any one or more provisions of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of this Agreement as a whole, and in case of any such invalidity, this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid provision had not been included herein.

- 19.8 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall not be assigned, either in whole or in part, without the express written consent of the non-assigning party. The terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of Seller and Buyer and their respective successors and assigns, and such terms, covenants and conditions snall be covenants running with the land and with each subsequent transfer or assignment of the Properties.
- 19.9 <u>Headings</u>. The titles and headings set forth in this Agreement have been included solely for ease of reference and shall not be considered in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 19.10 Governing Law. This Agreemant (including administration of the binding arbitration provision sat forth in Article 18.1) shall be governed by and construed under tha Laws of the State of Texas, excluding eny choice of law rules which may direct the application of the Laws of another jurisdiction.
- 19.11 No Partnership Created. It is not the purpose or intention of this Agreement to create (and it shall not be construed as creating) a joint venture, partnership or any type of association, and the parties are not authorized to act as agent or principal for eech other with respect to any matter related hereto.
- 19.12 <u>Public Announcements</u>. Neither Seller nor Buyer (including any of their Affiliates in either case) shall issue a public statement or press release with respect to the transaction contemplated herein (including the price and other terms) without the prior written consent of the other party, except as required by Law or listing agreement with a national security exchange and then only efter prior consultation with the other party.
- 19.13 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries.</u> Nothing contained in this Agreement shall entitle anyone other than Seller or Buyer or their authorized successors and assigns to any claim, cause of action, remedy or right of any kind whatsoever.
- 19.14 Waiver of Consumer Rights. As partial consideration for the parties agreeing to enter into this Agreement, the parties each can and do expressly waive the provisions of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Consumer Protection Act, Article 17.41 et seq., Texas Business and Commerce Code, a law that gives consumers special rights and protection, and all other consumer protection Laws of the State of Texas, or any other state, applicable to this transaction that may be waived by the parties. It is not the intent of the parties to waive and the parties shall not waive any

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