the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as such Agent-Related Person shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Section 11) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with its duties expressly set forth herein, (b) be responsible in any manner to any Lender or participant for any recital, statement, representation or warranty made by

any Loan Party or any officer thereof, contained herein or in any other Loan Document, or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by the Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or the validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or for any failure of any Loan Party or any other party to any Loan Document to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder, or (c) have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that such Agent-Related Person is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided that each of the Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law. No Agent-Related Person shall be under any obligation to any Lender or participant to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof.

10.04 Reliance by the Agent.

- (a) The Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any writing, communication, signature, resolution, representation, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, facsimile or telephone message, electronic mail message, statement or other document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons, and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to any Loan Party), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Agent. The Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under any Loan Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders as it deems appropriate and, if it so requests, it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense which may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement or any other Loan Document in accordance with a request or consent of the Required Lenders (or such greater number of Lenders as may be expressly required hereby in any instance) and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders.
- (b) For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Section 6, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.
- Default, except with respect to defaults in the payment of principal, interest and fees required to be paid to the Agent for the account of the Lenders, unless the Agent shall have received written notice from a Lender or the Lead Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default." The Agent will notify the Lenders of its receipt of any such notice. The Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default as may be directed by the Required Lenders in accordance with Section 11; provided, however, that unless and until the Agent has received any such direction, the Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default as it shall deem advisable or in the best interest of the Lenders.
- 10.06 <u>Credit Decision; Disclosure of Information by the Agent</u>. Each Lender acknowledges that no Agent-Related Person has made any representation or warranty to it, and that no act by the Agent hereafter

taken, including any consent to and acceptance of any assignment or review of the affairs of any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by any Agent-Related Person to any Lender as to any matter, including whether Agent-Related Persons have disclosed material information in their possession. Each Lender represents to the Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers that it has, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries, and all applicable bank or other regulatory laws relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to extend credit to the Borrowers and the other Loan Parties hereunder. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon any Agent-Related Person and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and to make such investigations as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business. prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrowers and the other Loan Parties. Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Agent herein, the Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition or creditworthiness of any of the Loan Parties or any of their respective Affiliates which may come into the possession of any Agent-Related Person.

10.07 <u>Indemnification of the Agent</u>. Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Lenders shall indemnify upon demand the Agent (and its officers, directors, employees, agents and attorneys in fact which are acting on behalf of the Agent) (to the extent not reimbursed by or on behalf of any Loan Party and without limiting the obligation of any Loan Party to do so), pro rata, and hold harmless the Agent (and its officers, directors, employees, agents and attorneys in fact which are acting on behalf of the Agent) from and against any and all Indemnified Liabilities incurred by it; provided, however, that no Lender shall be liable for the payment to the Agent (and its officers, directors, employees, agents and attorneys in fact which are acting on behalf of the Agent) of any portion of such Indemnified Liabilities to the extent determined in a final, nonappealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the Agent's (and its officers, directors, employees, agents and attorneys in fact which are acting on behalf the Agent) own gross negligence or willful misconduct; provided, however, that no action taken in accordance with the directions of the Required Lenders shall be deemed to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of this Section. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse the Agent upon demand for its ratable share of any costs or out-of-pocket expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel) incurred by the Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or any document contemplated by or referred to herein, to the extent that the Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of the Borrowers. The undertaking in this Section shall survive termination of the Aggregate Commitments, the payment of all other Obligations and the resignation of the Agent and the Lead Arranger.

10.08 Agent in Its Individual Capacity. Bank of America, N.A. and its Affiliates may make loans to, issue letters of credit for the account of, accept deposits from, acquire equity interests in and generally engage in any kind of banking, trust, financial advisory, underwriting or other business with each of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates as though Bank of America, N.A. was not the Agent hereunder and without notice to or consent of the Lenders. The Lenders acknowledge that, pursuant to such activities, Bank of America, N.A. or its Affiliates may receive information regarding any Loan Party or its Affiliates (including

powers as though it were not an Agent, and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" include Bank of America, N.A.in its individual capacity.

10.09 Successor Agent.

- (c) The Agent may resign as Agent upon 30 days' notice to the Lead Borrower and the Lenders. If the Agent resigns under this Agreement, the Required Lenders shall appoint from among the Lenders a successor Agent for the Lenders (it being understood that no Lender shall be obligated to accept such appointment), which successor Agent shall be consented to by the Lead Borrower at all times other than during the existence of an Event of Default under Sections 11.01 or 11.05 (which consent of the Lead Borrower shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). If no successor Agent is appointed prior to the effective date of the resignation of the Agent, the Agent may appoint, after consulting with the Lenders and with the consent of the Lead Borrower at all times other than during the existence of an Event of Default under Sections 11.01 or 11.05, a successor Agent from among the Lenders (it being understood that no Lender shall be obligated to accept such appointment); provided that any such successor Agent shall be either a domestic office of a commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, or a United States branch of a bank that is organized under the laws of another jurisdiction, in either case which has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$500,000,000; provided that in no event shall any such successor Agent be a Defaulting Lender. Upon the acceptance of its appointment as successor Agent hereunder, the Person acting as such successor Agent shall succeed to all the rights, powers and duties of the retiring Agent and the term "Agent" means such successor Agent and the retiring Agent's appointment, powers and duties as Agent shall be terminated. After any retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Section 12 and Section 13.01 shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Agent under this Agreement. If no successor Agent has accepted appointment as Agent by the date which is 30 days following a retiring Agent's notice of resignation, the retiring Agent's resignation shall nevertheless thereupon become effective and the Lenders shall perform all of the duties of the Agent hereunder until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor agent as provided for above.
- (d) Any resignation by Bank of America, N.A. as Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 12.09</u> shall also constitute its resignation as a Swingline Lender to the extent that Bank of America, N.A. is acting in such capacity at such time. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Swingline Lender and (ii) the retiring Swingline Lender shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents.
- 10.10 <u>Agent May File Proofs of Claim</u>. In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition or other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, the Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or Letter of Credit Exposure shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrowers) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:
- (f) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, Letter of Credit Exposure and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses,

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disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders, the Issuing Bank and the Agent under Sections 2.05 and 13.01) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(g) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same; and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and the Issuing Bank to make such payments to the Agent and, in the event that the Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the Issuing Bank, to pay to

the Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Agent under <u>Sections 2.05</u> and <u>13.01</u>.

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

- 10.11 Collateral and Guaranty Matters. (a) The Lenders and the Issuing Bank irrevocably authorize the Agent,
- (xix) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Agent under any Loan Document (A) upon termination of the Aggregate Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than (i) contingent indemnification obligations and expense reimbursement obligations not yet due and payable and (ii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and the Agent and/or Lenders are exercising remedies provided in Section 11 of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the Letter of Credit Exposure has automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in Section 11, Bank Product Obligations) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (unless Cash Collateralized or backstopped on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and Issuing Bank), (B) that is sold or disposed of, or to be sold or disposed of, as part of or in connection with any sale or disposition permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or (C) subject to Section 13.10, if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders;
- (xx) at the request of the Lead Borrower, to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted by Section 10.01(vi), (vii), (xvii), and, in respect of Noteholder Priority Collateral, (xl), but only to the extent such sections permit such Lien to be prior to the Liens held by the Agent under the Loan Documents; and
- (xxi) to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Security Agreement if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary, or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary, as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder.

Upon request by the Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Security Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 12.11</u>.

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- Bank Product Providers. Each Bank Product Provider, by delivery of a notice to the Agent of such agreement, agrees to be bound by this Section 12. Each such Bank Product Provider shall indemnify and hold harmless Agent-Related Persons, to the extent not reimbursed by the Loan Parties, against all claims that may be incurred by or asserted against any Agent-Related Person in connection with such provider's Bank Product Obligations.
- 10.13 Agent as "collateral agent". The Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Lenders (in its capacities as a Lender) hereby irrevocably appoint and authorize the Agent to act as the agent of such Lender for purposes of acquiring, holding and enforcing any and all Liens on Collateral granted by any of the Loan Parties to secure any of the Obligations, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. In this capacity, the Agent, as "collateral agent" and any agent, employee or attorney-in-fact appointed by the "collateral agent" pursuant to Section 12.02 for purposes of holding or enforcing any Lien on the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Security Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of the "collateral agent"), shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this Section 12 and Section 13 as though such agent, employee or attorney-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.

10.14 <u>Permitted Discretion</u>. In exercising its Permitted Discretion, the Agent (i) may, among other things, consider any factors that could materially increase the credit risk of lending to the Borrowers on the security of the Collateral and, (ii) as it relates to the establishment, adjustment or imposition of Borrowing Base Reserves, shall require that (A) such establishment, adjustment or imposition after the Closing Date be based on the analysis of facts or events first occurring or first discovered by the Agent after the Closing Date or that are materially different from the facts or events occurring or known to the Agent on the Closing Date, unless the Lead Borrower and the Agent otherwise agree in writing, (B) no Borrowing Base Reserves shall be established in duplication of any other Borrowing Base Reserves then established and (C) no Borrowing Base Reserves shall duplicate the exclusion of any assets from eligibility to be included in the Borrowing Base.

Section 11. Miscellaneous

11.01 Payment of Expenses, etc.

(e) The Loan Parties hereby jointly and severally agree to: (i) (A) if the Closing Date occurs, pay all reasonable invoiced out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and the Issuing Banks (limited in the case of legal fees and disbursements to the reasonable fees and disbursements of Shearman & Sterling LLP and, if reasonably necessary, one local counsel in any relevant jurisdiction and, solely in the case of an actual or reasonably perceived conflict of interest between the parties entitled to cost and expense reimbursement pursuant to this clause (i) where the parties affected by such conflict provide written notice to the Lead Borrower of such conflict, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to each group of affected parties similarly situated, taken as a whole) in connection with the preparation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the documents and instruments referred to herein and therein, the administration hereof and thereof and any amendment, waiver or consent relating hereto or thereto (whether or not effective), of the Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers in connection with their syndication efforts with respect to this Agreement and of the Agent and the Joint Lead Arrangers and each Lender in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the documents and instruments referred to herein and therein or in connection with any refinancing or restructuring of the credit arrangements provided under this Agreement in the nature of a "work-out" or pursuant to any insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings, and (B) regardless of whether the Closing Date occurs,

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pay, promptly upon written demand, all reasonable invoiced field examination costs and equipment, machinery and inventory appraisal costs (which, if performed by personnel of the Agent, shall be charged at a rate per day per person equal to the lesser of \$1,000 and the rate that would be charged by such personnel on a per day per person basis for such field examination); (ii) pay and hold each of the Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers, each Lender and each Issuing Bank harmless from and against any and all Other Taxes with respect to the foregoing matters and hold harmless each of the Agent, the Joint Lead Arrangers and each Lender from and against any and all liabilities with respect to or resulting from any delay or omission (other than to the extent attributable to such Agent, such Joint Lead Arranger or such Lender) to pay such Other Taxes; and (iii) indemnify the Agent, each Joint Lead Arranger, each Lender, each Issuing Bank and their respective Affiliates, and the officers, directors, employees, agents, and advisors of each of the foregoing (each, an "Indemnified Person") from and hold each of them harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations (including removal or remedial actions), losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, judgments, suits and reasonable invoiced out-of-pocket expenses, costs, expenses and disbursements (including reasonable attorneys' and consultants' fees and disbursements) (but excluding Taxes other than Taxes that represent liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, costs, expenses and disbursements arising from a non-Tax claim) incurred by, imposed on or assessed against any of them as a result of, or arising out of, or in any way related to, or by reason of, (a) any investigation, litigation or other proceeding (whether or not the Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger or any Lender is a party thereto and whether or not such investigation, litigation or other proceeding is brought by or on behalf of any Loan Party) related to the entering into and/or performance of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the proceeds of any Loans hereunder or the consummation of the Transaction or any other transactions contemplated herein or in any other Loan Document or the exercise of any of their rights or remedies provided herein or in the other Loan Documents, or (b) the actual or alleged presence of Hazardous Materials in the Environment relating in any way to any Real Property owned, leased or operated, at any time, by the Lead Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries; the generation, storage, transportation, handling, Release or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials by Parent or any of its

Subsidiaries at any location, whether or not owned, leased or operated by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries; the noncompliance by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries with any Environmental Law (including applicable permits thereunder) applicable to any Real Property; or any Environmental Claim asserted against Parent, any of its Subsidiaries or relating in any way to any Real Property at any time owned, leased or operated by Parent or any of its Subsidiaries, including, in each case, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel and other consultants incurred in connection with any such investigation, litigation or other proceeding (collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"); provided that the Indemnified Liabilities shall (A) be limited in the case of attorneys' fees, disbursements and charges, to the reasonable and documented fees, disbursements and other charges of one firm of counsel for all such Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole, and, if reasonably necessary, one special or local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction (which may be a single counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions) for all such Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole, and, solely in the case of an actual or reasonably perceived conflict of interest between Indemnified Persons where the Indemnified Persons affected by such conflict provide written notice to the Lead Borrower of such conflict, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to each group of affected Indemnified Persons similarly situated, taken as a whole and (B) exclude, in each case, any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements (i) to the extent arising out of or resulting from the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the applicable Indemnified Person, any Affiliate of such Indemnified Person or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents. Affiliates, trustees or investment advisors (in each case, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and non-appealable judgment), (ii) to the extent arising out of or resulting from any material breach of the obligations of such Indemnified Person, any Affiliate of such Indemnified Person or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, Affiliates, trustees or investment advisors under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents (in each case, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and

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non-appealable decision) or (iii) to the extent arising out of or resulting from any dispute among Indemnified Persons that does not involve or arise from an act or omission by the Loan Parties or any of their respective Affiliates and is brought by an Indemnified Person against any other Indemnified Person (other than claims against the Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger or any other agent in its capacity as such or in its fulfilling such role). To the extent that the undertaking to indemnify, pay or hold harmless the Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger or any Lender or other Indemnified Person set forth in the preceding sentence may be unenforceable because it is violative of any law or public policy, the Loan Parties shall make the maximum contribution to the payment and satisfaction of each of the indemnified liabilities which is permissible under applicable law.

(f) Neither the Agent nor any Indemnified Person shall be responsible or liable to any Loan Party or any other Person for (x) any determination made by it pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document in the absence of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on the part of such Indemnified Person (in each case, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final and non-appealable judgment), (y) any damages arising from the use by others of information or other materials obtained through electronic, telecommunications or other information transmission systems or (z) any indirect, special, exemplary, incidental, punitive or consequential damages (including, without limitation, any loss of profits, business or anticipated savings) which may be alleged as a result of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the financing contemplated hereby.

11.02 <u>Right of Setoff.</u> In addition to any rights now or hereafter granted under applicable law or otherwise, and not by way of limitation of any such rights, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Agent and each Lender is hereby authorized at any time or from time to time, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind to any Loan Party or to any other Person, any such notice being hereby expressly waived, to set off and to appropriate and apply any and all deposits (general or special) (other than accounts used exclusively for payroll, payroll taxes, fiduciary and trust purposes, and employee benefits) and any other Indebtedness at any time held or owing by the Agent or such Lender (including, without limitation, by branches and agencies of the Agent or such Lender wherever located) to or for the credit or the account of Parent or any of the other Loan Parties against and on account of the Obligations and liabilities of the Loan Parties to the Agent or such Lender under this Agreement or under any of the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, all interests in Obligations purchased by such Lender pursuant to Section 13.06(b), and all other claims of any nature or description arising out of or connected with this Agreement or any

other Loan Document, irrespective of whether or not the Agent or such Lender shall have made any demand hereunder and although said Obligations, liabilities or claims, or any of them, shall be contingent or unmatured.

11.03 Notices.

(c) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing (including telecopier or electronic communication) and mailed, telecopied or delivered: if to any Loan Party, c/o the Lead Borrower, Law Department, 550 South Caldwell Street, Charlotte NC 28226, Attention: Barbara Howland, Assistant Secretary, Telephone No.: 980-636-5167; Telecopier No.: 704-625-9006; if to the Agent, at the Notice Office; if to any Lender, at its address specified in writing to the Agent, at the Notice Office; or, as to any Loan Party or the Agent, at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto and, as to each Lender, at such other address as shall be designated by such Lender in a written notice to the Lead Borrower and the Agent. All such notices and communications shall, when mailed, telecopied, or sent electronically or sent by overnight courier, be effective when deposited in the mails, delivered to the overnight courier, as the case may be, or sent by telecopier or electronic mail, except that notices and communications to the Agent, Parent

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and the Borrowers shall not be effective until received by the Agent, Parent or the Lead Borrower, as the case may be.

- (d) Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by the Agent; <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> unless otherwise agreed by the Agent and the applicable Lender. Each of the Agent, the Lead Borrower or Parent may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.
- 11.04 Benefit of Agreement; Assignments; Participations, etc. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto; provided that, except as provided in Section 10.02(vii), no Borrower may assign or transfer any of its rights, obligations or interest hereunder without the prior written consent of the Lenders and, provided, further, that, although any Lender may grant a participation in its rights hereunder, such Lender shall remain a "Lender" for all purposes hereunder, such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations (and may not transfer or assign all or any portion of its Commitments hereunder except as provided in Sections 3.04 and 13.04(b)), the Borrowers, the Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the participant shall not constitute a "Lender" hereunder and, provided, in addition, that no Lender shall transfer or grant any participation under which the participant shall have rights to approve any amendment to or waiver of this Agreement or any other Loan Document except to the extent such amendment or waiver would (i) extend the final scheduled maturity of any Loan in which such participant is participating, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of interest or Fees thereon (except in connection with a waiver of applicability of any post-default increase in interest rates) or reduce the principal amount thereof, or increase the amount of the participant's participation over the amount thereof then in effect (it being understood that a waiver of any Default or Event of Default or of a mandatory repayment of any Loan shall not constitute a change in the terms of such participation, and that an increase in any Commitment (or the available portion thereof) or Loan shall be permitted without the consent of any participant if the participant's participation is not increased as a result thereof), (ii) consent to the assignment or transfer by any Borrower of any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, (iii) except as otherwise expressly provided in the Security Documents, release all or substantially all of the Collateral under all the Security Documents supporting the Loans in which such participant is participating or (iv) except as otherwise provided in the Loan Documents, release all or substantially all of the value of the guaranty supporting the Loans in which such participant is participating. In the case of any such participation, the participant shall not have any rights under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents (the participant's rights against such Lender in respect of such participation to be those set forth in the agreement executed by such Lender in favor of the participant relating thereto). Each Borrower agrees that each participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01 and 5.01 (subject to the limitations and requirements of such Sections) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by

assignment; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that a participant agrees to be subject to the provisions of <u>Section 3.04</u> as if it were an assignee under <u>clause (b)</u> of this Section and shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>Section 5.01</u> than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such participant except to the extent such entitlement to a greater payment results from a change in law after the sale of the participation takes place. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Lead Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each participant and the principal amounts (and interest amounts) of each participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "<u>Participant Register</u>"); <u>provided</u> that no Lender shall have any obligation

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to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any participant or any information relating to a participant's interest in any Commitments, Loan, or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary in connection with a Tax audit or other proceeding to establish that such Commitment, Loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the U.S. Treasury Regulations.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Lender (or any Lender together with one or more other Lenders) may (x) assign all or a portion of its Commitments and related outstanding Obligations hereunder to (i)(A) its parent company and/or any affiliate of such Lender which is at least 50% owned by such Lender or its parent company or (B) to one or more other Lenders or any affiliate of any such other Lender which is at least 50% owned by such other Lender or its parent company (provided that any fund that invests in loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor of another fund which is a Lender (or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor) shall be treated as an affiliate of such other Lender for the purposes of this sub-clause (x)(i)(B)); provided that no such assignment may be made to any such Person that is, or would at such time constitute, a Defaulting Lender, or (ii) in the case of any Lender that is a fund that invests in loans, any other fund that invests in loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor of any Lender or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor or (y) assign all, or if less than all, a portion equal to at least \$5,000,000 (or such lesser amount as may be agreed to by the Agent and the Lead Borrower) in the aggregate for the assigning Lender or assigning Lenders, of such Commitments and related outstanding Obligations hereunder to one or more Eligible Transferees (treating any fund that invests in loans and any other fund that invests in loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor of such fund or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor as a single Eligible Transferee) each of which assignees shall become a party to this Agreement as a Lender by execution of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement (which Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall contain an acknowledgement and agreement by the respective assignee that, as a Lender, it shall be subject to, and bound by the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement), provided that (i) at such time, Schedule 2.01 shall be deemed modified to reflect the Commitments of such new Lender and of the existing Lenders, (ii) upon the surrender of the relevant Notes by the assigning Lender (or, upon such assigning Lender's indemnifying the Borrowers for any lost Note pursuant to a customary indemnification agreement) new Notes will be issued, at the Borrowers' expense, to such new Lender and to the assigning Lender upon the request of such new Lender or assigning Lender, such new Notes to be in conformity with the requirements of Section 2.04 (with appropriate modifications) to the extent needed to reflect the revised Commitments and/or outstanding Loans, as the case may be, (iii) the consent of the (A) Agent, (B) each Issuing Bank, (C) the Swingline Lender and (D) so long as no Event of Default then exists under Section 11.01 or 11.05, the consent of the Lead Borrower shall (in either case) be required in connection with any such assignment pursuant to clause (y) above (which consents, in any such case, shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that the Lead Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Agent within 10 Business Days after having received notice thereof, (iv) the Agent shall receive at the time of each such assignment, from the assigning or assignee Lender, the payment of a nonrefundable assignment fee of \$3,500 and (v) no such transfer or assignment shall be effective until recorded by the Agent on the Register pursuant to Section 13.13. To the extent of any assignment pursuant to this Section 13.04(b), the assigning Lender shall be relieved of its obligations hereunder with respect to its assigned Commitments and outstanding Loans. At the time of each assignment pursuant to this Section 13.04(b) to a Person that is not already a Lender hereunder, such assignee shall provide to the Agent and the Borrowers such Tax forms as are required to be provided under clauses (b) and (c) of Section 5.01. To the extent that an assignment of all or any portion of a Lender's Commitments and related outstanding Obligations pursuant to Section 3.04 or this Section 13.04(b) would, at the time of such assignment, result in increased costs under Section 3.01 or 5.01 from those being charged by the assigning Lender prior to such assignment, then the Borrowers shall not be obligated to pay such increased costs (although the Borrowers, in accordance with and pursuant to the other

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provisions of this Agreement, shall be obligated to pay any other increased costs of the type described above resulting from changes after the date of the respective assignment).

- (d) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or prohibit any Lender from pledging its Loans and Notes hereunder to a Federal Reserve Bank in support of borrowings made by such Lender from such Federal Reserve Bank and, with prior notification to the Agent (but without the consent of the Agent or the Borrowers), any Lender which is a fund may pledge all or any portion of its Loans and Notes to its trustee or to a collateral agent providing credit or credit support to such Lender in support of its obligations to such trustee, such collateral agent or a holder of such obligations, as the case may be. No pledge pursuant to this <u>clause (c)</u> shall release the transferor Lender from any of its obligations hereunder.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no assignment may be made or participation sold to (i) natural persons (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural person), (ii) any Disqualified Lenders that have been identified to the Agent and whose identity is available to each Lender on request, (iii) any Loan Party or (iv) any of the Affiliates or subsidiaries of Loan Parties. The Agent shall not have any responsibility or obligation to determine whether any Lender or potential Lender is a Disqualified Lender and will have no liability with respect to any assignment made to a Disqualified Lender.
- (f) Each Lender acknowledges and agrees to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 13.04</u> applicable to it as a Lender hereunder.
- 11.05 No Waiver; Remedies Cumulative. No failure or delay on the part of the Agent or any Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document and no course of dealing between the Borrowers or any other Loan Party and the Agent or any Lender shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege hereunder or thereunder. The rights, powers and remedies herein or in any other Loan Document expressly provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers or remedies which the Agent or any Lender would otherwise have. No notice to or demand on any Loan Party in any case shall entitle any Loan Party to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances or constitute a waiver of the rights of the Agent or any Lender to any other or further action in any circumstances without notice or demand.

11.06 <u>Calculations; Computations</u>.

(a) The financial statements to be furnished to the Lenders pursuant hereto shall be made and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP consistently applied throughout the periods involved (except as set forth in the notes thereto). Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed in accordance with U.S. GAAP as in effect from time to time; provided that (a) if Parent or the Lead Borrower, by notice to the Agent, shall request an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the date hereof in U.S. GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Agent or the Required Lenders, by notice to Parent and the Lead Borrower, shall request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in U.S. GAAP or in the application thereof, then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of U.S. GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith and (b) notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations

of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, (i) without giving effect to any election under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, or any successor thereto (including pursuant to the Accounting Standards Codification), to value any Indebtedness of Parent or any Subsidiary at "fair value", as defined therein, (ii) without giving effect to the application of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, and Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 815 (and related interpretations of the foregoing) to the extent such application would otherwise increase or decrease the principal amount of Indebtedness for any purpose hereunder as a result of accounting for any embedded derivatives created by the terms of such Indebtedness, (iii) without giving effect to any change to U.S. GAAP occurring after the date hereof as a result of the adoption of any proposals set forth in the Proposed Accounting Standards Update, Leases (Topic 840), issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board on August 17, 2010, or any other proposals issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board in connection therewith, in each case if such change would require treating any lease (or similar arrangement conveying the right to use) as a capital lease where such lease (or similar arrangement) was not required to be so treated under U.S. GAAP as in effect on the date hereof, and (iv) without giving effect to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 141R or ASC 805 (or any other financial accounting standard having a similar result or effect). Where reference is made to "Parent and its Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis" or similar language, such consolidation shall not include any Subsidiaries of Parent other than Restricted Subsidiaries.

- (b) All computations of interest (other than interest based on the Base Rate) and other Fees hereunder shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days (including the first day and the last day, other than, in respect of any Loan, Letter of Credit, Letter of Credit Disbursement, Commitment or other Obligation (in the event of a prepayment or repayment of any Loan or Letter of Credit Disbursement or any Commitment termination, subject to Section 2.10(a)) the last day that such Loan, Letter of Credit, Letter of Credit Disbursement, Commitment or other Obligation is outstanding) occurring in the period for which such interest or Fees are payable. All computations of interest based determined by reference to the Base Rate shall be based on a 365-day or 366-day year, as the case may be.
- (c) The calculation of any financial ratios under this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-down if there is no nearest number).
 - 11.07 GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION; VENUE; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.
- (a) THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER AND THEREUNDER SHALL, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE RELEVANT SECURITY DOCUMENT, BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (EXCEPT THAT, (X) IN THE CASE OF ANY MORTGAGE OR OTHER SECURITY DOCUMENT, PROCEEDINGS MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT BY THE AGENT IN THE STATE IN WHICH THE RELEVANT MORTGAGED PROPERTY OR COLLATERAL IS LOCATED OR ANY OTHER RELEVANT JURISDICTION AND (Y) IN THE CASE OF ANY BANKRUPTCY, INSOLVENCY OR SIMILAR PROCEEDINGS WITH RESPECT TO ANY LOAN PARTY, ACTIONS OR PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS MAY BE BROUGHT IN SUCH COURT HOLDING SUCH BANKRUPTCY, INSOLVENCY OR SIMILAR PROCEEDINGS) MAY BE BROUGHT IN THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR OF THE UNITED STATES FOR

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, IN EACH CASE WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, AND, BY EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO OR THERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY ACCEPTS FOR ITSELF AND IN RESPECT OF ITS PROPERTY, GENERALLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY, THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE AFORESAID COURTS. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY FURTHER IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY CLAIM THAT ANY SUCH COURTS LACK PERSONAL JURISDICTION OVER IT, AND AGREES