Discounted Prepayment Response Date"). Each Term Lender's Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer shall (x) be irrevocable, (y) remain outstanding until the Acceptance Date, and (z) specify both a discount as a percentage of par (the "Offered Discount") at which such Term Lender is willing to allow prepayment of its then outstanding Term Loans and the maximum aggregate principal amount of such Term Loans (the "Offered Amount") such Lender is willing to have prepaid at the Offered Discount. Any Term Lender whose Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer is not received by the Auction Agent by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date shall be deemed to have declined prepayment of any of its Term Loans at any discount to their par value.

(B) The Auction Agent shall promptly provide the Company Party with a copy of all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received by it by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date. The Company Party shall review all such Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers and select, at its sole discretion, the lowest of the Offered Discounts specified by the responding Term Lenders in the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers that the Company Party is willing to accept (the "Acceptable Discount"), if any; provided, however, that the Acceptable Discount shall not be an Offered Discount that is higher than the lowest Offered Discount for which the sum of each Offered Amount affiliated with an Offered Discount that is less than or equal to such percentage of par yields an amount at least equal to the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount. If the Company Party elects to accept any Offered Discount as the Acceptable Discount, then as soon as practicable after the determination of the Acceptable Discount, but in no event later than by the third Business Day after the date of receipt by the Borrower from the Auction Agent of a copy of all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers pursuant to the first sentence of this clause (B) (the "Acceptance Date"), the Company Party shall submit an irrevocable Acceptance and Prepayment Notice to the Auction Agent setting forth the Acceptable Discount. If the Auction Agent shall fail to receive an Acceptance and Prepayment Notice from the Company Party by the Acceptance Date, the Company Party shall be deemed to have rejected all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers.

(C) Based upon the Acceptable Discount and the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received by Auction Agent by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date, within five (5) Business Days after receipt of an Acceptance and Prepayment Notice (the "Discounted Prepayment Determination Date"), the Auction Agent will determine (in consultation with the Company Party and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Agent made in its sole reasonable discretion) the aggregate principal amount of Term Loans (the "Acceptable Prepayment Amount") to be prepaid by the Company Party at the Acceptable Discount in accordance with this Section 10.07. If the Company Party elects to accept any Acceptable Discount, then the Company Party agrees to accept all Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offers received by Auction Agent by the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Response Date, in the order from lowest Offered Discount to highest Offered Discount, up to and including the Acceptable Discount. Each Lender that has submitted a Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer to accept prepayment at a percentage of par value that is less than or equal to the Acceptable Discount shall be deemed to have irrevocably consented to prepayment of Term Loans equal to its Offered

Amount (subject to any required pro-rationing pursuant to the following sentence) at the Acceptable Discount (each such Lender, a "Qualifying Lender"). The Company Party will prepay outstanding Term Loans pursuant to this Section 10.07(l)(iv) to each Qualifying Lender in the aggregate principal amount specified in such Lender's Solicited Discounted Prepayment Offer at the Acceptable Discount; provided that if the aggregate Offered Amount by all Qualifying Lenders at or below the Acceptable Discount exceeds the Solicited Discounted Prepayment Amount, prepayment of the principal amount of the Term Loans for those Qualifying Lenders whose Offered Discount is less than or equal to the Acceptable Discount (the "Identified Qualifying Lenders") shall be made pro rata among the Identified Qualifying Lenders in accordance with the Offered Amount of each such Identified Qualifying Lender and the Auction Agent (in consultation with the Company Party and subject to rounding requirements of the Auction Agent made in its sole reasonable discretion) will calculate such pro rata factor (the "Solicited Discount Pro-Rata Factor"). On or prior to the Discounted Prepayment Determination Date, the Auction Agent shall promptly notify (w) the Company Party of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, Acceptable Prepayment Amount and Type of Loans comprising the Discounted Term Loan Prepayment, (x) each Term Lender of the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date, the Acceptable Discount, and the Acceptable Prepayment Amount of all Term Loans to be prepaid at the Applicable Discount on such date, (y) each Qualifying Lender of the aggregate principal amount and Type of Loans of such Lender to be prepaid at the Acceptable Discount on such date, and (z) if applicable, each Identified Qualifying Lender of the Solicited Discount Pro-Rata Factor. Each determination by the Auction Agent of the amounts stated in the foregoing notices to the Company Party and Lenders shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes absent manifest error. The payment amount specified in such notice to the Company Party shall be due and payable by the Company Party on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date in accordance with Section 10.07(l)(vi) below.

(v) If any Term Loans are prepaid in accordance with paragraphs (ii) through (iv) of this Section 10.07(l), the Company Party shall prepay such Term Loans on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date. The Company Party shall make such prepayment to Auction Agent, for the account of the Discount Prepayment Accepting Lenders, Participating Lenders, or Qualifying Lenders, as applicable, at the Auction Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date. All Term Loans so prepaid by the Company Party shall be accompanied by all accrued and unpaid interest on the par principal amount so prepaid up to, but not including, the Discounted Prepayment Effective Date. Each prepayment of the outstanding Term Loans pursuant to this Section 10.07(l) shall be paid to the Discount Prepayment Accepting Lenders, Participating Lenders, or Qualifying Lenders, as applicable.

(vi) To the extent not expressly provided for herein, each Discounted Term Loan Prepayment shall be consummated pursuant to procedures (including as to Type and Interest Periods of Term Loans to be so prepaid) established by the Auction Agent acting in its reasonable discretion in consultation with the Company Parties.

- (vii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, for purposes of this Section 10.07(l), each notice or other communication required to be delivered or otherwise provided to the Auction Agent (or its delegate) shall be deemed to have been given upon Auction Agent's (or its delegate's) actual receipt during normal business hours of such notice or communication; provided that any notice or communication actually received outside of normal business hours shall be deemed to have been given as of the opening of business on the next business day for the Auction Agent.
- (viii) Each of the Company Parties and the Lenders acknowledges and agrees that Auction Agent may perform any and all of its duties under this Section 10.07(l) by itself or through any Agent Related Person of the Auction Agent and expressly consents to any such delegation of duties by the Auction Agent to such Agent Related Person and the performance of such delegated duties by the Agent Related Person. The exculpatory provisions pursuant to this Agreement shall apply to each Agent Related Person of the Auction Agent and their respective activities in connection with any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment provided for in this Section 10.07(l) as well as activities of the Auction Agent.
- (ix) In connection with any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment, the Borrower and the Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Auction Agent may require as a condition to any Discounted Term Loan Prepayment, the payment of customary fees and expenses from the Company Parties in connection therewith.
- (m) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 10.07 or any other provision of this Agreement (including Section 2.05), so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any of the Company Parties may make open market purchases of Term Loans (each, an "Open Market Purchase"), so long as the following conditions are satisfied:
 - (i) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to any such Open Market Purchase, the sum of (x) the unused Revolving Credit Commitments and (y) the amount of unrestricted cash and Cash Equivalents of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be not less than \$30,000,000;
 - (ii) any such Open Market Purchase shall be financed by the Company Parties with Internally Generated Cash Flow or with Eligible Equity Proceeds or the proceeds of Permitted Subordinated Indebtedness, in each case that are Not Otherwise Applied and shall in no event be funded with Borrowings hereunder;
 - (iii) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the par amount thereof) of all Term Loans purchased shall automatically be cancelled and retired on the settlement date of the relevant purchase (and may not be resold);
 - (iv) at the time of each purchase of Term Loans through Open Market Purchases, the Borrower shall pay, on the settlement date of each such purchase, all accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the purchased Term Loans up to the settlement date of such

purchase (except to the extent otherwise set forth in the relevant purchase documents as agreed by the respective selling Lender);

- (v) such purchases shall not constitute voluntary or mandatory payments or prepayments for purposes of Section 2.05 or 2.13; and
- (vi) any such Open Market Purchase shall be effected through a recognized dealer in Term Loans and the bid to purchase relating thereto shall remain outstanding for at least three (3) Business Days.
- (n) The aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans of the applicable Class shall be deemed reduced by the full par value of the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans prepaid pursuant to Section 10.07(l) or purchased pursuant to Section 10.07(m), and each principal repayment installment with respect to the Term Loans of such Class pursuant to Section 2.07(a) shall be reduced pro rata by the aggregate principal amount of Term Loans purchased.
- (o) In the event that any Revolving Credit Lender shall become a Defaulting Lender or any of S&P, Moody's or Thompson's BankWatch (or Insurance Watch Ratings Service, in the case of Lenders that are insurance companies (or Best's Insurance Reports, if such insurance company is not rated by Insurance Watch Ratings Service)) shall, after the date that any Lender becomes a Revolving Credit Lender, downgrade the long term certificate deposit ratings of such Lender, and the resulting ratings shall be below BBB-, Baa3 or C, as the case may be, (or BB, in the case of a Lender that is an insurance company (or B, in the case of an insurance company not rated by InsuranceWatch Ratings Service)) (or, with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender that is not rated by any such ratings service or provider, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender shall have reasonably determined that there has occurred a material adverse change in the financial condition of any such Lender, or a material impairment of the ability of any such Lender to perform its obligations hereunder, as compared to such condition or ability as of the date that any such Lender became a Revolving Credit Lender) then the L/C Issuer shall have the right, but not the obligation, at its own expense, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, to replace such Lender with an assignee (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 10.07(b) above), and such Lender hereby agrees to transfer and assign without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in Section 10.07(b) above, including, for the avoidance of doubt, the prior written consent of the Borrower to the extent otherwise required by Section 10.07(b)) (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that if the Borrower does not respond to a request for a consent within 10 Business Days, the Borrower will be deemed to have consented thereto) all its interests, rights and obligations in respect of its Revolving Credit Commitment to such assignee; provided, however, that (i) no such assignment shall conflict with any law, rule and regulation or order of any Governmental Authority and (ii) the L/C Issuer or such assignee, as the case may be, shall pay to such Lender in immediately available funds on the date of such assignment the principal of and interest accrued to the date of payment on the Loans made by such Lender hereunder and all other amounts accrued for such Lender's account or owed to it hereunder.

Section 10.08 Confidentiality. Each of the Agents and the Lenders agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information, except that Information may be disclosed (a) to it and

its Affiliates' directors, officers, employees and agents, including accountants, legal counsel and other advisors (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential); (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority; (c) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process (provided that the Agent or Lender that discloses any Information pursuant to this clause (c) shall provide the Borrower prompt notice of such disclosure to the extent permitted by applicable Law); (d) to any other party to this Agreement; (e) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 10.08 (or as may otherwise be reasonably acceptable to the Borrower), to any Eligible Assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective Eligible Assignee or pledgee of or Participant in (other than, in each case, any Competitors), any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement; (f) with the written consent of the Borrower; (g) to the extent such Information becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 10.08; (h) to any state, Federal or foreign authority or examiner (including the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any other similar organization) (in which case such Person shall, except with respect to any audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any governmental bank regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority, promptly notify the Borrower, in advance, to the extent lawfully permitted to do so); (i) to any rating agency when required by it (it being understood that, prior to any such disclosure, such rating agency shall undertake to preserve the confidentiality of any Information relating to the Loan Parties received by it from such Lender); (j) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder to the extent reasonably necessary in connection with such enforcement or (k) to any direct or indirect contractual counterparty in swap agreements or such contractual counterparty's professional advisor (so long as such contractual counterparty or professional advisor to such contractual counterparty agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Section 10.08). In addition, the Agents and the Lenders may disclose the existence of this Agreement and information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar service providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Agents and the Lenders in connection with the administration and management of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, the Commitments, and the Credit Extensions. For the purposes of this Section 10.08, "Information" means all information received from any Loan Party relating to any Loan Party or its business, other than any such information that is publicly available (or is derived from such information) to any Agent or any Lender prior to disclosure by any Loan Party other than as a result of a breach of this Section 10.08 or was independently developed by any Loan Party; provided that, in the case of information received from a Loan Party after the date hereof, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential.

Section 10.09 Setoff. In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by Law, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, after obtaining the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, each Lender is authorized at any time and from time to time, without prior notice to the Borrower or any other Loan Party, any such notice being waived by the Borrower (on its own behalf and on behalf of each other Loan Party) to the fullest extent permitted by Law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held by, and other Indebtedness at any time owing by, such Lender to or for the credit or the account of the respective Loan Parties against any and all Obligations owing to such Lender hereunder or under any other Loan Document, now or hereafter existing, irrespective of whether or not such Agent or such Lender shall have made demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such Obligations may be contingent or unmatured or denominated in a currency different from that of the

applicable deposit or Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.17 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Secured Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent after any such set off and application made by such Lender; <u>provided</u> that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application. The rights of the Administrative Agent and each Lender under this Section 10.09 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including, without limitation, other rights of setoff) that the Administrative Agent and such Lender may have.

Section 10.10 Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If any Agent or any Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by an Agent or a Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

Section 10.11 Counterparts. This Agreement and each other Loan Document may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery by telecopier of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement and each other Loan Document shall be effective as delivery of an original executed counterpart of this Agreement and such other Loan Document. The Agents may also require that any such documents and signatures delivered by telecopier be confirmed by a manually signed original thereof; provided that the failure to request or deliver the same shall not limit the effectiveness of any document or signature delivered by telecopier.

Section 10.12 Integration. This Agreement, together with the other Loan Documents, comprises the complete and integrated agreement of the parties on the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, on such subject matter. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and those of any other Loan Document, the provisions of this Agreement shall control; provided that the inclusion of supplemental rights or remedies in favor of the Agents or the Lenders in any other Loan Document shall not be deemed to be a conflict with this Agreement. Each Loan Document was drafted with the joint participation of the respective parties thereto and shall be construed neither against nor in favor of any party, but rather in accordance with the fair meaning thereof.

Section 10.13 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

(a) All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties

have been or will be relied upon by each Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by any Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that any Agent or any Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of any Credit Extension, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding except as set forth in Section 2.03(g). The provisions of Article 3 and Sections 9.02, 9.03, 9.07, 9.11, 9.13, 10.04, 10.05, 10.09 and 10.15 shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Loans, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, in the event that, in connection with the refinancing or repayment in full of the credit facilities provided for herein, the L/C Issuer shall have provided to the Administrative Agent a written consent to the release of the Revolving Lenders from their obligations hereunder with respect to any Letter of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer (whether as a result of the obligations of the Borrower (and any other account party) in respect of such Letter of Credit having been collateralized in full by a deposit of cash with the L/C Issuer or being supported by a letter of credit that names such L/C Issuer as the beneficiary thereunder, or otherwise), then from and after such time such Letter of Credit shall cease to be a "Letter of Credit" outstanding hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and the Revolving Credit Lenders shall be deemed to have no participations in such Letter of Credit, and no obligations with respect thereto, under Section 2.03(c) or (d).

Section 10.14 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this Section 10.14, if and to the extent that the enforceability of any provisions in this Agreement relating to Defaulting Lenders shall be limited by Debtor Relief Laws, as determined in good faith by the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender, as applicable, then such provisions shall be deemed to be in effect only to the extent not so limited.

Section 10.15 Tax Forms

(a) Each Lender (which, for purposes of this Section 10.15 shall include any L/C Issuer or any Swing Line Lender) shall deliver to the Borrower and to the Administrative Agent, whenever reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and duly executed documentation prescribed by applicable Laws and such other reasonably requested information as will permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, (A) to determine whether or not payments made hereunder or under any other Loan Document are subject to Taxes, (B) to determine, if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction and (C) to establish such Lender's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes in respect of any payments to be made to such Lender pursuant to any Loan Document or otherwise to establish such Lender's status for withholding tax purposes in an applicable jurisdiction (including, if applicable, any documentation necessary to prevent withholding under Sections 1471-1474 of the Code). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(i) to the extent it is qualified for any exemption from or reduction in United States federal withholding tax with respect to any Loan made to the Borrower, each Lender and Agent that is not a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code that lends to the Borrower (each, a "Non-US Lender") shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the date which is ten (10) Business Days after the Closing Date (or upon accepting an assignment of an interest herein), two duly signed, properly completed copies of either IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8EXP or any successor thereto (relating to such Non-US Lender and entitling it to an exemption from, or reduction of, United States federal withholding tax on specified payments to be made to such Non-US Lender by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document) or IRS Form W-8ECI or any successor thereto (relating to all payments to be made to such Non-US Lender by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document) and/or such other forms and evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent that such Non-US Lender is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of, United States federal withholding tax, including, if applicable, any documentation necessary to prevent withholding under Sections 1471-1474 of the Code and/or any exemption pursuant to Section 881(c) of the Code, and in the case of a Non-US Lender claiming such an exemption under Section 881(c) of the Code, a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibits S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4 (the "US Tax Certificate") that establishes in writing to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent that such Non-US Lender is not (A) a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3) (A) of the Code, (B) a 10-percent shareholder within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) or 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, (C) a controlled foreign corporation described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (D) receiving any payment under any Loan Document that is effectively connected with a US trade or business. Thereafter and from time to time, to the extent it is then qualified for any exemption from or reduction in United States federal withholding tax, each such Non-US Lender shall (A) promptly submit to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent such additional duly and properly completed and signed copies of one or more of such forms or certificates (or such successor forms or certificates as shall be adopted from time to time by the relevant United States taxing authorities) as may then be available under then current United States laws and regulations to avoid, or such evidence as is reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent of any available exemption from, or reduction of, United States federal withholding taxes in respect of payments to be made to such Non-US Lender by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement, or any other Loan Document, in each case, (1) on or before the date that any such form, certificate or other evidence expires or becomes obsolete, (2) after the occurrence of any event requiring a change in the most recent form, certificate or evidence previously delivered by it to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and (3) from time to time thereafter if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, and (B) promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent of any change in circumstances which would modify or render invalid any previously claimed exemption or reduction;

(ii) each Non-US Lender, to the extent it does not act or ceases to act for its own account with respect to any portion of any sums paid or payable to such Non-US Lender under any of the Loan Documents (for example, in the case of a typical participation

by such Non-US Lender, or where Non-US Lender is a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes), shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on the date when such Non-US Lender ceases to act for its own account with respect to any portion of any such sums paid or payable, and at such other times as may be necessary in the determination of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent (in either case, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion), (A) two duly signed, properly completed copies of the forms or statements required to be provided by such Non-US Lender as set forth above, to establish the portion of any such sums paid or payable with respect to which such Non-US Lender acts for its own account that is not subject to United States federal withholding tax, and (B) two duly signed, properly completed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY (or any successor thereto), together with any information such Non-US Lender is required to transmit with such form, and any other certificate or statement of exemption required under the Code, to establish that such Non-US Lender is not acting for its own account with respect to a portion of any such sums payable to such Non-US Lender, including any applicable US Tax Certificate, provided that if the Lender is a partnership and one or more of its partners are claiming the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, such Lender shall provide a US Tax Certificate on behalf of such partners; and

- (iii) to the extent it is qualified for any exemption from or reduction in United States federal withholding tax with respect to any Loan made to the Borrower, each Lender and Agent that lends to the Borrower, shall timely deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent any other form prescribed by applicable Laws as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding tax or otherwise reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable Laws or otherwise reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.
- (b) The applicable withholding agent may deduct and withhold any taxes required by any Laws to be deducted and withheld from any payment under any of the Loan Documents.
- (c) Each Lender and Agent that is a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code that lends to the Borrower (each, a "US Lender") shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower two duly signed, properly completed copies of IRS Form W-9 on or prior to the Closing Date (or on or prior to the date it becomes a party to this Agreement), certifying that such US Lender is entitled to an exemption from United States backup withholding tax, or any successor form. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if such US Lender fails to deliver such forms, then the applicable withholding agent may withhold from any payment to such US Lender an amount equivalent to the applicable backup withholding tax imposed by the Code and the Borrower shall not be liable for any additional amounts with respect to such withholding.
- (d) If any Governmental Authority asserts that the Borrower or the Administrative Agent did not properly withhold or backup withhold, as the case may be, any Excluded Taxes from payments made to or for the account of any Lender or Agent, then to the extent such improper withholding or backup withholding was directly caused by such Lender's or Agent's actions

or inactions, such Lender shall indemnify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent for any Excluded Taxes imposed by any jurisdiction on the amounts payable to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent under this Section 10.15, and costs and expenses (including Attorney Costs) of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. The obligation of the Lenders, severally, under this Section 10.15 shall survive any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender or the termination of the Aggregate Commitments, repayment of all other Obligations hereunder and the resignation of the Administrative Agent.

- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 10.15</u>, no Lender or Agent shall be required to deliver any documentation that it is not legally eligible to deliver.
- (f) Prior to the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent will provide the Borrower with a properly executed and completed IRS Form W-8IMY, with boxes 11 and 12 checked, confirming that the Administrative Agent is a "U.S. branch" that will be responsible for administering U.S. FDAP withholding.

Section 10.16 GOVERNING LAW.

- (a) THIS AGREEMENT AND EACH OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (OTHER THAN ANY LOAN DOCUMENT EXPRESSLY GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION) SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- (b) ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK CITY IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN OR OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF SUCH STATE, AND BY EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE BORROWER, EACH AGENT AND EACH LENDER CONSENTS, FOR ITSELF AND IN RESPECT OF ITS PROPERTY, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THOSE COURTS (OTHER THAN WITH RESPECT TO ACTIONS BY ANY AGENT OR ANY LENDER IN RESPECT OF RIGHTS UNDER ANY COLLATERAL DOCUMENT GOVERNED BY A LAW OTHER THAN THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY COLLATERAL SUBJECT THERETO). THE BORROWER, EACH AGENT AND EACH LENDER IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION, INCLUDING ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OR BASED ON THE GROUNDS OF FORUM NON CONVENIENS, WHICH IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE BRINGING OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN SUCH JURISDICTION IN RESPECT OF ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR OTHER DOCUMENT RELATED THERETO.

Section 10.17 WAIVER OF RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY. EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CLAIM, DEMAND, ACTION OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING UNDER ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH OR RELATED OR INCIDENTAL TO THE DEALINGS OF THE PARTIES HERETO OR ANY OF THEM WITH RESPECT TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENT, OR THE TRANSACTIONS RELATED THERETO, IN EACH