMRE's rights, title and interests in any one particular Substitute Vessel, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning such Substitute Vessel and any leasehold interests to the extent that such Substitute Vessel is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in any CMRE Entity holding interests in such Substitute Vessel and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of such Substitute Vessel then in effect.

"Transfer" means any transfer, assignment, sale or other disposition of any Five-Year Vessel Interests by a CMRE Entity and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, a York Entity or a JV Entity, as applicable; provided.however, that such term shall not include: (a) transfers, assignments, sales or other dispositions from a CMRE Entity to another CMRE Entity, from a Partnership Group Member to another Partnership Group Member, from a York Entity to another York Entity (subject to Section 9.20), from a York Entity to a CMRE Entity, or from a CMRE Entity to a York Entity; (b) transfers, assignments, sales or other dispositions pursuant to the terms of any related charter or other agreement with a charter party or pursuant to a financing lease; (c) transfers, assignments, sales or other dispositions pursuant to Articles III or flip of this Agreement; or (d) grants of security interests in or mortgages or liens on such Five-Year Vessel Interests in favor of a bona fide third party lender (but not the foreclosing of any such security interest, mortgage or lien).

- "Transfer Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2(a).
- "Transferring Party" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.2(a).
- "Valence" means the containership vessel named the Valence currently registered under Terance Shipping Co. as the owner and with IMO No. 9628180.
- "Valence Interests" means all of CMRE's rights, title and interests in the Valence, including the shares of capital stock, limited liability company interests, limited partnership interests or joint venture interests in any entity owning the Valence and any leasehold interests to the extent that the Valence is subject to a financing lease, or any other interests in any CMRE Entity holding interests in the Valence and including any charters or other agreements relating to the operation of the Valence then in effect.
- "Voting Securities" means securities of any class of a Person entitling the holders thereof to vote in the election of members of the board of directors or other similar governing body of such Person.
 - "York Capital" is defined in the introduction to this Agreement.
 - "York Entity" means any person included in the definition of "York", any York Fund or any of their respective Affiliates.
- "York Funds" means together the investment funds formed or to be formed in the future for the purpose of holding JV Vessel Interests, which funds are managed or advised by York Capital or one of its Affiliates and being detailed in Schedule I, as amended from time to time.

For the avoidance of doubt, references in this Agreement to the "fair market value" of a vessel or interests in a vessel shall, where the context so admits, include any charter or other agreements relating to the applicable vessel or interest that are in effect at the time of such valuation.

ARTICLE II

FIVE-YEAR VESSEL RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Section 2.1. Five-Year Vessel Restricted Businesses. Following the Non-Compete Commencement Date, subject to Section 9.4 and except as permitted by Section 2.2 or pursuant to Section 4.1(a), each of the CMRE Entities and, during the Commitment Period (as such term is defined in the Framework Agreement), the York Entities and any JV Entity shall be prohibited from acquiring, owning, operating or chartering Five-Year Vessels or acquiring or owning Five-Year Vessel Interests.

Section 2.2. <u>Permitted Exceptions.</u> Notwithstanding any provision of <u>Section 2.1</u> to the contrary, the restrictions in this Agreement shall not prevent any CMRE Entity, York Entity or any JV Entity, in each case, subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, from:

- (a) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering (i) any containership vessel owned, operated or chartered in, or contracted for, by a CMRE Entity, York Entity or JV Entity prior to the Non-Compete Commencement Date, subject, however, to Section 4.1 and Article V or (ii) any Non-Five-Year Vessel;
- (b) acquiring one or more Five-Year Vessels if such CMRE Entity, or with respect to a JV Vessel, such York Entity or JV Entity, as applicable, offers to sell the applicable Five-Year Vessel Interests in question to the Partnership Group in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4.2;
- (c) putting a Non-Five-Year Vessel under charter for five full years or more if either (i) it does not result in the vessel becoming a Five-Year Vessel or (ii) it results in the vessel becoming a Five-Year Vessel and such CMRE Entity, or with respect to a JV Vessel, such York Entity or JV Entity, as applicable, offers to sell the applicable Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests in question to the Partnership Group, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4.2;
- (d) acquiring Five-Year Vessel Interests as part of the acquisition of a controlling interest in a business or package of assets which includes owning, operating or chartering the applicable Five-Year Vessel(s); provided, however, that:
 - (i) if less than a majority of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Five-Year Vessel Interests, as determined in good faith by CMRE's or York's (as applicable) board of directors, the CMRE Entity or with respect to JV Vessel Interests, the York Entity or the JV Entity, as applicable, must offer to sell such Five-Year Vessel Interests to the Partnership Group for their fair market value plus any Break-up Costs in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 4.2; and
 - (ii) if a majority or more of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Five-Year Vessel Interests, as determined in good faith by CMRE's or York's (as applicable) board of directors, CMRE, or with respect to JV Vessel Interests, the York Entity or the JV Entity, as applicable, shall notify the General Partner of the proposed acquisition in writing. The General Partner shall, not later than the 30th calendar day following receipt of such notice, notify CMRE, the York Entity or the JV Entity, as applicable, if it or any other Partnership Group Member wishes to acquire such Five-Year Vessel Interests forming part of that business or package of assets in cooperation and simultaneously with the CMRE Entity, the York Entity or JV Entity acquiring the Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests forming part of that business or package of assets. If the General Partner does not notify CMRE, the York Entity or the JV Entity of its intent to pursue the acquisition within such 30 calendar days, the CMRE Entity, the York Entity or JV Entity may proceed with the acquisition and then offer to sell such Five-Year Vessel Interests to the Partnership Group as provided in subsection (i) above;

(e) acquiring up to a non-controlling equity ownership, voting or profit participation interest in any company, business or pool of assets or lending to or investing in the debt of any company, business or pool of assets;

- (f) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Five-Year Vessel if the General Partner does not fulfill its obligation to purchase the applicable Five-Year Vessel Interests in accordance with the terms of any existing or future agreement;
- (g) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Five-Year Vessel that is subject to an offer to purchase by a Partnership Group Member as described in <u>paragraphs (b), (c)</u> and (d) above, in each case pending the offer of the applicable Five-Year Vessel Interests to the General Partner and the General Partner's determination pursuant to <u>Section 4.2</u>, whether to purchase the Five-Year Vessel Interests and, if the General Partner has determined to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase such Five-Year Vessel Interests, pending the closing of such purchase;
 - (h) providing ship management services relating to any containership vessel;
- (i) prior to the Non-Compete Commencement Date, owning, operating or chartering any Five-Year Vessel that CMRE, or with respect to a JV Vessel, a York Entity or a JV Entity, as applicable, owns or is under contract to purchase or charter in on the Closing Date and that is not part of the Partnership Group's initial fleet on the Closing Date; or
- (j) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Five-Year Vessel if the General Partner has previously advised CMRE or with respect to a JV Vessel, a York Entity or a JV Entity, as applicable, that it consents to such acquisition, ownership, operation or charter.
- Section 2.3. <u>Permitted Transactions</u>. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to preclude any York Entity or, for the avoidance of doubt, York Capital or any of the funds managed or advised by York Capital or one of its Affiliates, from (a) investing in the debt of any container shipping company or any other person (whether as part of a loan-to-own strategy, with the aim to enter into debt-to-equity swaps or other forms of debt or capital restructuring of that business or person and the entry into any related transactions), (b) acquiring an interest in any containership vessel (whether or not a Five-Year Vessel or a Non-Five-Year Vessel) or an interest in a containership vessel owning entity (i) upon enforcement of security or in satisfaction of a judgment; (ii) following the exercise or realisation of any of its rights as a creditor to a business or any person (including, without limitation, by way of, or as a result of, debt-to-equity swaps; loan-to-own strategies or any other form of debt or capital restructuring); or (iii) by way of any other arrangement or transaction having a similar effect, but in the case of (a) and (b)(ii) and (iii), subject to Section 16.2 of the Framework Agreement (each a "**Permitted Transaction**").

ARTICLE III

NON-FIVE-YEAR VESSEL RESTRICTED BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- Section 3.1. Non-Five-Year Vessel Restricted Businesses. Following the Non-Compete Commencement Date, subject to Section 9.4 and except as permitted by Section 3.2, each Partnership Group Member shall be prohibited from acquiring, owning, operating or chartering Non-Five-Year Vessels or acquiring or owning Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests.
- Section 3.2. <u>Permitted Exceptions</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of <u>Section 3.1</u> to the contrary, the restrictions in this Agreement shall not prevent any Partnership Group Member from:
- (a) owning, operating or chartering any Non-Five-Year Vessel that was previously a Five-Year Vessel owned, operated or chartered by any Partnership Group Member or a vessel forming part of the Partnership Group's initial fleet on the Closing Date;
- (b) acquiring Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests as part of the acquisition of a controlling interest in a business or package of assets and owning, operating or chartering the applicable Non-Five-Year Vessels; <u>provided, however</u>, that:
 - (i) if less than a majority of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests, as determined in good faith by the General Partner, such

Partnership Group Member must offer to sell such Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests to CMRE for their fair market value plus any applicable Break-up Costs in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 4.2</u>; and

(ii) if a majority or more of the value of the business or assets acquired is attributable to Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests, as determined in good faith by the General Partner, the MLP shall notify CMRE of the proposed acquisition in writing. CMRE shall, not later than the 30th calendar day following receipt of such notice, notify the General Partner if it or any other CMRE Entity wishes to acquire such Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests forming part of that business or package of assets in cooperation and simultaneously with the Partnership Group Member acquiring the Five-Year Vessels forming part of that business or package of assets. If CMRE does not notify the General Partner of its intent to pursue the acquisition within such 30 calendar days, the Partnership Group Member may proceed with the acquisition and then offer to sell such Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests to CMRE as provided in subsection (i) above;

(c) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering any Non-Five-Year Vessel that is subject to an offer to purchase by a CMRE Entity as described in paragraph (b) above pending the offer of the applicable Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests to CMRE and CMRE's determination pursuant to Section 4.2 whether to purchase the Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests and, if CMRE has determined to purchase or cause any CMRE Entity to purchase such Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests, pending the closing of such purchase; or

(d) acquiring, owning, operating or chartering Non-Five-Year Vessels if CMRE has previously advised the General Partner that it consents to such acquisition, ownership, operation or charter.

The parties acknowledge that any acquisition of a containership vessel by CMRE pursuant to this <u>Section 3.2</u> may be subject to the applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement.

ARTICLE IV

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES PROCEDURES

Section 4.1. Procedures for Existing Non-Compete Vessels. Subject to Section 2.3 above, in the event that a CMRE Entity and, with respect to JV Vessels, a JV Entity, as applicable, owns or operates any containership vessel that constitutes a Five-Year Vessel as of the Non-Compete Commencement Date (each such containership vessel, a "Existing Non-Compete Vessel"), then at any time and from time to time within 36 months after (x) the Non-Compete Commencement Date or, if later, (y) the date of delivery to and acceptance by the charterer (in each case, the "Existing Non-Compete Notice Period"), CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York shall notify the General Partner and offer the General Partner the right for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the relevant Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests at fair market value; provided, however that, during the Existing Non-Compete Notice Period, CMRE and York will be subject to such requirement to provide notice and offer for purchase any Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests only if, at the time of such notice and offer, the relevant Existing Non-Compete Vessel constitutes a Five-Year Vessel; provided, further that if, at the end of the Existing Non-Compete Notice Period, any Existing Non-Compete Vessel constitutes a Five-Year Vessel and CMRE and, with respect to a JV Vessel which is an Existing Non-Compete Vessel that constitutes a Five-Year Vessel, York have not previously notified the General Partner and offered the Partnership Group the right to purchase the applicable Existing Non-Compete Notice Period. The Partnership Group will then provide, within 30 calendar days of receipt of notice pursuant to this section (or of the end of the Existing Non-Compete Notice Period Drusuant to the second proviso to the immediately foregoing sentence) (with such 30 calendar days being the "Election Confirmation Period"), written notice to CMRE and, as applicable, York that either:

(a) the General Partner has elected not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, such Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests, in which event CMRE, York or such York Entity or JV Entity, as applicable, and their respective Affiliates shall, subject to Section 2.2(c) and to the other terms of this Agreement which expressly continue to apply to such Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interest following the lapse or

non-exercise (or deemed non-exercise) of such option (including any purchase rights that may arise under Article V) and any applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement, be forever free, to continue to own, operate, charter and dispose of (in accordance with Article V and Section 9.20) such Existing Non-Compete Vessel; or

(b) the General Partner has elected to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, such Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests (the "*Election Notice*"), in which event the following procedures shall be followed:

(i) After the receipt of the Election Notice by CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York, as applicable, the Partnership Group, CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York, shall negotiate in good faith regarding the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests that are subject to the Election Notice and the terms that are not specified in the form of the purchase agreement attached hereto as Annex A (the "unspecified terms") of the Election Notice on which the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests will be sold to the applicable Partnership Group Member. If CMRE, the Partnership Group and, if applicable, York agree on the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests that are subject to the Election Notice and the unspecified terms of the Election Notice during the 30 calendar-day period (the "Election Period") after receipt by CMRE, and, as applicable, York of the Election Notice, the General Partner shall cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests on such terms as soon as commercially practicable after such agreement has been reached. The Parties agree to and accept the terms of the form of the purchase agreement attached hereto as Annex A, and such terms shall apply to the sale and purchase of any Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests pursuant to this Section 4.1, except to the extent otherwise mutually agreed by the applicable Parties.

(ii) If CMRE, the Partnership Group and, as applicable, York are unable to agree on the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests that are subject to the Election Notice or the unspecified terms of the Election Notice during the Election Period, the General Partner shall appoint a Shipbroker prior to the fifth business day following the end of the Election Period to determine the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the CMRE, the Partnership Group and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York are unable to agree. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the consideration shall be 100% cash. In determining the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests and the unspecified terms on which the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests are to be sold, the Shipbroker will have access to the proposed sale and purchase values and terms for the Election Notice submitted by CMRE, the Partnership Group and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York, and to all information prepared by or on behalf of the Partnership Group relating to the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests and reasonably requested by such Shipbroker.

Such Shipbroker shall be required to determine the fair market value of the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the CMRE, the Partnership Group and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York are unable to agree within 30 calendar days of its engagement and furnish CMRE, the Partnership Group and, with respect to JV Vessels, York its determination. The fees and expenses of the Shipbroker will be divided equally between CMRE, the Partnership Group and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York. Upon receipt of such determination, the General Partner will have the option, but not the obligation:

(A) to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests for the fair market value, and on the unspecified terms determined by the Shipbroker, as soon as commercially practicable after determinations have been made; or

(B) to elect not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase such Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests, in which event CMRE or, the York Entity or the JV Entity, as applicable, and their respective Affiliates shall, subject to the other terms of this Agreement which expressly continue to apply to such Existing Non-Compete Vessel

Interests following the lapse or the non-exercise (or deemed non-exercise) of such option (including Article V) and any applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement, be forever free to continue to own, operate, charter and dispose of (in accordance with Article V and Section 9.20) such Existing Non-Compete Vessel. If the General Partner does not provide a notice of such election to CMRE or, as applicable, to the JV Entity, within 10 business days of the Shipbroker's determination, it shall be deemed to have elected not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase such Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests.

- (iii) If the General Partner chooses to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests, the applicable parties shall enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase and sale of Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests substantially in the form of the agreement attached hereto as <u>Annex A</u>. Pursuant to such purchase and sale agreement, CMRE, and with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York shall be obligated to sell the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests to the Partnership Group Member and the Partnership Group Member shall be obligated to purchase the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests from CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York
- (iv) The decision to purchase the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests that are subject to the Election Notice, the fair market value to be paid for the Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests that are subject to the Election Notice, and the other terms of the purchase shall be initiated and proposed by Management but shall be subject to approval by the Conflicts Committee.
- (c) If the General Partner does not provide an Election Notice to CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York within the Election Confirmation Period, the General Partner shall be deemed to have chosen not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, the relevant Existing Non-Compete Vessel Interests and the provisions of Section 4.1(a) above shall apply.

Section 4.2. Procedures for New Non-Compete Vessels. Subject to Section 2.3 above, following the Non-Compete Commencement Date, in the event that (a) a Partnership Group Member acquires, operates or puts under charter Non-Five-Year Vessels in accordance with Section 3.2(b)(i), or (b) a CMRE Entity or, with respect to any JV Vessel, a JV Entity, as applicable, acquires, operates or puts under charter Five-Year Vessels in accordance with Section 2.2(b), (c) or (d)(i), in any such case "New Non-Compete Vessels", then not later than (i) 36 months after delivery to the charterer, with respect to newbuild New-Non-Compete Vessels or (ii) 24 months after the consummation of the acquisition or the commencement of operations or charter, with respect to secondhand New-Non-Compete Vessels (the "New Non-Compete Notice Period"), such acquiring entity (the "Acquiring Party") shall notify (i) CMRE, in the case of an acquisition by a Partnership Group Member or (ii) the General Partner, in the case of an acquisition by a CMRE Entity and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel, a JV Entity, and offer such party to be notified (each an "Offeree") the right for any CMRE Entity, JV Entity or Partnership Group Member, as applicable, to purchase the relevant New Non-Compete Vessel Interests, as applicable (the "Offered Assets"), for their fair market value (or, in the case of an acquisition in accordance witl Section 2.2(b), if the offer is given substantially simultaneously with the acquisition giving rise to the option in this Section 4.2, the acquisition price) plus, in the case of an acquisition in accordance with Sections 2.2(b), 2.2(d)(i) or 3.2(b)(i), if the offer is given substantially simultaneously with the acquisition giving rise to the option in this Section 4.2, any applicable Break-up Costs, in each case on commercially reasonable terms in accordance with this Section 4.2 (the "Offer"); provided, however that, during the New Non-Compete Notice Period, (a) a Partnership Group Member will be subject to such requirement to provide the Offer to CMRE for purchase any New Non-Compete Vessel Interests only if, at the time of such Offer, the relevant New Non-Compete Vessel is a Non-Five-Year Vessel and (b) CMRE and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, York and any JV Entity will be subject to such requirement to provide the Offer to the General Partner for purchase any New Non-Compete Vessel Interests only if, at the time of such Offer, the relevant New Non-Compete Vessel is a Five-Year Vessel; provided, further that if, at the end of the New Non-Compete Notice Period, any New Non-Compete Vessel is a Five-Year Vessel and CMRE and York have not previously notified the General Partner and offered the Partnership Group the right to purchase the applicable New Non-Compete Vessel Interests, the Partnership Group shall have the right to purchase such New Non-Compete Vessel Interests at the end of the New Non-Compete Notice Period and the Acquiring Party shall at that time

provide the Offer. The Offer shall set forth the Acquiring Party's proposed terms relating to the purchase of the Offered Assets by the applicable CMRE Entity and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity agreed by York and CMRE or Partnership Group Member, including any liabilities to be assumed by the applicable CMRE Entity and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, JV Entity, as applicable, or Partnership Group Member as part of the Offer. As soon as practicable after the Offer is made, the Acquiring Party will deliver to the Offeree all information prepared by or on behalf of or in the possession of such Acquiring Party relating to the Offered Assets and reasonably requested by the Offeree. As soon as practicable, but in any event, within 30 calendar days after receipt of the Offer, the Offeree shall notify the Acquiring Party in writing that either:

(a) CMRE and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, as applicable, have elected not to purchase (or not to cause any of their respective permitted Affiliates to purchase) or the General Partner has elected not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, such Offered Assets, in which event the Acquiring Party and its Affiliates shall, subject to Section 2.2(c) and to the other terms of this Agreement which expressly continue to apply to such Offered Assets following the lapse or the non-exercise (or deemed non exercise) of such option (including any purchase rights that may arise under Article V) and any applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement, be forever free to continue to own, operate, charter and dispose of (in accordance with Article V and Section 9.20) such Offered Assets. If no notice is provided by the Offeree under this clause (a) within 30 calendar days after receipt of the Offer, it shall be deemed to have notified of its election not to purchase, and not to cause any other person to purchase, the Offered Assets; or

(b) CMRE and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, as applicable, have elected to purchase (or to cause any of their respective permitted Affiliates to purchase) or the General Partner has elected to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, such Offered Assets, in which event the following procedures shall be followed:

(i) After the receipt of the Offer by the Offeree, the Acquiring Party and the Offeree shall negotiate in good faith regarding the fair market value (and any applicable Break-up Costs) of the Offered Assets that are subject to the Offer and the other unspecified terms of the Offer on which the Offered Assets will be sold to the applicable CMRE Entity and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, or Partnership Group Member. If the Acquiring Party and the Offeree agree on the fair market value (and any applicable Break-up Costs) of the Offered Assets that are subject to the Offer and the unspecified terms of the Offer during the 30-day period (the "Offer Period") after receipt by the Acquiring Party of CMRE's and, as applicable, a JV Entity's election to purchase (or election to cause any of its respective permitted Affiliates to purchase) or of the General Partner's election to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, the Offered Assets, CMRE and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, as applicable, shall purchase (or cause any of their respective permitted Affiliates to purchase) or the General Partner shall cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase, as applicable, the Offered Assets on such terms as soon as commercially practicable after such agreement has been reached. The Parties agree to and accept the terms of the form of the purchase agreement attached hereto as Annex A, and such terms shall apply to the sale and purchase of any New Non-Compete Vessel Interests pursuant to this Section 4.2, except to the extent otherwise mutually agreed by the applicable Parties.

(ii) If the Acquiring Party and the Offeree are unable to agree on the fair market value (and any applicable Break-up Costs) of the Offered Assets that are subject to the Offer or on any of the Offer terms during the Offer Period, the General Partner shall appoint a Shipbroker prior to the fifth business day following the end of the Offer Period to determine the fair market value of the Offered Assets and/or the unspecified terms on which the Acquiring Party and the Offeree are unable to agree. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the consideration shall be 100% cash. In determining the fair market value of the Offered Assets and unspecified terms on which the Offered Assets are to be sold, the Shipbroker will have access to the proposed sale and purchase values and terms for the Offer submitted by the Acquiring Party and the Offeree, respectively, and to all information prepared by or on behalf of the Acquiring Party and the Offeree relating to the Offered Assets and reasonably requested by such Shipbroker.

Such Shipbroker shall be required to determine the fair market value (and any applicable Break-up Costs) of the Offered Assets and/or the unspecified terms on which the Acquiring Party and the Offeree are unable to agree within 30 calendar days of its engagement and furnish the Acquiring Party and the Offeree its determination. The fees and expenses of the Shipbroker will be divided equally between the Acquiring Party and the Offeree; provided that with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, such fees and expenses will be divided equally between the CMRE Entity, York and the Partnership Group Member. Upon receipt of such determination, the Offeree will have the option, but not the obligation:

- (A) in the case that the Offeree is CMRE and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, as applicable, to purchase or cause any of their respective/permitted Affiliates to purchase, or in the case that the Offeree is the General Partner, to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase the Offered Assets for the fair market value (and any applicable Break-up Costs), and on the unspecified terms determined by the Shipbroker, as soon as commercially practicable after determinations have been made; or
- (B) in the case that the Offeree is CMRE and, with respect to any potential JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity, as applicable, to elect not to purchase or to cause any of their respective permitted Affiliates to purchase, or in the case that the Offeree is the General Partner, to elect not to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase such Offered Assets, in which event the Acquiring Party and its Affiliates shall, subject to Section 2.2(c) and to the other terms of this Agreement which expressly continue to apply to such Offered Assets following the lapse or the non-exercise (or deemed non-exercise) of such option (including Article V) and any applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement, be forever free to continue to own, operate and dispose of (in accordance with Article V and Section 9.20) such Offered Assets. If the Offeree does not provide a notice of such election to CMRE, the JV Entity or, as applicable, the General Partner, within 10 business days of the Shipbroker's determination, it shall be deemed to have elected not to purchase and not to cause their respective Affiliates to purchase such Offered Assets and subject to the other terms of this Agreement, and any applicable provisions of the Framework Agreement, the Acquiring Party shall be forever free, subject to the terms of this Agreement, to continue to own, operate, charter and dispose of (in accordance with Article V and Section 9.20) the containership vessel in question.
- (iii) The decision to purchase the Offered Assets, the fair market value to be paid for the Offered Assets, and the other terms of the purchase shall be initiated and proposed by Management but shall be subject to approval by the Conflicts Committee.

Section 4.3. Scope of Prohibition. If CMRE, any York Entity, any Partnership Group Member or any of their respective Affiliates engages in the ownership or operation of Five-Year Vessels or, as applicable, Five-Year Vessel Interests in the case of a CMRE Entity, and in the case of JV Vessels or, as applicable, JV Vessel Interests which are Five-Year Vessels or, as applicable, Five-Year Vessel Interests and JV Entity or York Entity, as applicable, or Non-Five-Year Vessels or, as applicable, Non-Five-Year Vessel Interests in the case of a Partnership Group Member, pursuant to any of the exceptions described in Sections 2.2 or 3.2, as applicable, the relevant Party and its Affiliates may not subsequently expand that portion of their business other than pursuant to the exceptions contained in such Sections 2.2 or 3.2; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of Section 2.3 shall be applicable to and binding upon the Parties. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or the MLP Agreement, each Party and its Affiliates shall be free to engage in any business activity whatsoever, including those that may be in direct competition with the CMRE Entities, JV Entities, the York Entities or the Partnership Group Members.

Section 4.4. Enforcement: Consents.

(a) Each Party agrees and acknowledges that the other Parties do not have an adequate remedy at law for the breach by any such Party of its covenants and agreements set forth in this Article IV, and that any breach

by any such Party of its covenants and agreements set forth in this Article IV would result in irreparable injury to such other Parties. Each Party further agrees and acknowledges that any other Party may, in addition to the other remedies which may be available to such other Party, file a suit in equity to enjoin such Party from such breach, and consent to the issuance of injunctive relief to enforce the provisions of this Article IV.

(b) The Parties acknowledge that the business opportunity procedures set forth in this Article IV are subject to obtaining any and all written consents of governmental authorities and other third parties and to the terms of all agreements existing in respect of the Offered Assets. Each Party hereby covenants and agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any such consents required to be obtained by it in connection with giving effect to the business opportunity procedures set forth in this Article IV.

ARTICLE V

RIGHTS OF FIRST OFFER

Section 5.1. Rights of First Offer.

- (a) The CMRE Entities, and, with respect to any JV Vessels Interests, the JV Entities and York Entities, as applicable, hereby grant the MLP a right of first offer on any proposed Transfer of any Five-Year Vessel Interests owned or acquired by any CMRE Entity, and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, any JV Entity or York Entity, as applicable.
- (b) The Parties acknowledge that all potential Transfers of Five-Year Vessel Interests pursuant to this Article V are subject to obtaining any and all written consents of governmental authorities and other non-affiliated third parties and to the terms of all existing agreements in respect of such Five-Year Vessel Interests. Each Party hereby covenants and agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any such consents required to be obtained by it in connection with giving effect to the procedures set forth in this Article V.

Section 5.2. Procedures for Rights of First Offer.

- (a) In the event that a CMRE Entity, and, with respect to any JV Vessel Interests, a JV Entity or a York Entity, as applicable, (a *Transferring Party*") proposes to Transfer any Five-Year Vessel Interests (the "*Sale Assets*"), prior to engaging in any negotiation for such Transfer with any non-affiliated third party or otherwise offering to Transfer the Sale Assets to any non-affiliated third party, such Transferring Party shall give the General Partner (a "*Potential Transferee*"), written notice setting forth all material terms and conditions (including, without limitation, the purchase price or the terms of the charter agreement and a description of the Sale Asset(s)) on which such Transferring Party desires to Transfer the Sale Assets (a "*Transfer Notice*").
- (b) After delivery of a Transfer Notice, the Transferring Party then shall be obligated to negotiate in good faith for a 30-day period following the delivery by the Transferring Party of the Transfer Notice (the "First Offer Negotiation Period") to reach an agreement for the Transfer of such Sale Assets to the Potential Transferee or any of its Affiliates on the terms and conditions set forth in the Transfer Notice. If no such agreement with respect to the Sale Assets is reached during the First Offer Negotiation Period, the Transferring Party will be permitted to Transfer, or agree in writing to Transfer, such Sale Assets to a third party within 180 calendar days after the end of the First Offer Negotiation Period, provided that the terms of such Transfer are generally no less favorable to the Transferring Party than those included in the Transfer Notice. If no such agreement with respect to the Sale Assets is reached during the First Offer Negotiation Period, and the Transferring Party has not Transferred, or agreed in writing to Transfer, such Sale Assets to a third party within 180 calendar days after the end of the First Offer Negotiation Period on terms generally no less favorable to the Transferring Party than those included in the Transferring Party shall not thereafter Transfer any of the Sale Assets without first offering such assets to the applicable Potential Transferee in the manner provided above.

ARTICLE VI

EXISTING VESSEL INTERESTS PURCHASE OPTION

Section 6.1. Option to Purchase the Valence Interests.

(a) CMRE hereby grants to the Partnership Group the unconditional right and option to purchase for fair market value at any time and from time to time within 12 months after the Closing Date, all of the Valence Interests (or, pursuant to Section 6.2, the Substitute Vessel Interests).

(b) The Parties acknowledge that the potential transfer of the Valence Interests, pursuant to this Article VI is subject to obtaining any and all written consents of governmental authorities and other third parties and to the terms of all agreements existing as of the date hereof in respect of the Valence Interests, including, without limitation, any rights of first refusal of the parties to such agreements to purchase the Valence Interests and the consummation of the acquisition of such containership vessel, as applicable. CMRE hereby covenants and agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any such consents required to be obtained by it in connection with the transfer of the Valence Interests, pursuant to this Article VI.

Section 6.2. Procedures.

(a) If the General Partner decides to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Valence Interests, it will provide, within 12 months of the Closing Date, written notice to CMRE of such exercise, the fair market value it proposes to pay for the Valence Interests, and the other material terms of the purchase (the "Existing Option Exercise Notice"). The decision to purchase the Valence Interests that are subject to the Existing Option Exercise Notice, the fair market value to be paid for the Valence Interests that are subject to the Existing Option Exercise Notice, and the unspecified terms of the purchase shall be initiated and proposed by the General Partner but shall be subject to approval by the Conflicts Committee; provided that CMRE has the option, exercisable in its sole discretion either before or within the Existing Option Exercise Period (as defined below), to replace the Valence Interests with the Substitute Vessel Interests, in which case the provisions of Section 6.1(b) and the remaining provisions of this Section 6.2 shall apply to such Substitute Vessel Interests instead of the Valence Interests. If CMRE exercises such option within the Existing Option Exercise Period, the Existing Option Exercise Period shall be extended for a period of 30 calendar days from date of such exercise and the General Partner shall be permitted to revise the Existing Option Exercise Notice to reflect the potential purchase of the Substitute Vessel Interests instead of the Valence Interests. If the Partnership Group Member and CMRE are unable to agree on the fair market value of the Valence Interests that are subject to the Existing Option Exercise Notice and/or the unspecified terms of the Existing Option Exercise Notice during the 30-day period (the "Existing Option Exercise Period") after receipt by CMRE of the Existing Option Exercise Notice, the General Partner shall appoint a Shipbroker prior to the fifth business day following the end of the Existing Option Exercise Period to determine the fair market value of the Valence Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Partnership Group Member and CMRE are unable to agree. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the consideration shall be 100% cash. In determining the fair market value of the Valence Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Valence Interests are to be sold, the Shipbroker will have access to the proposed sale and purchase values and terms for the Existing Option Exercise Notice submitted by the Partnership Group Member and CMRE, respectively, and to all information prepared by or on behalf of the Partnership Group Member and CMRE with respect to the Valence Interests and reasonably requested by such Shipbroker. Such Shipbroker shall be required to determine the fair market value of the Valence Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Partnership Group Member and CMRE are unable to agree within 30 calendar days of its engagement and furnish the Partnership Group Member and CMRE its determination. The fees and expenses of the Shipbroker will be divided equally between the Partnership Group Member and CMRE. Upon receipt of such determination, the Partnership Group Member will have the option, but not the obligation in to purchase the Valence Interests for the fair market value and on the unspecified terms determined by the Shipbroker, as soon as commercially practicable after such determinations have been made.

(b) If the General Partner chooses to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Valence Interests, the applicable parties shall enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase and sale of the Valence Interests substantially in the form of the agreement attached hereto as <u>Annex A</u>. Pursuant to such purchase and sale agreement, CMRE shall be obligated to sell the Valence Interests to the Partnership Group Member and the Partnership Group Member shall be obligated to purchase the Valence Interests from CMRE. The Parties agree to and accept the terms of the form of the purchase agreement attached hereto as <u>Annex A</u>, and such terms shall apply to the sale and purchase of the Valence Interests pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u>, except to the extent otherwise mutually agreed by the applicable Parties.

(c) If the General Partner (i) chooses or is deemed to have chosen not to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Valence Interests at the price determined by the Shipbroker under Section 6.2 (a) or (ii) does not exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Valence Interests within 12 months of the Closing Date, all future rights to purchase the Valence Interests by the Partnership Group will be extinguished (subject to any purchase rights that may arise under Article V).

ARTICLE VII

NEW BUILD INTERESTS PURCHASE OPTION

Section 7.1. Option to Purchase the New Build Interests

(a) CMRE and York hereby agree to offer to the Partnership Group the right and option to purchase for fair market value all of the Hull NCP0113 Interests, Hull NCP0114 Interests, Hull NCP0115 Interests, Hull NCP0116 Interests, Hull S2121 Interests, Hull S2122 Interests, Hull S2123 Interests, Hull S2124 Interests and Hull S2125 Interests (each, a "New Build Interest" and collectively, the "New Build Interests") at any time within 36 months after any of Hull NCP0113, Hull NCP0114, Hull NCP0115, Hull NCP0116, Hull S2121, Hull S2122, Hull S2123, Hull S2124 or Hull S2125 has been accepted by its charterer (such 36-month period with respect to each New Build Interest, the "New Build Interest Option Period") according to the procedures set forth in Section 7.2 of this Agreement.

(b) The Parties acknowledge that the potential transfer of the New Build Interests, as applicable, pursuant to this Article VII is subject to obtaining any and all written consents of governmental authorities and other third parties and to the terms of all agreements existing as of the date hereof in respect of the New Build Interest, as applicable, including, without limitation, any rights of first refusal of the parties to such agreements to purchase the New Build Interest, as applicable. Each of CMRE and York hereby covenants and agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any such consents required to be obtained by it in connection with the transfer of each of the New Build Interest pursuant to this Article VII.

Section 7.2. Procedures.

(a) CMRE and York shall, at any time and from time to time within the New Build Interest Option Period, notify the General Partner and offer the General Partner the right to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase the Hull NCP0113 Interests, Hull NCP0114 Interests, Hull NCP0115 Interests, Hull NCP0115 Interests, Hull S2121 Interests, Hull S2122 Interests, Hull S2123 Interests, Hull S2124 Interests and Hull S2125 Interests, as applicable (the "Applicable New Build Interests") and the applicable containership vessel, the "Applicable New Build Vessel") for fair market value pursuant to Section 7.1(a): provided, however that, during the relevant New Build Interest Option Period, CMRE and York will be subject to such requirement to provide notice and offer the Applicable New Build Vessel Interests only if, at the time of such notice and offer, the Applicable New Build Vessel constitutes a Five-Year Vessel; provided, further that if, at the end of the New Build Interest Option Period, any Applicable New Build Vessel constitutes a Five-Year Vessel and CMRE and York have not previously notified the General Partner and offered the General Partner the right to cause any Partnership Group Member to purchase the relevant Applicable New Build Vessel Interests, at the end of the New Build Interest Option Period and CMRE and York shall at that time offer the relevant Applicable New Build Vessel Interests.

(b) If the General Partner decides to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests, it will provide, within 10 business days of receipt of notice and offer to purchase pursuant to Section 7.2(a) (or of the last day of the New Build Interest Option Period, if the last provise of Section 7.2(a) applies), written notice to CMRE and York of such exercise and the fair market value it proposes to pay for the Applicable New Build Interests (the "New Build Option Exercise Notice"). The decision to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests subject to the New Build Option Exercise Notice and the fair market value to be paid for the Applicable New Build Interests subject to the New Build Option Exercise Notice shall be initiated and proposed by Management but shall be subject to approval by the Conflicts Committee. If the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE are unable to agree on the fair market value of the Applicable New Build Interests that are subject to the New Build Option Exercise Notice and the unspecified terms of the New Build Option Exercise Notice during the 30-day period (the "New Build Option Exercise Period") after receipt by CMRE of the New

Build Option Exercise Notice, the General Partner shall appoint a Shipbroker prior to the fifth business day following the end of the New Build Option Exercise Period to determine the fair market value of the Applicable New Build Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Partnership Group Member and CMRE are unable to agree. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, the consideration shall be 100% cash. In determining the fair market value of the Applicable New Build Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Applicable New Build Interests are to be sold, the Shipbroker will have access to the proposed sale and purchase values and terms for the New Build Option Exercise Notice submitted by the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE, respectively, and to all information prepared by or on behalf of the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE with respect to the Applicable New Build Interests and reasonably requested by such Shipbroker. Such Shipbroker shall be required to determine the fair market value of the Applicable New Build Interests and/or the unspecified terms on which the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE are unable to agree within 30 calendar days of its engagement and furnish the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE its determination. The fees and expenses of the Shipbroker will be divided equally between the Partnership Group Member, York and CMRE. Upon receipt of such determination, the Partnership Group Member will have the option, but not the obligation to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests for the fair market value and on the other terms determined by the Shipbroker, as soon as commercially practicable after such determinations have been made.

(c) If the General Partner chooses to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests under Section 7.2(b), the applicable parties shall enter into a purchase and sale agreement for the purchase and sale of the Applicable New Build Interests substantially in the form of the agreement attached hereto as Annex A. Pursuant to such purchase and sale agreement, CMRE shall be obligated to sell the Applicable New Build Interests to the Partnership Group Member and the Partnership Group Member shall be obligated to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests from CMRE. The MLP, York and CMRE agree to and accept the terms of the form of the purchase agreement attached hereto as Annex A, and such terms shall apply to any purchase and sale of the New Build Interests pursuant to this Article VII, except to the extent otherwise mutually agreed by the applicable Parties.

(d) If the General Partner notifies CMRE and York that it chooses not to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests at the price determined by the Shipbroker under Section 7.1(b), all future rights to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests by the Partnership Group will be extinguished. If the General Partner (i) does not provide CMRE and York with a New Build Option Exercise Notice within 10 business days of receipt of notice and offer to purchase pursuant to Section 7.2(a) (or of the last day of the New Build Interest Option Period, if the last proviso of Section 7.2(a) applies), the General Partner shall be deemed to have chosen not to exercise the option for a Partnership Group Member to purchase the Applicable New Build Interest in accordance with this paragraph (d) and all future rights to purchase the Applicable New Build Interests by the Partnership Group will be extinguished (subject to any purchase rights that may arise under Article V).

ARTICLE VIII

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 8.1. CMRE Indemnification. Subject to the provisions of Section 8.2 and Section 8.3, CMRE shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Partnership Group from and against: (a) any Covered Environmental Losses relating to the assets contributed by the CMRE Entities to the Partnership Group prior to or on the Closing Date (the "Contribution Assets") to the extent that CMRE is notified by the MLP of any such Covered Environmental Losses within five years after the Closing Date; (b) Losses to the Partnership Group arising from (i) the failure of the Partnership Group, immediately after the Closing Date, to be the owner of such valid leasehold interests or fee ownership interests in and to the Contribution Assets as are necessary to enable the Partnership Entities to own and operate the Contribution Assets in substantially the same manner that the Contribution Assets were owned and operated by the CMRE Entities immediately prior to the respective dates on which each such Contribution Asset was acquired by the Partnership Entities to own or operate the Contribution Assets in substantially the same manner that the Contribution Assets were owned and operated by the CMRE Entities immediately prior to the respective dates on which each such Contribution Asset was acquired by the Partnership Entities, in each of clauses (i) and (ii) above, to the extent that CMRE is notified by

the MLP of such Losses within three years after the Closing Date; and (c) all federal, state, foreign and local income tax liabilities attributable to the operation of the Contribution Assets prior to the Closing Date, including any such income tax liabilities of the CMRE Entities that may result from the consummation of the formation transactions for the Partnership Group and the MLP, but excluding any federal, state, foreign and local income taxes reserved on the books of the Partnership Group on the Closing Date.

Section 8.2. <u>Limitation Regarding Indemnification</u>. The aggregate liability of CMRE under <u>Section 8.1(a)</u> above shall not exceed \$5,000,000 for all relevant containership vessels. Furthermore, no claim may be made against CMRE for indemnification pursuant to <u>Section 8.1(a)</u>, unless the aggregate dollar amount of all claims for indemnification pursuant to such section shall exceed \$500,000, in which case CMRE shall be liable for claims for indemnification only to the extent such aggregate amount exceeds \$500,000.

Section 8.3. Indemnification Procedures.

- (a) The Partnership Group Members agree that within a reasonable period of time after they become aware of facts giving rise to a claim for indemnification pursuant to <u>Section 8.1</u>, they will provide notice thereof in writing to CMRE specifying the nature of and specific basis for such claim.
- (b) CMRE shall have the right to control all aspects of the defense of (and any counterclaims with respect to) any claims brought against the Partnership Group that are covered by the indemnification set forth in Section 8.1, including, without limitation, the selection of counsel, determination of whether to appeal any decision of any court and the settling of any such matter or any issues relating thereto; provided, however, that no such settlement shall be entered into without the consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) of the Partnership Group unless it includes (i) a full release of the Partnership Group from such matter or issues, as the case may be and (ii) no admission of fault or wrong doing on the part of any member of the Partnership Group.
- (c) The Partnership Group Members agree to cooperate fully with CMRE with respect to all aspects of the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification set forth in Section 8.1, including, without limitation, the prompt furnishing to CMRE of any correspondence or other notice relating thereto that the Partnership Group may receive, permitting the names of the members of the Partnership Group to be utilized in connection with such defense, the making available to CMRE of any files, records or other information of the Partnership Group that CMRE considers relevant to such defense and the making available to CMRE of any employees of the Partnership Group; provided, however, that in connection therewith CMRE agrees to use reasonable efforts to minimize the impact thereof on the operations of the Partnership Group and further agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all files, records and other information furnished by a Partnership Group Member pursuant to this Section 8.3 (except as the Partnership Group may consent). In no event shall the obligation of the Partnership Group to cooperate with CMRE as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence be construed as imposing upon the Partnership Group an obligation to hire and pay for counsel in connection with the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article VIII; provided, however, that the Partnership Group Members may, at their own option, cost and expense, hire and pay for counsel in connection with any such defense. CMRE agrees to keep any such counsel hired by the Partnership Group reasonably informed as to the status of any such defense (including providing such counsel with such information related to any such defense as such counsel may reasonably request) but CMRE shall have the right to retain sole control over such defense.
- (d) In determining the amount of any Loss for which any of the members of the Partnership Group is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement, the gross amount of the indemnification will be reduced by (i) any insurance proceeds realized by the Partnership Group, and such correlative insurance benefit shall be net of any incremental insurance premium that becomes due and payable by the Partnership Group as a result of such claim, and (ii) all amounts recovered by the Partnership Group under contractual indemnities from third Persons. The Partnership Group hereby agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to realize any applicable insurance proceeds or amounts recoverable under such contractual indemnities; provided, however, that the costs and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Partnership Group in connection with such efforts shall be promptly reimbursed by CMRE in advance of any determination of whether such insurance proceeds or other amounts will be recoverable.

ARTICLE IX

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1. Choice of Law; Submission To Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the State of New York. Each party hereby submits to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the State of New York and to venue in New York, New York.

Section 9.2. Notice. All notices, requests or consents provided for or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement must be in writing and must be given by depositing the same in the mail, addressed to the Person to be notified, postpaid, and registered or certified with return receipt requested or by delivering such notice in person or by private-courier, prepaid, or by telecopier or electronic mail to such party. Notice given by personal delivery or mail shall be effective upon actual receipt. Couriered notices shall be deemed delivered on the date the courier represents that delivery will occur. Notice given by telecopier or by electronic mail shall be effective upon actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours. All notices to be sent to a party pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent to or made at the address set forth below such party's signature to this Agreement, or at such other address as such party may stipulate to the other parties in the manner provided in this Section 9.2.

Section 9.3. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties relating to the matters contained herein, superseding all prior contracts or agreements, whether oral or written, relating to the matters contained herein.

Section 9.4. <u>Termination</u>. Upon a Change of Control of the General Partner or of the MLP, the provisions of <u>Articles II, III, IV</u> and \underline{V} of this Agreement shall terminate immediately. Upon a Change of Control of CMRE, the provisions of <u>Articles II, III, IV</u> and \underline{V} of this Agreement applicable to any CMRE Entity, York or the JV Entities shall terminate at the time that is the later of (a) the date on which all of the MLP's outstanding subordinated units have converted to common units of the MLP and (b) the date of the Change of Control of CMRE. In addition, if the General Partner exercises its right to delegate management of the MLP to a board of directors of the MLP, then on the date on which a majority of the directors of the MLP ceases to consist of directors that were (1) appointed by the General Partner and (2) recommended for election by a majority of the appointed directors, the provisions of <u>Articles II, III, IV</u> and \underline{V} applicable to CMRE and, as applicable, York or a JV Entity shall terminate immediately.

Section 9.5. Waiver; Effect of Waiver or Consent. Any party hereto may (a) extend the time for the performance of any obligation or other act of any other party hereto or (b) waive compliance with any agreement or condition contained herein. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in a written instrument duly executed by the party or parties to be bound thereby; provided, however, that the MLP and the General Partner may not, without the prior approval of the Conflicts Committee, agree to any extension or waiver of this Agreement that, in the reasonable determination of the General Partner, will adversely affect the holders of common units of the MLP. No waiver or consent, express or implied, by any party of or to any breach or default by any Person in the performance by such Person of its obligations hereunder shall be deemed or construed to be a waiver or consent of or to any other breach or default in the performance by such Person of the same or any other obligations of such Person hereunder. Failure on the part of a party to complain of any act of any Person or to declare any Person in default, irrespective of how long such failure continues, shall not constitute a waiver by such party of its rights.

Section 9.6. <u>Amendment or Modification</u>. This Agreement may be amended or modified from time to time only by the written agreement of all the parties hereto; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the MLP and the General Partner may not, without the prior approval of the Conflicts Committee, agree to any amendment or modification of this Agreement that, in the reasonable determination of the General Partner, will adversely affect the holders of common units of the MLP.

Section 9.7. <u>Assignment</u>. No party shall have the right to assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other parties hereto.

Section 9.8. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory parties had signed the same document. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 9.9. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any Person or circumstance shall be held invalid or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other Persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby and shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Section 9.10. <u>Gender, Parts, Articles and Sections</u> Whenever the context requires, the gender of all words used in this Agreement shall include the masculine, feminine and neuter, and the number of all words shall include the singular and plural. All references to Article numbers and Section numbers refer to Articles and Sections of this Agreement.

Section 9.11. <u>Further Assurances</u>. In connection with this Agreement and all transactions contemplated by this Agreement, each signatory party hereto agrees to execute and deliver such additional documents and instruments and to perform such additional acts as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, carry out and perform all of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement and all such transactions.

Section 9.12. Withholding or Granting of Consent. Each party may, with respect to any consent or approval that it is entitled to grant pursuant to this Agreement, grant or withhold such consent or approval in its sole discretion, with or without cause, and subject to such conditions as it shall deem appropriate.

Section 9.13. <u>Laws and Regulations</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, no party to this Agreement shall be required to take any act, or fail to take any act, under this Agreement if the effect thereof would be to cause such party to be in violation of any applicable law, statute, rule or regulation.

Section 9.14. <u>Negotiation of Rights of CMRE</u>, <u>Limited Partners</u>, <u>Assignees and Third Parties</u> The provisions of this Agreement are enforceable solely by the parties to this Agreement, and no shareholder of CMRE and no limited partner, member, assignee or other Person of the MLP or York shall have the right, separate and apart from CMRE, York or the MLP, as applicable, to enforce any provision of this Agreement or to compel any party to this Agreement to comply with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 9.15. <u>Conflict with Framework Agreement</u>. To the extent that any express provision of this Agreement conflicts with any provision of the Framework Agreement, the Parties agree that the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

Section 9.16. <u>Conflicts Committee Determinations.</u> It is understood and agreed that any requirement under this Agreement that the Conflicts Committee approve the fair market value of a containership vessel or related interests or the terms of a transaction related thereto shall be deemed satisfied in relation to the MLP if the Conflicts Committee determines that the relevant transaction is fair to the MLP from a financial point of view.

Section 9.17. Restrictive Covenant Agreement. It is understood and agreed that if Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos is required to offer a containership vessel or business to CMRE that CMRE in turn would be required to offer to the General Partner for purchase by the Partnership Group under the non-competition provisions of this Agreement, the General Partner can require CMRE to exercise its right under the Restrictive Covenant Agreement and cause such containership vessel or business to be offered to the General Partner, in accordance with the provisions of Articles II, III and IV of this Agreement. Furthermore, it is understood and agreed that if CMRE should purchase a Five-Year Vessel or a containership vessel that later becomes a Five-Year Vessel from Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos, such acquisition and containership vessel will be subject to the provisions of Articles II, III and IV of this Agreement.

Section 9.18. <u>Delegation of Management of MLP</u>. It is understood and agreed that, if the General Partner exercises its right to delegate management of the MLP to a board of directors of the MLP, then the provisions of this Agreement relating to the decision-making responsibilities of and provision of notices to the General Partner shall be deemed to apply instead to the board of directors of the MLP.

Section 9.19. <u>Effectiveness</u>. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement has been executed and delivered to the Parties and that, without any further action by any Party to this Agreement, this Agreement will automatically become effective concurrent with and as of the Closing Date; <u>provided, however,</u> that this Agreement shall have no effect prior to the Closing Date and will automatically terminate if the Closing Date does not occur on or prior to March 31, 2015.

Section 9.20. <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Subject to any Transfer made in accordance with the provisions of <u>Article V</u>, York shall not sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of their JV Vessel Interests, enter into any agreement in respect of any rights, title or interests attaching to such JV Vessel Interests to the extent such JV Vessel Interests remain subject to an option which has neither been exercised or lapsed for any Partnership Group Member to acquire such JV Vessel Interests or to any right to purchase such JV Vessel Interests under Article V or enter into any agreement, conditional or otherwise, to do any of the foregoing, unless (a) if the proposed transferee is not a York Entity, CMRE has provided a prior written consent and (b) an agreement from the proposed transferee, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the General Partner, to become party to this Agreement and to be bound by the terms of Article VII of this Agreement has been obtained.

Section 9.21. <u>York Capital Covenant</u>. York Capital, on behalf of itself and the York Funds, shall cause York to perform its obligations under this Agreement and to take any and all steps necessary or reasonably desirable to perform such obligations.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on October 1, 2014, to be automatically effective as of the Closing Date.

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YORK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GLOBAL ADVISORS LLC, on behalf of itself and as agent for the York Funds,

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SCHEDULE I

List of York Funds

- 1. York Capital Management L.P.
- 2. York Multi-Strategy Master Fund, L.P.
- 3. York Credit Opportunities Fund, L.P.
- 4. York Credit Opportunities Investments Master Fund, L.P.
- 5. York European Opportunities Investments Master Fund, L.P.
- 6. York European Focus Master Fund, L.P.
- 7. York European Distressed Credit Fund, L.P.

ANNEX A
[Form of purchase and sale agreement]

[FORM OF] SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Dated [•], [•]

among

COSTAMARE INC.,

COSTAMARE VENTURES INC.,

SPARROW HOLDINGS L.P.,

BLUEBIRD HOLDINGS L.P.,

COSTAMARE PARTNERS GP LLC

and

COSTAMARE PARTNERS LP

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This SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, dated as of [•], [•], is made by and among COSTAMARE INC. ("CMRE"), a corporation formed under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, COSTAMARE VENTURES INC. (the "Costamare Seller" and, together with CMRE, the "Costamare Parties"), a corporation formed under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and a wholly owned subsidiary of CMRE, SPARROW HOLDINGS L.P. ("Sparrow"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands, BLUEBIRD HOLDINGS L.P. (the "York Seller" and, together with the Costamare Seller, the "Sellers"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands and a wholly owned subsidiary of Sparrow, COSTAMARE PARTNERS GP LLC (the "General Partner"), a limited liability company formed under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the general partner of Buyer (as defined below), and COSTAMARE PARTNERS LP (the "Buyer"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

WHEREAS the Sellers are collectively the registered owners and shareholder of record of all the authorized and issued share capital of $[\bullet]$, a $[\bullet]$, with its registered office at $[\bullet]$ (the "<u>Vessel Owner</u>") and such Vessel Owner [is the registered owner of][leases] the $[\bullet]$ flagged vessel the $[\bullet]$ (the "<u>Vessel</u>") [under a bareboat charter party dated $[\bullet]$, $[\bullet]$ from $[\bullet]$ (the "<u>Owner</u>") (as amended or supplemented, the "<u>Bareboat Charter</u>")].

WHEREAS the Vessel is employed by [•], a [•] and whose registered office is [•], as charterer (the <u>Charterer</u>") under a charter party dated [•], [•] entered into between the Vessel Owner and the Charterer (as amended or supplemented, the "<u>Charterr</u>").

WHEREAS CMRE and the York Parties have notified the General Partner that Buyer in accordance with the Omnibus Agreement has the right to acquire all of the Costamare Parties' and the York Parties' rights, title and interests in the Vessel pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement.

WHEREAS the General Partner has elected to exercise the right for the Buyer to purchase all of the Costamare Parties' and the York Parties' rights, title and interests in the Vessel pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement.

¹ Note to Draft: The form of share purchase agreement is structured for the transfer of a JV Vessel by a Costamare Seller and a York Seller. In the case of the transfer of a vessel that is owned by CMRE or its affiliates that is not a JV Vessel, this form of share purchase agreement should be amended as appropriate to reflect the different ownership structure of the vessel and vessel owner. Such amendments may include, but are not limited to, removing the York Parties as parties, deleting references to the York Parties and the York Seller Entities, deleting representations, warranties, covenants and indemnity obligations insofar as they relate to the York Parties and removing provisions relating to the allocation of liabilities between the Costamare Parties and the York Parties.

WHEREAS pursuant to the exercise of the General Partner's right under the Omnibus Agreement, Buyer is entering into this Agreement to acquire all of the Costamare Parties' and the York Parties' rights, title and interests in the Vessel by purchasing from the Sellers, and the Sellers are entering into this Agreement to sell all of the Costamare Parties' and the York Parties' rights, title and interests in the Vessel by selling to the Buyer, all of the authorized and issued share capital of the Vessel Owner (the "Shares") which are registered in the names of the Sellers subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

WHEREAS the Buyer, the General Partner and Costamare Shipping Company S.A. (the "Manager"), a company formed under the laws of the Republic of Panama, are parties to a management agreement dated [•], 2014 (the "Management Agreement") and the Manager and the Vessel Owner are parties to a Shipmanagement Agreement dated [•], 2014 for the technical and commercial management of the Vessel (the "Shipmanagement Agreement").

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

Interpretation

SECTION 1.01. <u>Definitions.</u> In this Agreement, unless the context requires otherwise or unless otherwise specifically provided herein, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set out below and grammatical variations of such terms shall have corresponding meanings:

"Acquisition" has the meaning given to it in Section 2.01.

"Agreement" means this Agreement, including its preamble and schedule, as amended, supplemented, restated or otherwise modified from time to time

"Applicable Law" in respect of any Person, property, transaction or event, means all laws, statutes, ordinances, regulations, municipal by-laws, treaties, judgments and decrees applicable to that Person, property, transaction or event and, whether or not having the force of law, all applicable official directives, rules, consents, approvals, authorizations, guidelines, orders, codes of practice and policies of any Governmental Authority having authority over that Person, property, transaction or event and all general principles of common law and equity.

["Bareboat Charter" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.]

"Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the General Partner unless and until the General Partner exercises its right to delegate management of the Buyer to the board of directors of the Buyer (in which case, "Board of Directors" means the board of directors of the Buyer).

"Buyer" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.

- "Buyer Entities" means the Buyer and its subsidiaries.
- "Buyer Indemnitees" has the meaning given to it in Section 11.01.
- "Charter" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "Charterer" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "Closing" has the meaning given to it in Section 2.02.
- "Closing Date" has the meaning given to it in Section 2.02.
- "CMRE" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Commitment" means (a) options, warrants, convertible securities, exchangeable securities, subscription rights, conversion rights, exchange rights or other contracts that could require a Person to issue any of its equity interests or to sell any equity interests it owns in another Person (other than this Agreement and the related transaction documents); (b) any other securities convertible into, exchangeable or exercisable for, or representing the right to subscribe for any equity interest of a Person or owned by a Person; and (c) stock appreciation rights, phantom stock, profit participation, or other similar rights with respect to a Person.
 - "Conflicts Committee" means the Conflicts Committee of the Board of Directors.
 - "Contracts" means [the Bareboat Charter,] the Charter and the Shipmanagement Agreement.
 - "Costamare Parties" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
 - "Costamare Seller" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
 - "Costamare Seller Entities" means the Costamare Parties and their affiliates other than the York Seller Entities and the Buyer Entities.
 - "Costamare Shares" means the Shares registered in the name of the Costamare Seller.
 - "Covered Environmental Losses" means all Losses suffered or incurred by the Buyer Entities by reason of, arising out of or resulting from:
 - (a) any violation or correction of violation of Environmental Laws; or
 - (b) any event or condition relating to environmental or human health and safety matters, in each case, associated with the ownership or operation by the Buyer Entities or the Seller Entities

of the Vessel Owner and its assets (including, without limitation, the presence of Hazardous Substances on, under, about or migrating to or from the Vessel or the disposal or release of, or exposure to, Hazardous Substances generated by or otherwise related to operation of the Vessel), including, without limitation, the reasonable and documented cost and expense of (i) any investigation, assessment, evaluation, monitoring, containment, cleanup, repair, restoration, remediation or other corrective action required or necessary under Environmental Laws, (ii) the preparation and implementation of any closure, remedial, corrective action or other plans required or necessary under Environmental Laws and (iii) any environmental or toxic tort (including, without limitation, personal injury or property damage claims) pretrial, trial or appellate legal or litigation support work;

but only to the extent that such violation complained of under <u>clause (a)</u>, or such events or conditions included in <u>clause (b)</u>, is proven to have occurred before the Closing Date; and, provided, that in no event shall Losses to the extent arising from a change in any Environmental Law after the Closing Date be deemed Covered Environmental Losses.

"CPHL" means Costamare Partners Holdings LLC, a Marshall Islands limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of the Buyer.

"Disclosure Schedules" has the meaning given to it in the introduction to Article III.

"Encumbrance" means any mortgage, lien, charge, assignment, adverse claim, hypothecation, restriction, option, covenant, condition or encumbrance, whether fixed or floating, on, or any security interest in, any property whether real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, any pledge or hypothecation of any property, any deposit arrangement, priority, conditional sale agreement, other title retention agreement or equipment trust, capital lease or other security arrangements of any kind.

"Environmental Laws" means all international, federal, state, foreign and local laws, statutes, rules, regulations, treaties, conventions, orders, judgments and ordinances having the force and effect of law and relating to protection of natural resources, health and safety and the environment, each in effect and as amended through the Closing Date.

"Equity Interest" means (a) with respect to any entity, any and all shares or other ownership interest and any Commitments with respect thereto, (b) any other direct equity ownership or participation in a Person and (c) any Commitments with respect to the interests described in (a) or (b).

"General Partner" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.

"Governmental Authority" means any domestic or foreign government, including federal, provincial, state, municipal, county or regional government or governmental or regulatory authority, domestic or foreign, and includes any department,

commission, bureau, board, administrative agency or regulatory body of any of the foregoing and any multinational or supranational organization which, in each case, has jurisdiction over the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Vessel Owner or any of the Parties or any of their respective assets or of the jurisdiction of the flag state of the Vessel or any jurisdiction in which the Vessel is situated or otherwise with which the industry customarily complies with.

"Hazardous Substances" means (a) each substance defined, designated or classified as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, hazardous material, solid waste, contaminant or toxic substance under Environmental Laws; (b) petroleum and petroleum products, including crude oil and any fractions thereof; (c) natural gas, synthetic gas and any mixtures thereof; (d) any radioactive material; and (e) any asbestos-containing materials in a friable condition.

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning given to it in Section 11.06(a).

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"Losses" means losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees) of any and every kind or character; provided, however, that such term shall not include any exemplary, punitive, special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages.

"Management Agreement" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.

"Manager" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.

"Omnibus Agreement" means the Omnibus Agreement dated as of [•], 2014, among the Costamare Parties, the Buyer, the General Partner, CPHL, the York Parties and York Capital Management Global Advisors LLC on behalf of itself and on behalf of certain funds.

"Organizational Documents" has the meaning given to it in Section 6.03.

["Owner" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.]

"Parties" means all parties to this Agreement and "Party" means any one of them.

"Partnership Agreement" means the Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Buyer dated [•], 2014, as amended from time to time.

"Permits" has the meaning given to it in Section 6.13.

"Permitted Maritime Lien" means in relation to the Vessel, any maritime liens which accrue as a result of normal operation of the Vessel [including, without limitation:

- (a) any ship repairer's or outfitter's possessory lien in respect of the Vessel for an amount not exceeding \$500,000;
- (b) any lien on the Vessel for master's, officer's or crew's wages or compensation for civil wrongs outstanding in the ordinary course of its trading;
- (c) any lien on the Vessel for towage, salvage, wharfage, anchorage, pilotage, lighthouse or other port fees or liens arising from a collision; and
- (d) liens incurred in connection with supplies or services provided to the Vessel.
- "Person" means an individual, entity or association, including any legal personal representative, corporation, body corporate, firm, partnership, trust, trustee, syndicate, joint venture, unincorporated organization or Governmental Authority.
 - "Purchase Price" has the meaning given to it in Section 2.04.
- "Respective Proportion" for the Costamare Seller, on the one hand, and the York Parties, on the other hand, means the applicable percentage set forth in the Schedule.
 - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time.
 - "Sellers" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
 - "Seller Entities" means the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and their respective affiliates other than the Buyer Entities.
 - "Seller Indemnitees" has the meaning given to it in Section 11.05.
 - "Shares" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
 - "Shipmanagement Agreement" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
 - "Sparrow" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "Taxes" means all income, franchise, business, property, sales, use, goods and services or value added, withholding, excise, alternate minimum capital, transfer, excise, customs, anti-dumping, stumpage, countervail, net worth, stamp, registration, franchise, payroll, employment, health, education, business, school, property, local improvement, development, education development and occupation taxes, surtaxes, duties, levies, imposts, rates, fees, assessments, dues and charges and other taxes required to be reported upon or paid to any domestic or foreign jurisdiction and all interest and penalties thereon.
 - "Vessel" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.

- "Vessel Owner" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "York Parties" means Sparrow and the York Seller.
- "York Seller" has the meaning given to it in the preamble.
- "York Seller Entities" means the York Parties and their affiliates other than the Costamare Seller Entities and the Buyer Entities.
- "York Shares" means the Shares registered in the name of the York Seller.

ARTICLE II

Purchase and Sale of Shares; Closing

SECTION 2.01. <u>Purchase and Sale of Shares.</u> The Sellers agrees to sell and transfer to the Buyer, CMRE agrees to cause the Costamare Seller and Sparrow agrees to cause the York Seller to sell and transfer to the Buyer and the Buyer agrees to purchase from the Sellers for the Purchase Price and in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Shares which in turn shall result in the Buyer indirectly owning the Vessel and indirectly entitled to the rights under the Contracts (the "<u>Acquisition</u>"). The Sellers shall transfer the Shares to CPHL at Closing, unless Buyer shall before Closing nominate a different Buyer Entity to receive the Shares.

SECTION 2.02. <u>Closing.</u> On the terms of this Agreement and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article IX, the sale and transfer of the Shares and payment of the Purchase Price shall take place on the date (such date, the "Closing Date") that is five business days after the satisfaction or waiver of all of the conditions set forth in Article IX (other than those conditions to be satisfied on the Closing Date) or such other date as the Sellers and Buyer shall otherwise agree. The sale and transfer of the Shares is hereinafter referred to as "<u>Closing</u>".

SECTION 2.03. <u>Place of Closing.</u> The Closing shall take place at 60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue, 17564 Athens, Greece or any other place as designated by the Sellers.

SECTION 2.04. <u>Purchase Price for Shares.</u> On the Closing Date, the Buyer shall pay to the Sellers (to such accounts and beneficiaries being Seller Entities as the Costamare Seller, on the one hand, and the York Seller, on the other hand, shall designate) the amount of U.S. dollars [•] (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") in exchange for the Shares.² The Purchase Price may be payable by Buyer in part, in lieu of cash, by the transfer and assumption in full of associated debt obligations of the Vessel Owner. The

² <u>Note to Draft</u>: The purchase price is payable in cash unless the parties agree that the consideration will be paid by means of equity of the MLP, an interest-bearing promissory note, other form of consideration or combination thereof.

Purchase Price shall be allocated between, and paid by Buyer to, the Costamare Seller and the York Seller in accordance with their Respective Proportions.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Payment of the Purchase Price</u>. The Purchase Price will be paid by the Buyer to the Costamare Seller and the York Seller by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account and beneficiary being a Seller Entity designated in writing by each Seller.

ARTICLE III

Representations and Warranties of the Buyer

The Buyer represents and warrants to the Sellers that as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, except as set forth in the disclosure schedules delivered prior to the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Disclosure Schedules</u>"):

SECTION 3.01. Organization and Limited Partnership Authority. The Buyer is duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and has all requisite limited partnership power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Buyer and the General Partner, has been effectively authorized by all necessary action, limited partnership or otherwise, and constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of the Buyer and the General Partner. No meeting has been convened or resolution proposed or petition presented and no order has been made to wind up the Buyer. The General Partner's decision that the Buyer purchase the Shares and the Purchase Price have been approved by the Conflicts Committee.

SECTION 3.02. Agreement Not in Breach of Other Instruments. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not result in a breach of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or conflict with, or give any other party thereto a right to terminate, any agreement or other instrument to which the Buyer is a party or by which it is bound, including its certificate of formation and partnership agreement, any judgment, decree, order or award of any court, governmental body or arbitrator by which the Buyer is bound, or any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Buyer which would have a material effect on the transactions contemplated hereby or the ability of Buyer to pay the Purchase Price to the Sellers at the Closing.

SECTION 3.03. No Legal Bar. The Buyer is not prohibited or restricted by any order, writ, injunction or decree of any body of competent jurisdiction from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and no such action or proceeding is pending or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, threatened against the Buyer which questions the validity of this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated hereby or any action which has been taken by any of the parties in connection herewith or in connection with any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 3.04. Securities Act. The Shares purchased by the Buyer pursuant to this Agreement are being acquired for investment purposes only and not with a view to any public distribution thereof, and the Buyer shall not offer to sell or otherwise dispose of the Shares so acquired by it in violation of any of the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Buyer acknowledges that it is able to fend for itself, can bear the economic risk of its investment in the Shares, and has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that it is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of an investment in all of the Shares. The Buyer understands that, when transferred to the Buyer at the Closing, none of the Shares will be registered pursuant to the Securities Act and that all of the Shares will constitute "restricted securities" under the federal securities laws of the United States.

SECTION 3.05. <u>Independent Investigation</u>. The Buyer has had the opportunity to conduct to its own satisfaction independent investigation, review and analysis of the business, operations, assets, liabilities, results of operations, financial condition and prospects of the Vessel Owner and the Vessel and, in making the determination to proceed with the transactions contemplated hereby, has relied solely on the results of its own independent investigation and the representations and warranties set forth in Articles IV, V, VI and VII.

ARTICLE IV

Representations and Warranties of the Costamare Seller

The Costamare Seller represents and warrants to the Buyer that as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules:

SECTION 4.01. Organization and Corporate Authority. Each of CMRE and the Costamare Seller is duly incorporated, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and has all requisite corporate power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of CMRE and the Costamare Seller, has been effectively authorized by all necessary action, corporate or otherwise, and constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of each of CMRE and the Costamare Seller. No meeting has been convened or resolution proposed or petition presented and no order has been made to wind up either of CMRE or the Costamare Seller.

SECTION 4.02. <u>Agreement Not in Breach.</u> The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not violate, or result in a breach of, any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or conflict with, or give any other party thereto a right to terminate, any agreement or other instrument to which any of the Costamare Parties is a party or by which any such entity is bound including, without limitation, the organizational documents of any of the Costamare Parties, any judgment, decree, order or award of any court, governmental body or arbitrator by which any of the Costamare Parties is bound, or any law, rule or regulation applicable to any of the

Costamare Parties that would have a material effect on the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4.03. No Legal Bar. None of the Costamare Parties is prohibited by any order, writ, injunction or decree of any body of competent jurisdiction from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and no such action or proceeding is pending or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, threatened against any of the Costamare Parties which questions the validity of this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated hereby or any action which has been taken by any of the parties in connection herewith or in connection with any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 4.04. <u>Good and Marketable Title to Shares.</u> There are not outstanding any options, warrants or other rights, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for such options, warrants or other rights, to purchase from the Costamare Seller any Equity Interests of the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 4.05. The Costamare Shares. Assuming the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity has the requisite power and authority to be the lawful owner of the Costamare Shares, upon delivery to the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity at the Closing of instruments sufficient to evidence the transfer from the Costamare Seller to the Buyer (or the applicable Buyer Entity) of the Costamare Shares under the Applicable Laws of the relevant jurisdiction, or delivery of such Costamare Shares by electronic means, and upon or simultaneously with the Sellers' receipt of the Purchase Price, the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity shall own good and valid title to the Costamare Shares, free and clear of any Encumbrances, other than those arising under the Charter or otherwise from acts of the Buyer Entities. Other than this Agreement and any related transaction documents, the Organizational Documents and the Charter and restrictions imposed by Applicable Law, at the Closing, the Costamare Shares will not be subject to any voting trust agreement or other contract, agreement, arrangement, commitment or understanding restricting or otherwise relating to the voting, dividend rights or disposition of the Costamare Shares, other than any agreement to which any Buyer Entity is a party.

ARTICLE V

Representations and Warranties of the York Seller

The York Seller represents and warrants to the Buyer that as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules:

SECTION 5.01. Organization and Corporate Authority. Each of the York Parties is duly incorporated or formed, validly existing and in good standing under the respective laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, and has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of the York Parties, has been effectively authorized by all necessary action, company, limited partnership or otherwise, and constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of

each of the York Parties. No meeting has been convened or resolution proposed or petition presented and no order has been made to wind up any of the York Parties.

SECTION 5.02. Agreement Not in Breach. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not violate, or result in a breach of, any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or conflict with, or give any other party thereto a right to terminate, any agreement or other instrument to which any of the York Parties is a party or by which any such entity is bound including, without limitation, the organizational documents of any of the York Parties, any judgment, decree, order or award of any court, governmental body or arbitrator by which any of the York Parties is bound, or any law, rule or regulation applicable to any of the York Parties that would have a material effect on the transactions contemplated hereby.³

SECTION 5.03. No Legal Bar. None of the York Parties is prohibited by any order, writ, injunction or decree of any body of competent jurisdiction from consummating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and no such action or proceeding is pending or, to the best of its knowledge and belief, threatened against any of the York Parties which questions the validity of this Agreement, any of the transactions contemplated hereby or any action which has been taken by any of the parties in connection herewith or in connection with any of the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 5.04. <u>Good and Marketable Title to Shares.</u> There are not outstanding any options, warrants or other rights, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for such options, warrants or other rights, to purchase from the York Seller any Equity Interests of the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 5.05. The York Shares. Assuming the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity has the requisite power and authority to be the lawful owner of the York Shares, upon delivery to the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity at the Closing of instruments sufficient to evidence the transfer from the York Seller to the Buyer (or the applicable Buyer Entity) of the York Shares under the Applicable Laws of the relevant jurisdiction, or delivery of such York Shares by electronic means, and upon or simultaneously with the Sellers' receipt of the Purchase Price, the Buyer or the applicable Buyer Entity shall own good and valid title to the York Shares, free and clear of any Encumbrances, other than those arising under the Charter or otherwise from acts of the Buyer Entities. Other than this Agreement and any related transaction documents, the Organizational Documents and the Charter and restrictions imposed by Applicable Law, at the Closing, the York Shares will not be subject to any voting trust agreement or other contract, agreement, arrangement, commitment or understanding restricting or otherwise relating to the voting, dividend rights or disposition of the York Shares, other than any agreement to which any Buyer Entity is a party.

³ Note to Draft: Representation in the Share Purchase Agreement for the last JV Vessel to be qualified by any split right set forth in the Framework Agreement.

ARTICLE VI

Representations and Warranties Regarding the Vessel Owner

Each Seller represents and warrants to the Buyer severally but not jointly, and proportionally in its Respective Proportion, that as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules:

SECTION 6.01. Organization Good Standing and Authority. The Vessel Owner is a [•] duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of Liberia. The Vessel Owner has full corporate power and authority to carry on its business as it is now, and has since its formation been, conducted, and is entitled to own, lease or operate the properties and assets it now owns, leases or operates and to enter into legal and binding contracts. No meeting has been convened or resolution proposed or petition presented and no order has been made to wind up the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 6.02. <u>Capitalization</u>; <u>Good and Marketable Title to Shares</u>. The Shares have been duly authorized and validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable, and constitute the total issued and outstanding Equity Interests of the Vessel Owner. There are not outstanding (i) any securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of the Vessel Owner or (ii) any Commitments in respect of the shares of the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 6.03. <u>Organizational Documents</u>. The Seller Entities have supplied to the Buyer true and correct copies of the organizational documents of the Vessel Owner, as in effect as of the date hereof (the "<u>Organizational Documents</u>").

SECTION 6.04. <u>Agreement Not in Breach.</u> The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not violate, or result in a breach of, any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute a default under, or conflict with, or give any other party thereto a right to terminate, any agreement or other instrument to which the Vessel Owner is a party or by which it is bound including, without limitation, any of the Organizational Documents, any judgment, decree, order or award of any court, governmental body or arbitrator applicable to the Vessel Owner or the Contracts, or any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Vessel Owner that would have a material effect on the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 6.05. <u>Litigation.</u> (a) There is no action, suit or proceeding to which the Vessel Owner is a party (either as a plaintiff or defendant) pending before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or arbitrator; there is no material action, suit or proceeding threatened against the Vessel Owner; and, to the best knowledge of the Sellers, there is no basis for any such action, suit or proceeding.

(b) The Vessel Owner has not been permanently or temporarily enjoined by any order, judgment or decree of any court or any governmental agency, authority or body from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in connection with the business, assets or properties of the Vessel Owner.

(c) There is not in existence any order, judgment or decree of any court or other tribunal or other agency enjoining or requiring the Vessel Owner to take any material action of any kind with respect to its business, assets or properties.

SECTION 6.06. <u>Indebtedness to and from Officers, etc.</u> The Vessel Owner will not be indebted, directly or indirectly, to any person who is an officer, director, stockholder or employee of any of the Seller Entities or any spouse, child, or other relative or any affiliate of any such person, nor shall any such officer, director, stockholder, employee, relative or affiliate be indebted to the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 6.07. Personnel. The Vessel Owner has no employees other than the Vessel's master and crew.

SECTION 6.08. Contracts and Agreements. Other than the Contracts, there are no material contracts or agreements, written or oral, to which the Vessel Owner is a party or by which any of its assets are bound.

- (a) Each of the Contracts is a valid and binding agreement of the Vessel Owner, and to the best knowledge of the Sellers, of all other parties thereto.
- (b) The Vessel Owner has fulfilled all material obligations required pursuant to its Contracts to have been performed by it prior to the date hereof and has not waived any material rights thereunder, including payment in full of the purchase price for the Vessel, together with any other payments of the Vessel Owner due thereunder.
- (c) There has not occurred any material default under any of the Contracts on the part of the Vessel Owner, or to the best knowledge of the Sellers, on the part of any other party thereto nor has any event occurred which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would constitute any material default on the part of the Vessel Owner under any of the Contracts nor, to the best knowledge of the Sellers, has any event occurred which with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would constitute any material default on the part of any other party to any of the Contracts or that would give any other party thereto a right to terminate any of the Contracts.

SECTION 6.09. <u>Compliance with Law.</u> The conduct of business by the Vessel Owner does not and the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby will not violate any Applicable Laws of any country, province, state or other governing body, the enforcement of which would materially and adversely affect the business, assets, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Vessel Owner taken as a whole, nor has the Vessel Owner received any notice of any such violation.

SECTION 6.10. No Undisclosed Liabilities. Except for such liabilities, debts, obligations, encumbrances, defects, restrictions or claims of a general nature and magnitude that would arise in connection with the operation of container carriers of the same type as the Vessel in the ordinary course of business and obligations arising under the Contracts, the Vessel Owner (or the Vessel owned by it) has no liabilities or obligations of any nature, whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise, and whether due or to become due (including, without limitation, any liability for Taxes and

interest, penalties and other charges payable with respect to any such liability or obligation) that have not been disclosed in writing to the Buyer Entities prior to the date hereof

SECTION 6.11. <u>Payment of Taxes</u>. The Vessel Owner has filed all federal, state and local income and franchise tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction, which returns are correct and complete in all material respects, and has timely paid all taxes due from it, and the Vessel is in good standing with respect to the payment of past and current Taxes, fees and other amounts payable as at the date hereof and the Closing Date under the laws of the jurisdiction where it is registered as would affect its registry with the ship registry of such jurisdiction.

SECTION 6.12. <u>Permits.</u> The Vessel Owner has such permits, consents, licenses, franchises, concessions, certificates and authorizations (<u>Permits</u>") of, and has all declarations and filings with, and is qualified and in good standing in each jurisdiction of, all federal, provincial, state, local or foreign Governmental Authorities and other Persons, as are necessary to own or lease its properties and to conduct its business in the manner that is standard and customary for a business of its nature other than such Permits the absence of which, individually or in the aggregate, has not and could not reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the Vessel Owner or the Vessel, and the Vessel Owner has fulfilled and performed all its obligations with respect to such Permits in all material respects which are or will be due to have been fulfilled and performed by such date and no event has occurred that would prevent such Permits from being renewed or reissued or that allows, or after notice or lapse of time would allow, revocation or terminations thereof or results or would result in any impairment of the rights of the holder of any such Permit, except for such nonrenewals, nonissues, revocations, terminations and impairments that would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially or adversely affect the Vessel Owner.

ARTICLE VII

Representations and Warranties Regarding the Vessel

Each Seller represents and warrants to the Buyer severally but not jointly, and proportionally in its Respective Proportion, that as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, except as set forth in the Disclosure Schedules:

SECTION 7.01. <u>Title to Vessel</u>. [The Vessel Owner is the owner (beneficially and of record) of the Vessel and has good and marketable title to the Vessel.][The Vessel Owner charters the Vessel from the Owner on a demise or bareboat basis and the Owner retains no possession and control of the Vessel during the term of the Bareboat Charter.]

SECTION 7.02. No Encumbrances. As of the Closing Date, the assets of the Vessel Owner and the Vessel will be free of all Encumbrances other than the Encumbrances arising under the Charter [and the Bareboat Charter] and any Encumbrance arising as a result of a Permitted Maritime Liens.

SECTION 7.03. <u>Condition</u>. The Vessel is (i) seaworthy in all material respects for hull and machinery insurance warranty purposes and in good running order and repair; (ii) insured against all usual risks, and in amounts, consistent with common industry practices; (iii) in compliance in all material respects with applicable maritime laws and regulations; and (iv) in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of its class and classification society; and all class certificates of the Vessel are clean and valid and free of overdue recommendations affecting class; and the Buyer acknowledges and agrees that, subject only to the representations and warranties in this Agreement, it is acquiring the Vessel on an "as is, where is" basis.

ARTICLE VIII

Covenants

SECTION 8.01. Financial Statements. The Seller Entities agree to cause the Vessel Owner to provide reasonable access to the books and records of the Vessel Owner to allow the Buyer to prepare at the Buyer's expense any information, review or audit the Buyer reasonably believes is required to be furnished or provided by the Buyer pursuant to applicable securities laws, including in connection with obtaining Buyer's financing for the Acquisition and the filing of a registration statement with the Commission in connection therewith. Each Seller will (a) provide the Buyer or the Buyer's auditors access to such Seller's work papers relating to the Vessel Owner and (b) use its commercially reasonable efforts to assist the Buyer with any such information, review or audit and to provide other financial information reasonably requested by the Buyer or its auditors, including the delivery by the Seller Entities of any information, letters and similar documentation, including reasonable "management representation letters" and attestations relating to the Vessel and/or the Vessel Owner.

SECTION 8.02. Expenses. All costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the related transaction documents shall be paid by the Buyer, including all costs, fees and expenses incurred in connection with conveyance fees, recording charges and other fees and charges applicable to the transfer of the Shares. In addition:

- (i) all costs and expenses incurred by the Buyer to load the Vessel with fuel oil, lubricating oil, greases, fresh water and other stores necessary to operate the Vessel after the Closing shall be for the Buyer's account;
- (ii) all unused fuel oil, lubricating oil, greases, fresh water, and other stores on the Vessel at the Closing shall remain the assets of the Vessel Owner and shall not be transferred to the Seller Entities in connection with Closing;
- (iii) all spare parts and spare equipment, including spare tail-end shafts, spare propellers and propeller blades, if any, belonging to the Vessel Owner at the time of Closing used or unused, and on board shall remain the assets of the Vessel Owner and shall not be transferred to the Seller Entities in connection with Closing; and

(iv) all bank account balances, cash, current assets and current liabilities of the Vessel Owner at the time of Closing shall remain the assets of the Vessel Owner and shall not be transferred to the Seller Entities in connection with Closing.

SECTION 8.03. Commercially Reasonable Efforts; Financing. On the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, each of the Parties shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Closing to occur, including taking all commercially reasonable actions necessary to comply promptly with all legal requirements that may be imposed on it or any of its affiliates with respect to the Closing and to obtain any such consents required to be obtained by it in connection with the transfer of the Vessel Owner. The Costamare Parties and the York Parties shall also provide such reasonable cooperation in connection with any arrangement of the Buyer's financing as may be reasonably requested by Buyer, including providing information and documents, and other actions that are or may be customary in connection with comparable financing transactions. Each of the Parties shall not, and shall not permit any of their respective affiliates to, take any actions that would, or that could reasonably be expected to, result in any of the conditions set forth in Article IX not being satisfied (including obtaining any consent, authorization, order or approval of, or any exemption by, any Governmental Authority required to be obtained or made by any of the Parties in connection with the acquisition of the Vessel Owner or the taking of any action contemplated by this Agreement in accordance with its terms).

SECTION 8.04. <u>Tests and Surveys</u>. The Costamare Parties and the York Parties grant to the Buyer the right, exercisable at the Buyer's risk and expense, to make such surveys, tests and inspections of the Vessel as the Buyer may deem desirable, so long as such surveys, tests or inspections do not damage the Vessel or interfere with the activities of the Seller Entities or the Charterer thereon and so long as the Buyer has furnished the Costamare Parties and the York Parties with evidence that adequate liability insurance is in full force and effect.

SECTION 8.05. <u>Further Assurances</u>. From time to time after the date of this Agreement, and without any further consideration, the Parties agree to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such additional deeds, assignments, bills of sale, conveyances, instruments, notices, releases, acquittances and other documents, and will do all such other acts and things, all in accordance with Applicable Law, as may be necessary or appropriate (a) more fully to assure that the applicable Parties own all of the properties, rights, titles, interests, estates, remedies, powers and privileges granted by this Agreement, or which are intended to be so granted, (b) more fully and effectively to vest in the applicable Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns beneficial and record title to the interests distributed, contributed and assigned by this Agreement or intended so to be and (c) to more fully and effectively carry out the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

SECTION 8.06. Covenants of the Costamare Parties and the York Parties Prior to Closing From the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date, the Costamare Parties and the York Parties shall cause the Vessel Owner to conduct its business in the usual, regular and ordinary course in substantially the same manner as

previously conducted. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, during the period from the date of this Agreement to the Closing, except with the prior written consent of Buyer, the Costamare Parties and the York Parties shall not permit the Vessel Owner to:

- (a) enter into any contracts or other written or oral agreements outside of the ordinary course of business;
- (b) (i) declare, set aside or pay any dividends on, or make any other distributions (whether in cash, stock or property) in respect of, any of its capital stock, (ii) split, combine or reclassify any of its capital stock or issue any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for shares of its capital stock or (iii) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock or any other securities of the Vessel Owner or any options, warrants, calls or rights to acquire any such shares or other securities; or
- (c) issue, deliver, sell, pledge or otherwise encumber any shares of its capital stock, any other voting securities or any securities convertible into, or exchangeable for, any shares of its capital stock, or any stock options, warrants, calls or rights to acquire any such shares, voting securities or convertible securities or any stock appreciation rights or other rights that are linked in any way to the price of the Shares or the value of the Vessel Owner or any part thereof.

SECTION 8.07. Management Agreement and Shipmanagement Agreement. The Buyer and the General Partner shall cause the schedules to the Management Agreement to be amended as applicable to reflect the Buyer's acquisition of the Vessel and the Vessel Owner as of the Closing. The Costamare Parties and the York Parties shall cause the Vessel Owner to amend the Shipmanagement Agreement as applicable to reflect the Buyer's acquisition of the Vessel Owner as of the Closing.

ARTICLE IX

Conditions to Closing

SECTION 9.01. <u>Mutual Conditions</u>. The obligations of the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and Buyer to effect the Closing shall be subject to the satisfaction or waiver by each of the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and Buyer on or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions:

- (a) no Governmental Authority shall have entered any order that remains in effect which would restrain, enjoin or otherwise prevent the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;
- (b) all approvals or written consents of Governmental Authorities and those of other third parties under the terms of all agreements existing as of the date hereof in respect of the Vessel and the Shares, as applicable, including, without limitation, any rights of first refusal of the parties to such agreements to purchase the Vessel or the Shares and any financing instruments applicable to the Vessel, required to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall have been obtained; and

(c) no Applicable Law shall have been enacted by any Governmental Authority which prohibits the consummation of the Closing.

SECTION 9.02. <u>Conditions to the Obligation of Buyer</u>. The obligation of Buyer to effect the Closing shall be subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Buyer on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions:

- (a) the availability, in the Buyer's sole discretion, of sufficient funds to pay the Purchase Price and other costs associated with the Acquisition;
- (b) each of the representations and warranties of each of the Sellers contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date, with the same effect as if those representations and warranties had been made on and as of the Closing Date except to the extent that any such representation or warranty is made as of a specified date, in which case such representation or warranty need only be so true and correct as of such date, and except to the extent the failure to be so true and correct would not be material;
- (c) the Seller Entities shall have duly performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement that are required to be performed or complied with by Seller Entities at or before the Closing; and
- (d) the results of any searches, surveys, tests or inspections conducted pursuant to Section 8.04 or received in each case, after the date hereof, are not, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, unsatisfactory.

SECTION 9.03. Conditions to the Obligation of the Costamare Parties and the York Parties. The obligation of the Costamare Parties and the York Parties on or prior to the Closing Date of each of the following conditions:

- (a) Each of the representations and warranties of Buyer contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing Date, with the same effect as if those representations and warranties had been made on and as of the Closing Date except to the extent that any such representation or warranty is made as of a specified date, in which case such representation or warranty need only be so true and correct as of such date, and except to the extent the failure to be so true and correct would not be material; and
- (b) the Buyer Entities shall have duly performed and complied in all material respects with all covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement that are required to be performed or complied with by Buyer Entities at or before the Closing.

ARTICLE X

Amendments and Waivers

SECTION 10.01. <u>Amendments and Waivers.</u> This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each party hereto. By an instrument in writing the Buyer, on the one hand, or the Costamare Parties and the York Parties, on the other hand, may waive compliance by the other with any term or provision of this Agreement that such other party was or is obligated to comply with or perform.

ARTICLE XI

Indemnification

SECTION 11.01. <u>Indemnity by the Costamare Seller.</u> From and after the Closing, the Costamare Seller shall be liable for, and shall indemnify the Buyer and each of its subsidiaries and each of their directors, employees, agents and representatives (the "<u>Buyer Indemnitees</u>") against and hold them harmless from, any Losses, suffered or incurred by such Buyer Indemnitee:

- (a) by reason of or arising out of (i) any inaccuracy in, or breach of, any representation or warranty of the Costamare Seller (without giving effect to any supplement to the Disclosure Schedules occurring after the date hereof or qualifications as to materiality or dollar amount or other similar qualifications) other than a representation or warranty made in Article VII, or (ii) a failure to perform or observe any covenant, agreement or obligation of, the Costamare Seller Entities in or under this Agreement or in or under any document, instrument or agreement delivered pursuant to this Agreement by the Costamare Seller Entities (other than Section 8.03); or
- (b) with respect to any fees, expenses or other payments incurred or owed by the Costamare Seller Entities or the Vessel Owner to any brokers, financial advisors or comparable other persons retained or employed by it in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- SECTION 11.02. <u>Indemnity by the York Parties</u>. From and after the Closing, the York Parties shall be liable for, and shall indemnify the Buyer Indemnitees against and hold them harmless from, any Losses, suffered or incurred by such Buyer Indemnitee:
 - (a) by reason of or arising out of (i) any inaccuracy in, or breach of, any representation or warranty of the York Seller (without giving effect to any supplement to the Disclosure Schedules occurring after the date hereof or qualifications as to materiality or dollar amount or other similar qualifications) other than a representation or warranty made in Article VII, or (ii) a failure to perform or observe any covenant, agreement or obligation of, the York Seller Entities in or under this Agreement or in or under any document, instrument or

agreement delivered pursuant to this Agreement by the York Seller Entities (other than Section 8.03); or

- (b) with respect to any fees, expenses or other payments incurred or owed by the York Seller Entities or the Vessel Owner to any brokers, financial advisors or comparable other persons retained or employed by it in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- SECTION 11.03. <u>Indemnity by the Costamare Seller and the York Parties.</u> From and after the Closing, the Costamare Seller, on the one hand, and the York Parties, on the other hand, shall be severally but not jointly liable for, and shall indemnify the Buyer Indemnitees against and hold them harmless from, their Respective Proportion of any Losses, suffered or incurred by such Buyer Indemnitee:
 - (a) by reason of or arising out of any inaccuracy in, or breach of, any representation or warranty of the Sellers made in Article VII (without giving effect to any supplement to the Disclosure Schedules occurring after the date hereof or qualifications as to materiality or dollar amount or other similar qualifications);
 - (b) by reason of or arising out of obligations, liabilities, expenses, cost and claims relating to, arising from or otherwise attributable to the assets owned by the Vessel Owner or the assets, operations, and obligations of the Vessel Owner or the businesses thereof, in each case, to the extent relating to, arising from, or otherwise attributable to facts, circumstances or events occurring prior to the Closing Date;
 - (c) with respect to any Covered Environmental Losses relating to the Vessel Owner to the extent the Costamare Seller and the York Parties are notified by Buyer of any such Covered Environmental Losses within three years after the Closing Date;
 - (d) with respect to any Losses to the Buyer by reason of or arising out of:
 - (i) the failure of the Buyer, immediately after the Closing Date, to be the owner of such valid leasehold interests or fee ownership interests in and to the Vessel Owner and the Vessel as are necessary to enable the Buyer to own and operate the Vessel Owner and the Vessel in substantially the same manner that the Vessel Owner and the Vessel were owned and operated by the Sellers immediately prior to the Closing Date; or
 - (ii) the failure of the Buyer Entities or the Vessel Owner to have by the Closing Date any consent or governmental permit necessary to allow the Buyer to own or operate the Vessel Owner and the Vessel in substantially the same manner that the Vessel Owner and the Vessel were owned and operated by the Seller Entities immediately prior to the Closing Date;

in each of clauses (i) and (ii) above, other than as a result of any act or omission by the Buyer in violation of this Agreement and only to the extent that the Costamare Seller and the York Parties are notified by the Buyer of such Losses within three years after the Closing Date; or

(e) with respect to all federal, state, foreign and local income tax liabilities attributable to the operation of the Vessel Owner or the Vessel prior to the Closing Date, but excluding any federal, state, foreign and local income taxes reserved on the books of the Vessel Owner on the Closing Date.

SECTION 11.04. Limitation Regarding Indemnification.

- (a) The aggregate liability of the Costamare Seller and the York Parties under Section 11.03(c) above shall not exceed \$1,250,000. Furthermore, no claim may be made against any of the Costamare Seller or the York Parties for indemnification pursuant to Section 11.03(c), unless the aggregate dollar amount of all claims for indemnification pursuant to such section shall exceed \$500,000, in which case the Costamare Seller or the York Parties shall be liable for claims for indemnification only to the extent such aggregate amount exceeds \$500,000. The limitations set forth in this Section 11.04(a) shall also apply to any claim under Section 11.01 or 11.02, in each case, to the extent related to environmental or health and human safety matters.
- (b) The aggregate liability of the Costamare Seller under Section 11.01 and 11.03 above shall not exceed its Respective Proportion of the Purchase Price. The aggregate liability of the York Parties under Section 11.02 and 11.03 above shall not exceed their Respective Proportion of the Purchase Price. In addition, the aggregate limitations on liability under Section 11.04(a) above shall be allocated between the Costamare Seller and the York Parties according to their Respective Proportion of the Purchase Price.
 - (c) The aggregate liability of the Buyer under Section 11.05 below shall not exceed the Purchase Price.
- (d) Except as otherwise set forth in this Article XI or in Section 13.08, the indemnification obligations set forth in this Article XI shall survive until the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations.

SECTION 11.05. <u>Indemnity by the Buyer</u>. From and after the Closing, the Buyer shall be liable for, and shall indemnify the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and their respective subsidiaries and each of their directors, employees, agents and representatives (the "<u>Seller Indemnitees</u>") against and hold them harmless from, any Losses, suffered or incurred by such Seller Indemnitee:

(a) by reason of or arising out of (i) any inaccuracy in, or breach of, any representation or warranty (without giving effect to any supplement to the Disclosure Schedules occurring after the date hereof or qualifications as to materiality or dollar amount or other similar qualifications), or (ii) a failure to perform or observe any covenant, agreement or obligation of, the Buyer Entities in or under this Agreement or in or under any document, instrument or agreement

delivered pursuant to this Agreement by the Buyer Entities; or

(b) with respect to any fees, expenses or other payments incurred or owed by the Buyer Entities to any brokers, financial advisors or comparable other persons retained or employed by it in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

SECTION 11.06. Indemnification Procedures.

- (a) Each Buyer Indemnitee with respect to a claim for indemnification pursuant to Section 11.01, 11.02 or 11.03 and each Seller Indemnitee with respect to a claim for indemnification pursuant to Section 11.05 (as applicable, the "Indemnified Party") agrees that within a reasonable period of time after the Indemnified Party become aware of facts giving rise to a claim for indemnification pursuant to this Article XI, Buyer will provide notice thereof in writing to the Costamare Seller or the York Parties (or, if applicable, both) with respect to a claim for indemnification pursuant to Section 11.01, 11.02 or 11.03 and Buyer with respect to a claim for indemnification pursuant to Section 11.01, 11.02 or 11.03 and specific basis for such claim.
- (b) The Indemnifying Party shall have the right to control all aspects of the defense of (and any counterclaims with respect to) any claims brought against the Indemnified Party, including, without limitation, the selection of counsel, determination of whether to appeal any decision of any court and the settling of any such matter or any issues relating thereto; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such settlement shall be entered into without the consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) of the Indemnified Party unless it includes (i) a full release of the Indemnified Party from such matter or issues, as the case may be and (ii) no admission of fault or wrong doing on the part of any Indemnified Party.
- (c) Each Indemnified Party agrees to cooperate fully with the Indemnifying Party with respect to all aspects of the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article XI, including, without limitation, the prompt furnishing to the Indemnifying Party of any correspondence or other notice relating thereto that the Indemnified Party may receive, permitting the name of the Indemnified Party to be utilized in connection with such defense, the making available to the Indemnifying Party of any files, records or other information of the Indemnified Party that the Indemnifying Party considers relevant to such defense and the making available to the Indemnifying Party of any employees of the Indemnified Party; provided, however, that in connection therewith the Indemnifying Party agrees to use reasonable efforts to minimize the impact thereof on the operations of the Indemnified Party and further agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all files, records and other information furnished by the Indemnified Party pursuant to this Section 11.06 (except as the Indemnified Party may consent). In no event shall the obligation of the Indemnified Party to cooperate with the Indemnifying Party as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence be construed as imposing upon such Indemnified Party an obligation to hire and pay for counsel in connection with the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article XI; provided, however, that the Indemnified Party may, at its own option, cost

and expense, hire and pay for counsel in connection with any such defense. The Indemnifying Party agrees to keep any such counsel hired by the Indemnified Party reasonably informed as to the status of any such defense (including providing such counsel with such information related to any such defense as such counsel may reasonably request) but the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to retain sole control over such defense.

(d) In determining the amount of any Loss for which any Indemnified Party is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement, the gross amount of the indemnification will be reduced by (i) any insurance proceeds realized by the Indemnified Party, and such correlative insurance benefit shall be net of any incremental insurance premium that becomes due and payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such claim, and (ii) all amounts recovered by the Indemnified Party under contractual indemnities from third Persons. The Indemnified Party hereby agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to realize any applicable insurance proceeds or amounts recoverable under such contractual indemnities; provided, however, that the costs and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Indemnified Party in connection with such efforts shall be promptly reimbursed by the Indemnifying Party in advance of any determination of whether such insurance proceeds or other amounts will be recoverable.

SECTION 11.07. Exclusive Post-Closing Remedy. From and after the Closing, and except for any remedies for wilful misconduct or actual fraud, the rights and remedies set forth in this Article XI shall constitute the sole and exclusive rights and remedies of the Parties under or with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XII

Termination

SECTION 12.01. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing Date:

- (a) by mutual written consent of the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and Buyer;
- (b) by any of the Costamare Parties, the York Parties or Buyer by written notice to the others, if:
- (i) the Closing shall not have occurred within six months of execution of this Agreement, unless such date is extended by the mutual written consent of the Costamare Parties, the York Parties and Buyer;
- (ii) a Governmental Authority has entered any permanent order which restrains, enjoins or otherwise prevents the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; or

(iii) an Applicable Law has been enacted by any Governmental Authority which prohibits the consummation of the Closing;

provided that no Party may terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 12.01(b) if that Party has breached its obligations under this Agreement in a manner that shall have proximately caused the failure of the Closing to occur by such date;

(c) by the Costamare Parties or the York Parties if either of the conditions set forth in Section 9.03(a) or 9.03(b) are not satisfied, and such failure shall not have been cured within 30 days following written notice of such failure;

(d) by the Buyer if:

- (i) either of the conditions set forth in Section 9.02(b) or 9.03(c) are not satisfied, and such failure shall not have been cured within 30 days following written notice of such failure; or
- (ii) the results of any searches, surveys, tests or inspections conducted pursuant to Section 8.04 are, in the reasonable opinion of the Buyer, unsatisfactory.

SECTION 12.02. Effect of Termination. In the event of the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 12.01, this Agreement shall become void and have no effect, without any liability to any Person in respect hereof or the transaction contemplated hereby on the part of any Party, or any of its directors, officers, employees, agents, legal and financial advisors, representatives, stockholders, or affiliates; provided, however, that the agreements contained in Section 8.02 (Expenses), this Section 12.02 and Article XIII shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XIII

Miscellaneous

SECTION 13.01. <u>Governing Law.</u> This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed wholly within such jurisdiction without giving effect to conflict of law principles thereof other than Section 5-1401 of the New York General Obligations Law, except to the extent that it is mandatory that the law of some other jurisdiction, wherein the Vessel is located, shall apply.

SECTION 13.02. <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

SECTION 13.03. <u>Complete Agreement.</u> This Agreement and the Disclosure Schedules contain the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated herein and, except as provided herein, supersede

all previous oral and written and all contemporaneous oral negotiations, commitments, writings and understandings.

SECTION 13.04. <u>Interpretation.</u> The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

SECTION 13.05. Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by any court of competent jurisdiction to contravene, or to be invalid under, the laws of any governmental body having jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof, such contravention or invalidity shall not invalidate the entire Agreement. Instead, this Agreement shall be construed as if it did not contain the particular provision or provisions held to be invalid, and an equitable adjustment shall be made and necessary provision added so as to give effect, as nearly as possible, to the intention of the Parties as expressed in this Agreement at the time of execution of this Agreement.

SECTION 13.06. Third Party Rights. Except to the extent provided in Article XI, a Person who is not a party to this Agreement has no right to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of this Agreement.

SECTION 13.07. Notices. Any notice, claim or demand in connection with this Agreement shall be delivered to the parties at the following addresses (or at such other address or facsimile number for a party as may be designated by notice by such party to the other party):

(a) if to COSTAMARE INC., as follows:

Costamare Inc. 60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue 17564 Athens Greece Telephone: +30-210-949-0050 Fax: +30-210-949-6454

Attention: Anastassios Gabrielides (General Counsel and Secretary)

(b) if to COSTAMARE VENTURES INC., as follows:

Costamare Ventures Inc. 60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue 17564 Athens Greece Telephone: +30-210-949-0050 Fax: +30-210-949-6454

Attention: Anastassios Gabrielides (General Counsel and Secretary)

(c) if to SPARROW HOLDINGS L.P., as follows:

Sparrow Holdings L.P. [•]

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Telephone: +[•]
Fax: +[•]
Attention: [•]
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(d) if to BLUEBIRD HOLDINGS L.P., as follows:

Bluebird Holdings L.P.

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Telephone: +[•]

Fax: +[•]

Attention: [•]

(e) if to COSTAMARE PARTNERS GP LLC, as follows:

Costamare Partners GP LLC 60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue 17564 Athens Greece Telephone: +30-210-949-0050 Fax: +30-210-949-6454

Attention: [Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos] (Chief Executive Officer)

(f) if to COSTAMARE PARTNERS LP, as follows:

Costamare Partners LP 60 Zephyrou Street & Syngrou Avenue 17564 Athens Greece Telephone: +30-210-949-0050 Fax: +30-210-949-6454

Attention: [Konstantinos Konstantakopoulos] (Chief Executive Officer)

and any such notice shall be deemed to have been received (i) on the next working day in the place to which it is sent, if sent by facsimile or (ii) forty eight (48) hours from the time of dispatch, if sent by courier.

SECTION 13.08. Representations and Warranties to Survive. All representations and warranties contained in this Agreement shall survive the Closing and shall remain operative and in full force and effect after the Closing, regardless of (a) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Party or its affiliates, any Person controlling any Party, its officers or directors, and (b) delivery of and payment for the Shares, for a period of three years from the date of this Agreement. At the end of such three year period, such representations and warranties will terminate, and no claim may be brought in respect of such representations and warranties under Article XI or otherwise, except for claims that have been asserted prior to such date.

SECTION 13.09. Remedies. Except as expressly provided in Section 11.07, the rights, obligations and remedies created by this Agreement are cumulative and in addition to any other rights, obligations or remedies otherwise available at law or in equity. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement will be considered an election of remedies.

SECTION 13.10. Several and Not Joint Liability. Any representations, obligations or liabilities of any of the Costamare Parties, on the one hand, and of the York Parties, on the other hand, shall be several but not joint. To the extent any such representations, obligations or liabilities are of any of the Costamare Parties, on the one hand, and of the York Parties, on the other hand, they shall be several but not joint and shall be proportional in accordance with the Respective Proportions.

SECTION 13.11. <u>General Partner.</u> The General Partner has full power and authority to do all things and on such terms as it determines to be necessary on behalf of the Buyer for all matters in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and shall take all actions on behalf of the Buyer hereunder unless and until the General Partner exercises its right to delegate management of the Buyer to the board of directors of the Buyer. Neither the General Partner nor any other owner of Equity Interests in the Buyer shall be liable for the obligations of the Buyer under this Agreement or any of the related transaction documents, including, in each case, by reason of any payment obligation imposed by governing partnership statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused this Agreement to be signed as of the date first above written.

| COSTAMAR | E INC., |
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| by | |
| | Name: Title: |
| COSTAMAR | E VENTURES INC., |
| by | |
| | Name: Title: |
| SPARROW H | OLDINGS L.P., |
| by | |
| | Name: Title: |
| BLUEBIRD H | IOLDINGS L.P., |
| by | |
| | Name: Title: |
| COSTAMAR | E PARTNERS GP LLC, |
| by | |
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Name: Title:

Respective Proportions

| The Costamare Seller | [•]% |
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| The York Parties | [•]% |