- 8.7. <u>Effectiveness of Covenants and Other Provisions Upon an Investment Grade Rating Event.</u>
- (a) Upon and after the occurrence of an Investment Grade Rating Event, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, shall cease to be subject to Sections 7.1, 7.3, 7.7(other than with respect to the corporate existence of the Borrower), 7.13, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.8 hereof (other than clause (i) of the first paragraph thereof) and clause (i) of Section 9.1 hereof and such provisions of this Agreement shall no longer have any effect. Such provisions of this Agreement shall not be reinstituted following the occurrence of an Investment Grade Rating Event even if the rating assigned to the Loans by a Rating Agency falls below an Investment Grade Rating.
- (b) Following the occurrence of an Investment Grade Rating Event, if the Borrower or any Subsidiary incurs any Indebtedness secured by a Lien (other than a Permitted Lien) on any Principal Property or on any share of stock or Indebtedness of a Subsidiary, the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, shall secure the Loans equally and ratably with (or, at the option of the Borrower, prior to) the Indebtedness so secured until such time as such Indebtedness is no longer secured by a Lien, unless the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness secured by a Lien and the Attributable Amounts of all Sale and Leaseback Transactions involving Principal Properties would not exceed 15% of the Borrower's Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.
- 8.8. <u>Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets</u>. The Borrower shall not consolidate or merge with or into (whether or not the Borrower is the surviving corporation), or sell, assign, transfer, convey, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its properties or assets in one or more related transactions, to another Person, unless:
 - (i) the Borrower is the resulting, transferee or surviving Person or the resulting, transferee or surviving Person (if other than the Borrower) is a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and such resulting, transferee or surviving Person assumes, pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, all of the obligations and covenants of the Borrower under this Agreement and the Loans; *provided* that, unless such resulting, transferee or surviving Person is a corporation, a corporate co-borrower of the Loans shall be added to this Agreement by such documentation;
 - (ii) immediately after such transaction no Default or Unmatured Default shall exist; and
 - (iii) either (a) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction as if such transaction had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, the Borrower or the resulting, transferee or surviving Person (if other than the Borrower) would have a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio that is not less than the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of the Borrower immediately prior to such transaction, (b) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction as if such transaction had occurred at the beginning of the applicable four-quarter period, the Borrower or the resulting, transferee or surviving Person (if other than the Borrower) would be able to incur at least \$1.00 of ad-

ditional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of Section 8.3 hereof; or (c) immediately after giving *pro forma* effect to such transaction, the Consolidated Net Worth of the Borrower or the resulting, transferee or surviving Person (if other than the Borrower) would be not less than the Consolidated Net Worth of the Borrower immediately prior to such transaction.

Clause (iii) of the preceding paragraph shall not apply to (1) any merger, consolidation or sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Borrower and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or (2) a merger of the Borrower with an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Borrower in another jurisdiction.

This <u>Section 8.8</u> shall not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Borrower and any of the Guarantors.

SECTION 9. Defaults and Remedies

- 9.1. Events of Default. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute a "**Default**":
 - (a) Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to the Lenders or the Administrative Agent under or in connection with this Agreement, any Loan, or any certificate or information delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be false in any material respect on the date as of which made or deemed made.
 - (b) Nonpayment of (i) principal of any Loan when due, or (ii) interest upon any Loan or other Secured Obligations under any of the Loan Documents within three (3) Business Days after such interest, fee or other Secured Obligation becomes due.
 - (c) The breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of <u>Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5,</u> 8.6 (to the extent related to or affecting Property constituting or required to constitute Collateral), or 8.8.
 - (d) The breach by the Borrower (other than a breach which constitutes a Default under another clause of this <u>Section 9.1</u>) of:
 - (i) <u>Section 8.6</u> (to the extent related to or affecting Property not constituting or not required to constitute Collateral) and such breach is not remedied within five (5) Business Days of the earlier to occur of (x) written notice from the Administrative Agent or any Lender to the Borrower or (y) an Authorized Officer otherwise has knowledge of any such breach;
 - (ii) <u>Sections 7.9 or 7.12</u> and such breach is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days of written notice from the Administrative Agent or any Lender to the Borrower; or

- (iii) any of the other terms or provisions of this Agreement or any Loan Document which is not remedied within thirty (30) Business Days after the earlier to occur of (x) written notice from the Administrative Agent or any Lender to the Borrower or (y) an Authorized Officer otherwise has knowledge of any such breach.
- (e) Failure of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to pay when due any Material Indebtedness; or the default by the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the performance (beyond the applicable grace period with respect thereto, if any) of any term, provision or condition contained in any Material Indebtedness Agreement, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default, event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder(s) of such Material Indebtedness or the lender(s) under any Material Indebtedness Agreement to cause, such Material Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or any commitment to lend under any Material Indebtedness Agreement to be terminated prior to its stated expiration date; or any Material Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid or repurchased (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the stated maturity thereof; or the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall not pay, or admit in writing its inability to pay, its debts generally as they become due.
- (f) The Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall (i) have an order for relief entered with respect to it under the federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect, (ii) make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iii) apply for, seek, consent to, or acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official for it or any Substantial Portion of its Property, (iv) institute any proceeding seeking an order for relief under the federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors or fail to file an answer or other pleading denying the material allegations of any such proceeding filed against it, (v) take any corporate or partnership action to authorize or effect any of the foregoing actions set forth in this clause (f) or (vi) fail to contest in good faith any appointment or proceeding described in clause (g) below.
- (g) Without the application, approval or consent of the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, a receiver, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or any Substantial Portion of its Property, or a proceeding described in <u>clause (f)(iv)</u> above shall be instituted against the Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and such appointment continues undischarged or such proceeding continues undismissed or unstayed for a period of forty-five (45) consecutive days.
- (h) Any court, government or governmental agency shall condemn, seize or otherwise appropriate, or take custody or control of, all or any portion of the Property of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries which, when taken together with all other

Property of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries so condemned, seized, appropriated, or taken custody or control of, during the twelve-month period ending with the month in which any such action occurs, constitutes a Substantial Portion.

- (i) The Borrower or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries shall fail within sixty (60) days to pay, bond or otherwise discharge one or more (i) judgments or orders for the payment of money in excess of \$75,000,000 (or the equivalent thereof in currencies other than Dollars) in the aggregate, or (ii) nonmonetary judgments or orders which, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, which judgment(s), in any such case, is/are not stayed on appeal or otherwise being appropriately contested in good faith.
- (j) The Unfunded Liabilities of all Single Employer Plans shall exceed \$75,000,000 in the aggregate, or any Reportable Event shall occur in connection with any Plan with Unfunded Liabilities in excess of \$75,000,000.
 - (k) Any Change of Control shall occur.
- (l) Any Loan Document shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken by the Borrower or any Guarantor to discontinue or to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of any Loan Document or any Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent under the Loan Documents, or such Lien shall not have the priority contemplated by the Loan Documents.
- (m) An event (such event, an "Off-Balance Sheet Trigger Event") shall occur which (i) permits the investors or purchasers in respect of Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities of the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower to require the amortization or liquidation of such Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities in excess of \$75,000,000 and (x) such Off-Balance Sheet Trigger Event shall not be remedied or waived within the later to occur of the tenth (10th) day after the occurrence thereof or the expiry date of any grace period related thereto under the agreement evidencing such Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities, or (y) such investors shall require the amortization or liquidation of such Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities as a result of such Off-Balance Sheet Trigger Event, (ii) results in the termination of reinvestments of collections or proceeds of receivables and related assets under the agreements evidencing such Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities other than as a result of the termination or expiration of the agreement creating such Off-Balance Sheet Liability upon maturity, or (iii) causes or otherwise permits the replacement or substitution of the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof as the servicer under the agreements evidencing such Off-Balance Sheet Liabilities; provided, however, that this clause (m) shall not apply on any date with respect to any voluntary request by the Borrower or an Affiliate thereof for an above-described amortization, liquidation, or termination of reinvestments so long as the aforementioned investors or purchasers cannot independently require on such date such amortization, liquidation or termination of reinvestments.
 - 9.2. Remedies upon Default, Waivers of Past Defaults.

(a) If any Default (other than a Default specified in <u>clause (f)</u> or <u>(g)</u> of <u>Section 9.1</u> hereof) occurs and is continuing under this Agreement, the Administrative Agent may, and, upon written request of the Required Lenders, shall declare the principal, premium, if any, interest and any other monetary obligations on all the then outstanding Loans to be due and payable immediately. Upon the effectiveness of such declaration, such principal and interest shall be due and payable immediately; provided that the remedies contained in this Section 9.2(a) shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the ABL Intercreditor Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a Default arising under clause (f) or (g) of Section 9.1 hereof, all outstanding Loans and other Obligations shall be due and payable immediately without further action or notice.

- (b) The Required Lenders by notice to the Administrative Agent may on behalf of all Lenders waive any existing Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Loans (held by a Non-Consenting Lender) and rescind any acceleration with respect to the Loans and its consequences (provided such rescission would not conflict with any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; and that the Required Lenders may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Agreement; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.
- 9.3. Application of Proceeds. Subject to the terms of the Equal Priority Lien Intercreditor Agreement and the ABL Intercreditor Agreement, any amount received by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent from any Loan Party (or from proceeds of any Collateral) following any acceleration of the Obligations under this Agreement or any Default with respect to the Borrower under Section 9.1(f) or (g) shall be applied:
 - (i) first, to the payment of all reasonable and documented costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent in connection with any collection or sale or otherwise in connection with any Loan Document, including all court costs and the reasonable fees and expenses of its agents and legal counsel, the repayment of all advances made by the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent hereunder or under any other Loan Document on behalf of any Loan Party and any other reasonable and documented costs or expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of any right or remedy hereunder or under any other Loan Document;
 - (ii) second, to the Secured Parties, an amount (x) equal to all Obligations owing to them on the date of any distribution and such moneys shall be insufficient to pay such amounts in full, then ratably (without priority of any one over any other) to such Secured Parties in proportion to the unpaid amounts thereof, and
 - (iii) third, any surplus then remaining shall be paid to the applicable Loan Parties or their successors or assigns or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

SECTION 10. The Agents

10.1. Appointment.

- (a) Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Section 10 (other than Section 10.1(c) with respect to the Sole Lead Arranger and the Sole Bookrunner and Section 10.9 with respect to the Borrower) are solely for the benefit of the Agents and the Lenders, and the Borrower shall not have rights as third party beneficiary of any such provision. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent.
- (b) The Administrative Agent and each Lender hereby irrevocably designate and appoint the Collateral Agent as the agent with respect to the Collateral, and each of the Administrative Agent and each Lender irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against the Collateral Agent.
- (c) The Sole Lead Arranger and the Sole Bookrunner, each in its capacity as such, shall not have any obligations, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement but shall be entitled to all benefits of this <u>Section 10</u>.
- 10.2. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may each execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by or through agents, sub-agents, employees or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents, subagents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined in the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).
- 10.3. <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. No Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be (a) liable for any action lawfully taken or

omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except for its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in the final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, in connection with its duties expressly set forth herein) or (b) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders or any participant for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any of the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by such Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or the perfection or priority of any Lien or security interest created or purported to be created under the Collateral Documents, or for any failure of the Borrower or any other Loan Party to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. No Agent shall be under any obligation to any Lender 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. The Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to the Administrative Agent or any Lender 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.

Reliance by Agents. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy, telex or teletype message, statement, order or other document or instruction 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 the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the Lender specified in the Register with respect to any amount owing hereunder as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in accordance with a request of the Required Lenders, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans; provided that the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or in the opinion of its counsel, may expose it to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable Requirements of Law. For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Section 5 hereof on the Effective Date and the Funding Date, respectively, 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 Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Effective Date and the Funding Date, respectively, specifying its objection thereto.

- 10.5. Notice of Default. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Unmatured Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as applicable, has received written notice from a Lender or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Unmatured Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default." In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, it shall give prompt notice thereof to the Lenders and the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Unmatured Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders, *provided* that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Unmatured Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders.
- Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent to any Lender. Each Lender represents to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of, and investigation into, the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and each other Loan Party and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, 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 investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and any other Loan Party. Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereunder, neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, assets, operations, properties, financial condition, prospects or creditworthiness of the Borrower or any other Loan Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates.
- 10.7. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Lenders agree to indemnify each Agent in its capacity as such (to the extent not reimbursed by the Loan Parties and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so), ratably according to their respective portions of the aggregate prin-

cipal amount of Loans outstanding on the date on which indemnification is sought (or, if indemnification is sought after the date upon which the Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with their respective portions of the aggregate principal amount of Loans outstanding immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (including at any time following the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against any Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under or in connection with any of the foregoing, provided that no Lender shall be liable to an Agent for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from such Agent's, gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; provided, further, that no action taken by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent in accordance with the directions of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be required by the Loan Documents) shall be deemed to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of this Section 10.7. In the case of any investigation, litigation or proceeding giving rise to any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time occur (including at any time following the payment of the Loans), this Section 10.7 applies whether any such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by any Lender or any other Person. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse each Agent upon demand for its ratable share of any costs or out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by such Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice rendered 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 such Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of the Borrower, provided that such reimbursement by the Lenders shall not affect the Borrower's continuing reimbursement obligations with respect thereto. If any indemnity furnished to any Agent for any purpose shall, in the opinion of such Agent, be insufficient or become impaired, such Agent may call for additional indemnity and cease, or not commence, to do the acts indemnified against until such additional indemnity is furnished; provided, in no event shall this sentence require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement in excess of such Lender's pro rata portion thereof; and provided, further, this sentence shall not be deemed to require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement resulting from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this Section 10.7 shall survive the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.

10.8. <u>Agents in Their Individual Capacities</u>. Each Agent and its Affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower and any other Loan Party as though such Agent were not an Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. With respect to the Loans made by it, each Agent shall have the

same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include each Agent in its individual capacity.

10.9. Successor Agents. The Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, subject to the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) so long as no Default under Section 9.1 hereof is continuing, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may on behalf of the Lenders, subject to the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) so long as no Default under Section 9.1 hereof is continuing, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as the Administrative Agent or Collateral Agent, as the case may be, hereunder, and upon the transfer by the retiring (or retired) Agent to the successor Agent of all sums, together with all records and other documents necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance of the duties of the successor Agent under the Loan Documents, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) Agent, and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by the Borrower (following the effectiveness of such appointment) to such Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Section 10 (including Section 10.7 hereof) and Section 11.5 hereof shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as an Administrative Agent.

Administrative Agent may withhold from any payment to any Lender an amount equivalent to any applicable withholding tax. If the Internal Revenue Service or any authority of the United States or other jurisdiction asserts a claim that the Administrative Agent did not properly withhold tax from amounts paid to or for the account of any Lender (because the appropriate form was not delivered, was not properly executed, or because such Lender failed to notify the Administrative Agent of a change in circumstances that rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding tax ineffective, or for any other reason), such Lender shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (to the extent that the Administrative Agent has not already been reimbursed by any applicable Loan Party and without limiting the obligation of any applicable Loan Party to do so) fully for all amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by the Administrative Agent as Tax or otherwise, including penalties, additions to Tax and interest, together with all expenses incurred, including legal expenses, allocated staff costs and any out of pocket expenses. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at