UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 6

Form S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT **UNDER**

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Mistras Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

8711 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

22-3341267 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Delaware

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none number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Aggregate Maximum Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee (2) (3)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share	10,000,000	\$16.00	\$160,000,000	\$8,928.00

- Includes shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase to cover over-allotments, if any.
- (2) Calculated pursuant to rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933.
- (3) \$9,625.50 previously paid.

The registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Explanatory Note

The sole purpose of this amendment is to amend certain exhibits to the registration statement as indicated in the Exhibit Index of the registration statement. No change is made to the preliminary prospectus constituting Part I of the registration statement or Items 13, 14, 15, 16(b) or 17 of Part II of the registration statement. Accordingly, this amendment consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note and Item 16(a) of Part II, the signatures and the Exhibit Index of the registration statement.

Part II

Information not required in prospectus.

Item 16. Exhibits and financial statement schedules.

(a) Exhibits.

The information required by this item is set forth on the exhibit index that follows the signature page of this Registration Statement.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Princeton Junction, New Jersey, on October 6, 2009.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC. (Registrant)

Ву:

/s/ Sotirios J. Vahaviolos
Sotirios J. Vahaviolos
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 6 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	<u>T</u> itle	Date	
/s/ Sotirios J. Vahaviolos Sotirios J. Vahaviolos	Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director	October 6, 2009	
/s/ Paul Peterik Paul Peterik	Chief Financial Officer (<i>Principal Financial and Accounting Officer</i>) and Secretary	October 6, 2009	
* Elizabeth Burgess	Director	October 6, 2009	
* Daniel M. Dickinson	Director	October 6, 2009	
* James J. Forese	Director	October 6, 2009	
* Michael J. Lange	Director	October 6, 2009	
* Manuel N. Stamatakis	Director	October 6, 2009	
*By: /s/ Sotirios J. Vahaviolos Sotirios J. Vahaviolos As Attorney-in-Fact	_		

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no.	Description
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement.
3.1*	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation.
3.2*	Amended and Restated Bylaws.
4.1*	Specimen common stock certificate.
5.1*	Opinion of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
10.1*	Form of Indemnification Agreement for directors and officers.
10.2	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended.
10.3	Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of July 22, 2009.
10.4*	Employment Agreement by and between the registrant and Dr. Vahaviolos.
10.5*	2007 Stock Option Plan and form of Stock Option Agreement.
10.6*	2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
10.7*	Form of 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan Stock Option Agreement.
10.8*	Form of 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Agreement
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
23.1*	Consent of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
24.1*	Power of Attorney (on signature page).
99.1*	Consent of Richard H. Glanton.

^{*} Previously filed.

AMENDED AND RESTATED

CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of April 23, 2007,

Effective as of October 31, 2006

among

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.,

as Borrower,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,

as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner

and

L/C Issuer,

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

as Co-Lead Bookrunner

and

Any Other Lenders Party Hereto

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AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006, among MISTRAS GROUP, INC. (formerly known as Mistras Holdings Corp.), a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner and each lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender").

Borrower has requested that Lenders provide a revolving credit facility and a term loan, and Lenders are willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein. In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

- $\textbf{1.01} \ \underline{\textbf{Defined Terms}}. \ \textbf{As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:}$
- "Administrative Agent" or "Agent" means Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor administrative agent.
- "Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by Agent.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.
- " $\underline{Agent\ Fee\ Letter}$ " has the meaning specified in Section 2.08(b).
- "Agent's Office" means Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on Schedule 10.02, or such other address or account as Agent may from time to time notify Borrower and Lenders.
- "Aggregate Commitments" means, collectively, the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments.
- "Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments" means the Revolving Loan Commitments of all Lenders.
- "Aggregate Term Loan Commitments" means the Term Loan Commitments of all Lenders.
- "Agreement" means this Amended and Restated Credit Agreement.

"Applicable Percentage" means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of (i) the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment at such time and (ii) the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Term Loan Commitment at such time. If the commitment of each Lender to make Revolving Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02 or if the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender with respect to the Revolving Loans shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments. The initial Applicable Percentage of each Lender is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Applicable Rate" means, from time to time, the following percentages per annum, based upon the ratio of Funded Debt to EBITDA (the "Financial Covenant") as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by Agent pursuant to Section 6.02(b):

Applicable Rate

	Pricing Level	Funded Debt : EBITDA	Base Rate	Eurodollar Rate +/-
1		£1.75:1	75%	+1.50%
2		>1.75:1 but <2.50:1	25%	+2.00%
3		>2.50:1 but <3.00:1	+.00%	+2.25%
4		>3.00:1	+.50%	+2.50%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Financial Covenant shall become effective as of the first Business Day of the month immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(b); provided, however, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such Section, then Pricing Level 3 shall apply as of the first Business Day of the month following the date such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered until the first Business Day of the month immediately following the delivery of such Compliance Certificate. The Applicable Rate in effect from the Closing Date until receipt of the Compliance Certificate for the period ended November 30, 2006 shall be determined based upon Pricing Level 3.

- "Assignee Group" means two or more Eligible Assignees that are Affiliates of one another.
- "Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.06(b)), and accepted by Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit E or any other form approved by Agent.
- "Attributable Indebtedness" means, on any date, (a) in respect of any capital lease of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, and (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease Obligation, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease payments under the relevant lease that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease were accounted for as a capital lease.
- "Audited Financial Statements" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006 and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.
- "Availability Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06, and (c) the date of termination of the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 8.02.
- "Bank of America" means Bank of America, N.A. and its successors
- "Base Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the higher of (a) the Federal Funds Rate plus 1/2 of 1% and (b) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate." The "prime rate" is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such rate announced by Bank of America shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change.
- "Base Rate Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Base Rate.
- "Borrower" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.
- "Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Borrowing" means a Committed Borrowing.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, means any such day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.

"Cash Collateralize" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(g).

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority.

"Change of Control" means, with respect to any Person, an event or series of events by which:

(a) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that a person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (such right, an "option right")), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the equity securities of such Person entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of such Person on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such person or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right);

(b) during any period of 24 consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of such Person cease to be composed of individuals (i) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (ii) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clause (i) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (iii) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in clauses (ii) and (iii) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body (excluding, in the case of both clause (iii) and clause (iii), any individual whose initial nomination for, or assumption of office as, a member of that board or equivalent governing body occurs as a result of an actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents for the election or removal of one or more directors by

any person or group other than a solicitation for the election of one or more directors by or on behalf of the board of directors);

(c) any individual(s) or entity(s) acting in concert shall have acquired by contract or otherwise, or shall have entered into a contract or arrangement that, upon consummation thereof, will result in its or their acquisition of the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of such Person, or control over the equity securities of such Person entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of such Person on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such individual(s) or entity(s) or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right) representing more than 50% of the combined voting power of such securities; or

(d) In the case of Mistras Group, Inc., Sotirios Vahaviolos ceases to own and control, directly and indirectly, at least fifty-one (51%) percent of its capital stock entitled to vote for the election of directors.

"Closing Date" means the first date all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Co-Lead Bookrunner" means either JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. or Bank of America, N.A. in its capacity as co-lead bookrunner under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor co-lead bookrunner.

"Collateral" shall mean any and all assets and rights and interests in or to property of Borrower and each of the other Loan Parties, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, in which a Lien is granted or purported to be granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.

"Collateral Documents" means all agreements, instruments and documents now or hereafter executed and delivered in connection with this Agreement pursuant to which Liens are granted or purported to be granted to Agent in Collateral securing all or part of the Obligations each in form and substance satisfactory to Agent.

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its Revolving Loan Commitment and its Term Loan Commitment.

"Committed Borrowing" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Committed Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.01.

"Committed Loan" means the Term Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender) or a Revolving Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender).

"Committed Loan Notice" means a notice of (a) a Committed Borrowing, (b) a conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit D.

"Consolidated Subsidiary." means each of Quality Services Laboratories, Inc., CONAM Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc., Physical Acoustics Ltd., Euro Physical Acoustics, S.A., Anru Physical ALC TLP Beheer B.V., Physical Acoustics India Private Ltd., Nippon Physical Acoustics Limited, Diapac, Physical Acoustics South America Ltda. and any other Subsidiary of Borrower now or hereafter included in the Audited Financial Statements.

"Contractual Obligation" means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.

"Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" means the ratio of Fixed Charge Cash Flow to the sum of the current portion of long-term liabilities and the current portion of capitalized lease obligations, plus interest expense on all obligations.

"Default" means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would be an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than L/C Fees an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate plus (ii) the Applicable Rate, if any, applicable to Base Rate Loans plus (iii) 2% per annum; provided, however, that with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the Default Rate shall be an interest rate equal to the interest rate (including any Applicable Rate) otherwise applicable to such Loan plus 2% per annum, and (b) when used with respect to L/C Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate plus 2% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Lender that (a) has failed to fund any portion of the Committed Loans or participations in L/C Obligations required to be funded by it hereunder within one Business Day of the date required to be funded by it hereunder unless such failure has been cured, (b) has otherwise failed to pay over to Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within one Business Day of the date when due, unless the subject of a good faith dispute or unless such failure has been cured, or (c) has been deemed insolvent or become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

"Disposition" or "Dispose" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (including any sale and leaseback transaction) of any property by any Person, including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith.

"Dollar" and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.

"EBITDA" means net income, less income or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items, plus income taxes, plus interest expense, plus depreciation, depletion, and amortization (including non-cash loss on retirement of assets), plus stock option expense, less cash expense related to stock options and adjusted for certain historical expenses, accounting adjustments, and other non-cash charges, all in the Required Lenders' sole discretion. With respect to each company acquired by the Borrower in accordance with Section 7.02(f), (i) for purposes of determining compliance by the Borrower with Section 6.12 of this Agreement, EBITDA shall not include the EBITDA of such acquired company to the extent attributable to periods prior to the date of such acquisition and (ii) for purposes of determining the Applicable Rate, EBITDA shall include the historical EBITDA of such acquired company during the applicable 12-month reporting period, whether or not the acquired company was owned by the Borrower during the entire period in question.

"Eligible Assignee" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.06(b)(v) and (vi) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.06(b)(iii)).

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of the environment or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of

any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"Equity Interests" means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with Borrower within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) a withdrawal by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (e) an event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (f) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate.

"Eurodollar Base Rate" has the meaning specified in the definition of Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Rate" means for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, a rate per annum determined by Agent pursuant to the following formula:

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"Eurodollar Base Rate" means, for such Interest Period the rate per annum equal to the British Bankers Association LIBOR Rate ("BBA LIBOR"), as published by Reuters (or other commercially available source providing quotations of BBA LIBOR as designated by Agent from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period. If such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "Eurodollar Base Rate" for such Interest Period shall be the rate per annum determined by Agent to be the rate at which deposits in Dollars for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period in same day funds in the approximate amount of the Eurodollar Rate Loan being made, continued or converted by Bank of America and with a term equivalent to such Interest Period would be offered by Bank of America's London Branch to major banks in the London interbank eurodollar market at their request at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period.

"Eurodollar Reserve Percentage" means, for any day during any Interest Period, the reserve percentage (expressed as a decimal, carried out to five decimal places) in effect on such day, whether or not applicable to any Lender, under regulations issued from time to time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including any emergency, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) with respect to Eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities"). The Eurodollar Rate for each outstanding Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of any change in the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage.

"Eurodollar Rate Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Eurodollar Rate.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of Borrower hereunder, (a) taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes), by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located, and (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction in which Borrower is located.

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day; provided that (a) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day

as so published on the next succeeding Business Day, and (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate (rounded upward, if necessary, to a whole multiple of 1/100 of 1%) charged to Bank of America on such day on such transactions as determined by Agent.

"Fixed Charge Cash Flow" means (a) net income, after income tax, (b) less income or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items, (c) plus depreciation, depletion and amortization and other non-cash charges, (d) plus interest expense on all obligations, and (e) minus unfunded capital expenditures, dividends, cash distributions, withdrawals and other distributions.

"FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

"Free Cash Flow" means the sum of EBITDA minus all taxes paid or payable in cash, minus cash interest paid, minus all capital expenditures made in cash, minus all scheduled and non-scheduled principal payments on Funded Debt made during the period (excluding free cash flow payments pursuant to Section 2.05(c) of this Agreement), minus acquisition costs and plus or minus changes in working capital.

"Funded Debt" means all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money and other interest-bearing liabilities, including current and long term liabilities.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

"Governmental Authority." means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, any (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital,

equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantor" means each of Quality Services Laboratories, Inc., CONAM Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc., Physical Acoustics Corporation and CISMIS Springfield Corp.

"Guaranty" means the Guaranty made by each Guarantor in favor of Agent and for the benefit of the Lenders, in form and substance satisfactory to Agent.

"Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Indebtedness" means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

- (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;
- (b) all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;
- $\hbox{(c) net obligations of such Person under any Swap Contract;}\\$
- (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and, in each case, not past due for more than 60 days or such longer period as permitted in the ordinary course of business);

- (e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;
 - (f) capital leases and Synthetic Lease Obligations;
- (g) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends; and
 - (h) all Guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. The amount of any capital lease or Synthetic Lease Obligation as of any date shall be deemed to be the amount of Attributable Indebtedness in respect thereof as of such date.

"Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

"Indemnitees" has the meaning specified in Section 10.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07.

"Interest Payment Date" means, (a) as to any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; provided, however, that if any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Rate Loan exceeds three months, the respective dates that fall every three months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each January, April, July and October and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each Eurodollar Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Rate Loan and ending on the date one, two or three months thereafter, as selected by Borrower in its Committed Loan Notice; provided that:

(i) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;

- (ii) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period; and
 - (iii) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date.
- "Internal Control Event" means a material weakness in, or fraud that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Borrower's internal controls over financial reporting.
- "Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, whether by means of (a) the purchase or other acquisition of capital stock or other securities of another Person, (b) a loan, advance or capital contribution to, Guarantee or assumption of debt of, or purchase or other acquisition of any other debt or equity participation or interest in, another Person, including any partnership or joint venture interest in such other Person and any arrangement pursuant to which the investor Guarantees Indebtedness of such other Person, or (c) the purchase or other acquisition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of assets of another Person that constitute a business unit. For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment.
- "IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.
- "ISP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices ISP98" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).
- "Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the L/C Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and Borrower (or any Subsidiary) or in favor of the L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.
- "Laws" means, collectively, all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.
- "L/C Advance" means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.
- "L/C Application" means an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

- "L/C Borrowing" means an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Committed Borrowing.
- "L/C Credit Extension" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.
- "L/C Expiration Date" means the day that is thirty days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).
- "L/C Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(i).
- "L/C Issuer" means Bank of America, N.A. in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder.
- "L/C Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit plus the aggregate of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.
- "L/C Sublimit" means an amount equal to \$1,000,000. The L/C Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments.
- "Lender" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.
- "Lending Office" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Lender may from time to time notify Borrower and Agent.
- "Letter of Credit" means any letter of credit issued hereunder. A Letter of Credit may be a commercial letter of credit or a standby letter of credit.
- "Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or preference, priority or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).
- "Loan" means an extension of credit by a Lender to Borrower under Article II in the form of a Revolving Loan or the Term Loan.

- "Loan Documents" means this Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, the Agent Fee Letter, each Collateral Document, the Guaranty, the Subordination Agreement and the Post-Closing Undertaking Agreement.
- "Loan Parties" means, collectively, Borrower and each Person (other than Agent, the L/C Issuer, or any Lender) executing a Loan Document including, without limitation, each Guarantor and such each Person executing a Collateral Document.
- "Majority-Owned Subsidiary" of the Borrower means a Subsidiary of which the Borrower owns, directly or indirectly through another Subsidiary, more than 50% of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity interests.
- "Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent), condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of Borrower or Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or (c) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any Loan Party of any Loan Document to which it is a party which could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the rights of the Lenders hereunder.
- "Maturity Date" means October 31, 2012.
- "Multiemployer Plan" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.
- "Note" means a Revolving Note or a Term Note.
- "Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding.
- "Organization Documents" means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental

Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp or documentary taxes imposed by any taxing authority (i) which may arise from the registration, filing, recording, or perfection of any security interest in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than Taxes attributable to a voluntary transfer of a Loan or Note by a Lender or Participant) or (ii) from the enforcement of this Agreement or any other Loan Document in connection with an Event of Default.

"Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount" means (i) with respect to Revolving Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments of Revolving Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date; and (ii) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements by Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"PCAOB" means the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

"Pension Plan" means any "employee pension benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), other than a Multiemployer Plan, that is subject to Title IV of ERISA and is sponsored or maintained by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate or to which Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate contributes or has an obligation to contribute, or in the case of a multiple employer or other plan described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA, has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) established by Borrower or, with respect to any such plan that is subject to Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA, any ERISA Affiliate.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Post-Closing Undertaking Agreement" means the post-closing undertaking agreement as of the date hereof by and between the Borrower and the Agent.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(c).

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30 day notice period has been waived.

"Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Committed Loans, a Committed Loan Notice and (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a L/C Application.

"Required Lenders" means, as of any date of determination, Lenders having more than 50% of the sum of the Revolving Loan Commitments and the outstanding principal balance of the Term Loans (taken as a whole) or, if the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02, Lenders holding in the aggregate more than 50% of the total outstanding Loans (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition); provided that the Commitment of, and the portion of the total outstanding Loans held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

"Responsible Officer" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer and, solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article II, any other officer or employee of the applicable Loan Party so designated by any of the foregoing officers in a notice to Agent. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.

"Restricted Payment" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any capital stock or other Equity Interest of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such capital stock or other Equity Interest or on account of any return of capital to Borrower's stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof).

"Revolving Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(b).

"Revolving Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to (a) make Revolving Loans to Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01(a) and (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Revolving Loans or in the Assignment and

Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

- "Revolving Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing a Revolving Loan made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit B.
- "Sarbanes-Oxley" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- "SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.
- "Securities Laws" means the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sarbanes-Oxley and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the PCAOB.
- "Subordination Agreement" means the subordination agreement by and among the Borrower, the Agent and TC NDT Holdings LLC, Altus Capital Partners SBIC, L.P., Altus Mistras Co-Investment, LLC and Sotirios J. Vahaviolos.
- "Subsidiary." of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the shares of securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of Borrower.
- "Swap Contract" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a "Master Agreement"), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

"Synthetic Lease Obligation" means the monetary obligation of a Person under (a) a so-called synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (b) an agreement for the use or possession of property creating obligations that do not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the insolvency or bankruptcy of such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment)

"Taxes" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings, assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Term Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(a).

"Term Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Term Loan or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Term Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing the Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Term Loan, substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

"Threshold Amount" means \$500,000.

"Total Liabilities" means the sum of current liabilities plus long term liabilities.

"Total Revolving Loan Outstandings" means the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loans and all L/C Obligations.

"Type" means, with respect to a Committed Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan.

"Unfunded Pension Liability" means the excess of a Pension Plan's benefit liabilities under Section 4001(a)(16) of ERISA, over the current value of that Pension Plan's assets, determined in accordance with the assumptions used for funding the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 412 of the Code for the applicable plan year.

"United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.

"Unreimbursed Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary." of the Borrower means a Subsidiary of which the Borrower owns, directly or indirectly through another Subsidiary, 95% or more of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity interests.

1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:

(a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including."

(c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.03 Accounting Terms

- (a) <u>Generally.</u> All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Audited Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.
- (b) Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, Agent, Lenders and Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) Borrower shall provide to Agent and Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.
- (c) Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. All references herein to consolidated financial statements of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries or to the determination of any amount for Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis or any similar reference shall, in each case, be deemed to include each variable interest entity that Borrower is required to consolidate pursuant to FASB Interpretation No. 46—Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities: an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (January 2003) as if such variable interest entity were a Subsidiary as defined herein.
- **1.04** Rounding. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by Borrower pursuant to 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-up if there is no nearest number).
 - 1.05 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).
- **1.06** Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; provided, however, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such

Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.

ARTICLE II. THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

2.01 Loans

(a) <u>Term Loan</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make a term loan (each such loan, a "<u>Term Loan</u>") to Borrower on the Closing Date in an amount equal to the amount of such Lender's Term Loan Commitment, and to execute and deliver to each such Lender a Term Note. Term Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein. Once repaid or prepaid, the Term Loan may not be re-borrowed.

(b) Revolving Loans. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make certain revolving loans (each such revolving loan, a "Revolving Loan") to Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment; provided, however, that after giving effect to any Borrowing of a Revolving Loan, (i) the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, and (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loans of any Lender, plus such Lender's Revolving Loan Rommitment. Within the limits of each Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.01(b), prepay under Section 2.04, and reborrow under this Section 2.01(b). The Revolving Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein and the Borrower shall execute and deliver a Revolving Note to each Lender.

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Committed Loans.

(a) Each Committed Borrowing, each conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, and each continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be made upon Borrower's irrevocable notice to Agent, which may be given by telephone. Each such notice must be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans or of any conversion of Eurodollar Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans, and (ii) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. Each telephonic notice by Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.02(a) must be confirmed promptly by delivery to Agent of a written Committed Loan Notice, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower. Each Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. Except as provided in Sections 2.03(c), each conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of

\$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. Each Committed Loan Notice (whether telephonic or written) shall specify (i) whether Borrower is requesting a Committed Borrowing, a conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, (ii) the requested date of the Borrowing, conversion or continuation, as the case may be (which shall be a Business Day), (iii) the principal amount of Committed Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Committed Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Committed Loans are to be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If Borrower fails to specify a Type of Committed Loan Notice or if Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the applicable Committed Loans shall be made as, or converted to, Base Rate Loans. Any such automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be effective as of the last day of the Interest Period then in effect with respect to the applicable Eurodollar Rate Loans. If Borrower requests a Borrowing of, conversion to, or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans in any such Committed Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month.

(b) Following receipt of a Committed Loan Notice, Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Committed Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by Borrower, Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in the preceding subsection. In the case of a Committed Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Committed Loan available to Agent in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Committed Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 4.01), Agent shall make all funds so received available to Borrower on the books of Bank of America with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) Agent by Borrower; provided, however, that if, on the date the Committed Loan Notice with respect to such Borrowing is given by Borrower, there are L/C Borrowings outstanding, then the proceeds of such Borrowing first, shall be applied, to the payment in full of any such L/C Borrowings, and second, shall be made available to Borrower as provided above.

(c) Except as otherwise provided herein, a Eurodollar Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of an Interest Period for such Eurodollar Rate Loan. During the existence of a Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as Eurodollar Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders, and the Required Lenders may demand that any or all of the then outstanding Eurodollar Rate Loans be converted immediately to Base Rate Loans and Borrower agrees to pay all amounts due under Section 3.05 in accordance with the terms thereof due to any such conversion.

- (d) Agent shall promptly notify Borrower and Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for Eurodollar Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate.
- (e) After giving effect to all Committed Borrowings, all conversions of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Committed Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than four Interest Periods in effect with respect to Committed Loans.

2.03 Letters of Credit.

(a) The Letter of Credit Commitment

(i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) the L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03, (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Closing Date until the L/C Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Borrower, and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with subsection (b) below, and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit; and (B) the Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit issued for the account of Borrower and any drawings thereunder; provided that the Lenders shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit unless after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, (x) the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, (y) the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loans of any Lender, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all L/C Obligations, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Term Loan shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment, and (z) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the L/C Sublimit. Each request by Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by Borrower that the L/C Credit Extension so requested complies with the conditions set forth in the proviso to the preceding sentence. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly Borrower may, during the foregoing period, obtain Letters of Credit to replace Letters of Credit that have expired or that have been drawn upon and reimbursed.

(ii) The L/C Issuer shall not issue any Letter of Credit, if:

(A) subject to Section 2.03(b)(iv), the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur more than twelve months after the date of issuance or last extension, unless the Required Lenders have approved such expiry date; or

- (B) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the L/C Expiration Date, unless all the Lenders have approved such expiry date.
- (iii) The L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:
- (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the L/C Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to the L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or request that the L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which the L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Closing Date and which in each case the L/C Issuer in good faith deems material to it;
- (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally, a copy of which policies has previously been provided to the Borrower or is provided in connection with the Borrower's L/C Application
- (C) except as otherwise agreed by Agent and the L/C Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$10,000, in the case of a commercial Letter of Credit, or \$100,000, in the case of a standby Letter of Credit;
 - (D) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than Dollars;
- (E) a default of any Lender's obligations to fund under Section 2.03(c) exists or any Lender is at such time a Defaulting Lender hereunder, unless the L/C Issuer has entered into satisfactory arrangements with Borrower or such Lender to eliminate the L/C Issuer's risk with respect to such Lender; or
 - (F) unless specifically provided for in this Agreement, such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the stated amount after any drawing thereunder.
 - (iv) The L/C Issuer shall not amend any Letter of Credit if the L/C Issuer would not be permitted at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof.

- (v) The L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) the L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to such Letter of Credit.
- (vi) The L/C Issuer shall act on behalf of the Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith, and the L/C Issuer shall have all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to Agent in Article IX with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the L/C Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" or "Agent" as used in Article IX included the L/C Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the L/C Issuer.
 - (b) Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto-Extension Letters of Credit.
- (i) Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, upon the request of Borrower delivered to the L/C Issuer (with a copy to Agent) in the form of a L/C Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower. Such L/C Application must be received by the L/C Issuer and Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least two Business Days (or such later date and time as Agent and the L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be. In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such L/C Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the L/C Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; and (G) such other matters as the L/C Issuer reasonably may require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such L/C Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the L/C Issuer (A) the Letter of Credit to be amended; (B) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day); (C) the nature of the proposed amendment; and (D) such other matters as the L/C Issuer reasonably may require. Additionally, Borrower shall furnish to the L/C Issuer and Agent such other documents and information pertaining to such requested Letter of Credit issuance or amendment, including any Issuer Documents, as the L/C Issuer or Agent reasonably may require.
- (ii) Promptly after receipt of any L/C Application at the address set forth in Section 10.02, the L/C Issuer will confirm with Agent (by telephone or in writing) that Agent has received a copy of such L/C Application from Borrower and, if not, the L/C Issuer will provide Agent with a copy thereof. Unless the L/C Issuer has received

written notice from any Lender, Agent or any Loan Party, at least one Business Day prior to the requested date of issuance or amendment of the applicable Letter of Credit, that one or more applicable conditions in Article IV shall not then be satisfied, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the L/C Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Letter of Credit for the account of Borrower or enter into the applicable amendment, as the case may be, in each case in accordance with the L/C Issuer's usual and customary business practices. Immediately upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the L/C Issuer a risk participation in such Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Letter of Credit.

- (iii) Promptly after its delivery of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit to an advising bank with respect thereto or to the beneficiary thereof, the L/C Issuer will also deliver to Borrower and Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.
- (iv) If Borrower so requests in any applicable L/C Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions (each, an "Auto-Extension Letter of Credit"); provided that any such Auto-Extension Letter of Credit must permit the L/C Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each twelve-month period (commencing with the date of issuence of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof not later than a day (the "Non-Extension Notice Date") in each such twelve-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the L/C Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the L/C Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than the L/C Expiration Date; provided, however, that the L/C Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (A) the L/C Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted, or would have no obligation, at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of clause (ii) or (iii) of Section 2.03(a) or otherwise), or (B) it has received notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is five Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date (1) from Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such extension or (2) from Agent, any Lender or Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.02 is not then satisfied, and in each such case directing the L/C Issuer not to permit such extension.
- (v) If Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit that permits the automatic reinstatement of all or a portion of the stated amount thereof after any drawing thereunder (each, an "Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit"). Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, Borrower shall not be required to

make a specific request to the L/C Issuer to permit such reinstatement. Once an Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit has been issued, except as provided in the following sentence, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the L/C Issuer to reinstate all or a portion of the stated amount thereof in accordance with the provisions of such Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if such Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit permits the L/C Issuer to decline to reinstate all or any portion of the stated amount thereof after a drawing thereunder by giving notice of such non-reinstatement within a specified number of days after such drawing (the "Non-Reinstatement Deadline"), the L/C Issuer shall not permit such reinstatement if it has received a notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is five Business Days before the Non-Reinstatement Deadline (A) from Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such reinstatement or (B) from Agent, any Lender or Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.02 is not then satisfied (treating such reinstatement as an L/C Credit Extension for purposes of this clause) and, in each case, directing the L/C Issuer not to permit such reinstatement.

(c) Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations.

(i) Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of a drawing under such Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall notify Borrower and Agent thereof. Not later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of any payment by the L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit (each such date, an "Honor Date"), Borrower shall reimburse the L/C Issuer through Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing. If Borrower fails to so reimburse the L/C Issuer by such time, Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the Honor Date, the amount of the unreimbursed drawing (the "Unreimbursed Amount"), and the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. In such event, Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans to be disbursed on the Honor Date in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in Section 2.02 for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the amount of the unutilized portion of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than the delivery of a Committed Loan Notice). Any notice given by the L/C Issuer or Agent pursuant to this Section 2.03(c)(i) may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing; provided that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice.

(ii) Each Lender shall upon any notice pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) make funds available to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer at the Agent's Office in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in such notice by Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of Section 2.03(c)(iii), each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to Borrower in such amount. Agent shall remit the funds so received to the L/C Issuer.

- (iii) With respect to any Unreimbursed Amount that is not fully refinanced by a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans because the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 cannot be satisfied or for any other reason, Borrower shall be deemed to have incurred from the L/C Issuer an L/C Borrowing in the amount of the Unreimbursed Amount that is not so refinanced, which L/C Borrowing shall be due and payable on demand (together with interest) and shall bear interest at the Default Rate. In such event, each Lender's payment to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(ii) shall be deemed payment in respect of its participation in such L/C Borrowing and shall constitute an L/C Advance from such Lender in satisfaction of its participation obligation under this Section 2.03.
- (iv) Until each Lender funds its Committed Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) to reimburse the L/C Issuer for any amount drawn under any Letter of Credit, interest in respect of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such amount shall be solely for the account of the L/C Issuer.
- (v) Each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse the L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this Section 2.03(c), shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the L/C Issuer, Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default, or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than delivery by Borrower of a Committed Loan Notice). No such making of an L/C Advance shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for the amount of any payment made by the L/C Issuer under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as provided herein.
- (vi) If any Lender fails to make available to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.03(c) by the time specified in Section 2.03(c)(ii), the L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the L/C Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the L/C issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the L/C Issuer in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Committed Loan included in the relevant Committed Borrowing or L/C Advance in respect of the relevant L/C Borrowing, as the case may be. A certificate of the L/C Issuer submitted to any Lender (through Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (vi) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Repayment of Participations.

- (i) At any time after the L/C Issuer has made a payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any Lender such Lender's L/C Advance in respect of such payment in accordance with Section 2.03(c), if Agent receives for the account of the L/C Issuer any payment in respect of the related Unreimbursed Amount or interest thereon (whether directly from Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by Agent), Agent will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof in the same funds as those received by Agent.
- (ii) If any payment received by Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in Section 10.05 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Lender, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.
- (e) <u>Obligations Absolute</u>. The obligation of Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:
 - (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of such Letter of Credit, this Agreement, or any other Loan Document;
- (ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that Borrower may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), the L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;
- (iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;
- (iv) any payment by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to

any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law; or

(v) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of,

Borrower shall promptly examine a copy of each Letter of Credit and each amendment thereto that is delivered to it and, in the event of any claim of noncompliance with Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, Borrower will promptly notify the L/C Issuer. Borrower shall be conclusively deemed to have waived any such claim against the L/C Issuer and its correspondents unless such notice is given as aforesaid.

(f) Role of L/C Issuer. Each Lender and Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall not have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by the Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering any such document. None of the L/C Issuer, Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of the L/C Issuer shall be liable to any Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct; or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document. Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferree with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; provided, however, that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude Borrower's pursuing such rights and remedies as it may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the L/C Issuer, Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of the L/C Issuer, shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in clauses (i) through (v) of Section 2.03(e); provided, however, that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, Borrower may have a claim against the L/C Issuer, and the L/C Issuer may be liable to Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, clamages suffered by Borrower which Borrower proves were caused by the L/C Issuer's willful failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the bene

or assign a Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason.

- (g) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. Upon the request of Agent, (i) if the L/C Issuer has honored any full or partial drawing request under any Letter of Credit and such drawing has resulted in an L/C Borrowing, or (ii) if, as of the L/C Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, Borrower shall, in each case, immediately Cash Collateralize the then Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all L/C Obligations. Sections 2.05 and 8.02(c) set forth certain additional requirements to deliver Cash Collateral hereunder. For purposes hereof, "<u>Cash Collateralize</u>" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, as collateral for the L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory to Agent and the L/C Issuer (which documents are hereby consented to by Lenders). Derivatives of such term have corresponding meanings. Borrower hereby grants to Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuer and Lenders, a security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein and all proceeds of the foregoing. Cash collateral shall be maintained in blocked, interest bearing deposit accounts at Bank of America.
- (h) <u>Applicability of ISP and UCP</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the L/C Issuer and Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued, (i) the rules of the ISP shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as most recently published by the International Chamber of Commerce at the time of issuance shall apply to each commercial Letter of Credit.
- (i) <u>L/C Fees</u>. Borrower shall pay to Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage a L/C fee (the "<u>L/C Fee</u>") for each standby Letter of Credit equal to 1% per annum times the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. L/C Fees shall be (i) due and payable on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the L/C Expiration Date and thereafter on demand and (ii) computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, all L/C Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.
 - (j) Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuer. Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee (i)

with respect to each commercial Letter of Credit at the rate specified in the Agent Fee Letter, computed on the amount of such Letter of Credit, and payable upon the issuance thereof, (ii) with respect to any amendment of a commercial Letter of Credit increasing the amount of such Letter of Credit, at a rate separately agreed between Borrower and the L/C Issuer, computed on the amount of such increase, and payable upon the effectiveness of such amendment, and (iii) with respect to each Letter of Credit, at the rate per annum specified in the Agent Fee Letter, computed on the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit and on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such fronting fee shall be due and payable on the tenth Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, in respect of the most recently-ended quarterly period (or portion thereof, in the case of the first payment), commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the L/C Expiration Date and thereafter on demand. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of Such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. In addition, Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account the reasonable and customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of the L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such individual customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.

- (k) Conflict with Issuer Documents. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Documents, the terms hereof shall control.
- 2.04 Repayment of Loans (a) Borrower shall repay to Lenders on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans outstanding on such date.
- (b) The Borrower shall repay to the Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders the percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loan as follows (with adjustment for any prepayments made under Section 2.05), each such payment to be made on the last Business Day of the applicable quarterly period:

Quarter Ending	Payment
January 31, 2007	1.25%
April 30, 2007	1.25%
July 31, 2007	1.25%
October 31, 2007	1.25%
January 31, 2008	2.50%
April 30, 2008	2.50%
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Quarter Ending	Payment
July 31, 2008	2.50%
October 31, 2008	2.50%
January 31, 2009	3.75%
April 30, 2009	3.75%
July 31, 2009	3.75%
October 31, 2009	3.75%
January 31, 2010	5.00%
April 30, 2010	5.00%
July 31, 2010	5.00%
October 31, 2010	5.00%
January 31, 2011	5.00%
April 30, 2011	5.00%
July 31, 2011	5.00%
October 31, 2011	5.00%
January 31, 2012	7.50%
April 30, 2012	7.50%
July 31, 2012	7.50%
October 31, 2012	7.50%

; $\underline{provided}$ that on the Maturity Date, all Loans outstanding on such date shall be repaid.

^{2.05 &}lt;u>Prepayments</u> (a) Borrower may, upon notice to Agent, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay the Term Loan or Revolving Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that such notice must be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. three Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such

prepayment and the Type(s) of Committed Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by Borrower, Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Each such prepayment shall be applied to the Committed Loans of Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.

- (b) If for any reason the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings at any time exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments then in effect, Borrower shall immediately prepay Revolving Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; provided, however, that Borrower shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this Section 2.05 unless after the prepayment in full of the Revolving Loans the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments then in effect.
- (c) Until such time as the ratio of Funded Debt to EBITDA is less than 2.0:1.0, on or before October 1 of each year, beginning in 2008, Borrower shall pay to Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders an amount equal to twenty-five (25%) percent of Free Cash Flow for the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided, however, if the financial statements delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.01(a) and the Compliance Certificate delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.02(a) evidence the Borrower's satisfaction of the Financial Covenants in Section 6.12 through the fiscal year ending May 31, 2008, the prepayment required under this Section 2.05(c) shall be the lesser of twenty-five (25%) percent of Free Cash Flow for the immediately preceding fiscal year or \$1,500,000.
 - (d) All prepayments under this Section 2.05 shall be applied to installments due under the Term Loan in the inverse order of their maturity.
- 2.06 <u>Termination or Reduction of Commitments</u>. Borrower may, upon notice to Agent, terminate the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments; provided that (i) any such notice shall be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. five Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, (iii) Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings would exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, and (iv) if, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, the L/C Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments.

Loan Commitments, such Sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess. Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any such notice of termination or reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments. Any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments shall be applied to the Revolving Loan Commitment of each Lender according to its Applicable Percentage. All fees accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

2.07 Interest.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) below, (i) each Eurodollar Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period plus the Applicable Rate and (ii) each Base Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Rate.
- (b) (i) If any amount of principal of any Loan is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (ii) If any amount (other than principal of any Loan) payable by Borrower under any Loan Document is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, then upon the request of the Required Lenders, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (iii) Upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of all outstanding Obligations hereunder at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
 - (iv) Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.
- (c) Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.

2.08 Fees. In addition to certain fees described in subsections (i) and (j) of Section 2.03:

- (a) Commitment Fee. Borrower shall pay to Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, a commitment fee equal to .375% of the daily amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments exceed the sum of (i) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of Revolving Loan and (ii) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of L/C Obligations, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year and the number of actual days elapsed. The commitment fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The commitment fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect.
- (b) <u>Lenders' Upfront Fee</u>. On the Closing Date, Borrower shall pay to Agent, for the account of each Lender in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages, an upfront fee in an amount of \$200,000. Such upfront fees are for the credit facilities committed by Lenders under this Agreement and are fully earned on the date paid. The upfront fee paid to each Lender is solely for its own account and is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever.
- 2.09 Computation of Interest and Fees. All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans when the Base Rate is determined by Bank of America's "prime rate" shall be made on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365-day year). Interest shall accrue on each Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid, provided that any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.11(a), bear interest for one day. Each determination by Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

2.10 Evidence of Debt

(a) The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by Such Lender and by Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made

by Lenders to Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through Agent, Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through Agent) a Note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereton

(b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in subsection (a), each Lender and Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.11 Payments Generally; Agent's Clawback.

(a) (i) <u>General</u>. All payments to be made by Borrower shall be made without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by Borrower hereunder shall be made to Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 12:00 noon on the date specified herein. Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by Agent after 12:00 noon shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

(ii) On each date when the payment of any principal, interest or fees are due hereunder or under any Note, Borrower agrees to maintain on deposit in an ordinary checking account maintained by Borrower with Agent (as such account shall be designated by Borrower in a written notice to Agent from time to time, the "Borrower Account") an amount sufficient to pay such principal, interest or fees in full on such date. Borrower hereby authorizes Agent (A) to deduct automatically all principal, interest or fees when due hereunder or under any Note from the Borrower Account, and (B) if and to the extent any payment of principal, interest or fees under this Agreement or any Note is not made when due to deduct any such amount from any or all of the

accounts of Borrower maintained at Agent. Agent agrees to provide written notice to Borrower of any automatic deduction made pursuant to this Section 2.11(a)(ii) showing in reasonable detail the amounts of such deduction. Lenders agree to reimburse Borrower promptly based on their Applicable Percentage for any amounts deducted from such accounts in excess of amount due hereunder and under any other Loan Documents.

(b) (i) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Agent. Unless Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Committed Borrowing) that such Lender will not make available to Agent such Lender's share of such Committed Borrowing, Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.02 (or, in the case of a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by Section 2.02) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing available to Agent, then the applicable Lender and Borrower severally agree to pay to Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by Agent in connection with the foregoing and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to Agent for the same or an overlapping period, Agent shall promptly remit to Borrower the amount of such interest paid by Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing to Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan included in such Committed Borrowing. Any payment by Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim Borrower may have against a Lender that shall hav

(ii) <u>Payments by Borrower</u>; <u>Presumptions by Agent</u>. Unless Agent shall have received notice from Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to Agent for the account of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer hereunder that Borrower will not make such payment, Agent may assume that Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to Agent, at the greater of the

Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation. A notice of Agent to any Lender or Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this subsection (b) shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

- (c) Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent. If any Lender makes available to Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II, and such funds are not made available to Borrower by Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in Article IV are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) <u>Obligations of Lenders Several</u>. The obligations of Lenders hereunder to make Committed Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments under Section 10.04(c) are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Committed Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under Section 10.04(c) on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Committed Loan, purchase its participation or to make its payment under Section 10.04(c).
- (e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.
- 2.12 Sharing of Payments. If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of the Committed Loans made by it, or the participations in L/C Obligations held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Committed Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its pro rata share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Committed Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Committed Loans and other amounts owing them, provided that:
- (i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and

(ii) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Committed Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations to any assignee or participant, other than to Borrower or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section shall apply).

Each Loan Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable Law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Loan Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Loan Party in the amount of such participation.

ARTICLE III. TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 Taxes.

- (a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by Borrower to or on account of any obligation of Borrower hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, provided that if Borrower shall be required by any applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes (including any Other Taxes) from such payments, then, (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section), Agent, Lender or L/C Issuer, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) Borrower shall make such deductions, and (iii) Borrower shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law.
- (b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by Borrower</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law.
- (c) <u>Indemnification by Borrower</u>. Borrower shall indemnify Agent, each Lender and the L/C Issuer, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to Borrower by a Lender or the L/C Issuer (with a copy to Agent), or by

Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

- (d) <u>Status of Lenders</u>. Any Lender, if requested by Borrower or Agent as will enable Borrower or Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements.
- (e) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer has received a refund of any Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by Borrower or with respect to which Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay to Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by Borrower under this Section with respect to the Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses of Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that Borrower, upon the request of Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, agrees to repay the amount paid over to Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer in the event Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This subsection shall not be construed to require Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to Borrower or any other Person.

3.02 Illegality. If any Lender determines that any applicable Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Eurodollar Rate Loans, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to Borrower through Agent, any obligation of such Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended until such Lender notifies Agent and Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all Eurodollar Rate Loans of such Lender to Base Rate Loans, either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted and all amounts due under Section 3.05 in accordance with the terms thereof due to such prepayment or conversion.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates. If Agent determines in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof that (a) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Eurodollar Rate Loan, (b) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the Eurodollar Base Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan, or (c) the Eurodollar Base Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Loan, Agent will promptly so notify Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended until Agent (upon the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein.

3.04 Increased Costs.

- (a) $\underline{Increased\ Costs\ Generally}.\ If\ any\ Change\ in\ Law\ applicable\ to\ the\ Lender\ or\ the\ L/C\ Issuer\ shall:$
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the Eurodollar Rate) or the L/C Issuer;
- (ii) subject any Lender or the L/C Issuer to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any participation in a Letter of Credit or any Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender or the L/C Issuer in respect thereof (except for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes covered by Section 3.01 and the imposition of, or any change in the rate of, any Excluded Tax payable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer); or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender of making or maintaining any Eurodollar Rate Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender or the L/C Issuer of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender or the L/C

Issuer, Borrower will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the L/C Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the L/C Issuer, to a level below that which such Lender or the L/C Issuer or the L/C Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer's rot the L/C Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in subsection (a) or (b) of this Section and delivered to Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Borrower shall pay such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 10 days after receipt thereof.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, provided that Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- 3.05 Compensation for Losses. Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to Agent) from time to time, Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:

- (a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise); or
- (b) any failure by Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by Borrower.

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing. For purposes of calculating amounts payable by Borrower to Lenders under this Section 3.05, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it at the Eurodollar Base Rate used in determining the Eurodollar Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Eurodollar Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 <u>Mitigation Obligations</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 3.01, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to Section 3.02, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.01 or 3.04, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to Section 3.02, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

3.07 Survival. All of Borrower's obligations under this Article III shall survive termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE IV. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

4.01 Conditions of Initial Credit Extension. The obligation of the L/C Issuer and each Lender to make its initial Credit Extension hereunder is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) Agent's receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or telecopies (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date) and each in form and substance satisfactory to Agent and each of the Lenders:
 - (i) executed counterparts of this Agreement, all Collateral Documents and the Guaranty, sufficient in number for distribution to Agent, each Lender and Borrower;
 - $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{(ii) a Note executed by Borrower in favor of each Lender requesting such Note;}$
- (iii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of each Loan Party as Agent may require evidencing the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party;
- (iv) such documents and certifications as Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and that each Loan Party is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (v) a favorable opinion of counsel to the Loan Parties acceptable to Agent addressed to Agent and each Lender, as to the matters set forth concerning the Loan Parties and the Loan Documents in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit F</u>;
- (vi) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party either (A) attaching copies of all consents, licenses and approvals required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by such Loan Party and the validity against such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and such consents, licenses and approvals shall be in full force and effect, or (B) stating that no such consents, licenses or approvals are so required;
 - (vii) evidence that all insurance required to be maintained pursuant to the Loan Documents has been obtained and is in effect;

- (viii) a duly completed Compliance Certificate as of the last day of the fiscal quarter of Borrower most recently ended prior to the Closing Date, signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower;
- (ix) evidence that all commitments under the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit, Term Loan and Security Agreement dated August 8, 2003, as amended, among Borrower and certain of its Subsidiaries and PNC Bank National Association, as lender and as agent (the "Existing Credit Agreement") have been or concurrently with the Closing Date are being terminated, and all outstanding amounts thereunder paid in full and all Liens securing obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement have been or concurrently with the Closing Date are being released;
 - (x) a forecast for the Borrower's fiscal year ending May 31, 2007, in the same format as required for the 2008 fiscal year forecast, all as described in Section 6.01(e); and
 - (xi) such other assurances, certificates, documents, consents or opinions as Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Required Lenders reasonably may require.
 - (b) Any fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid.
- (c) Unless waived by Agent, Borrower shall have paid the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Agent (directly to such counsel if requested by Agent) to the extent invoiced prior to or on the Closing Date, plus such additional amounts of such fees, charges and disbursements as shall constitute its reasonable estimate of such fees, charges and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by it through the closing proceedings (provided that the aggregate amount of such fees, exclusive of disbursements, shall not exceed \$65,000 for work performed prior to the Closing Date and that such estimate shall not thereafter preclude a final settling of accounts between Borrower and Agent).
 - (d) The Closing Date shall have occurred on or before November 30, 2006.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 9.04, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.01, 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 Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

4.02 Conditions to all Credit Extensions. The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension is subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (a) The representations and warranties of Borrower and each other Loan Party contained in Article V or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct on and as of the date of such Credit Extension, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Section 4.02, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01.
 - (b) No Default shall exist, or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof.
 - (c) Agent and, if applicable, the L/C Issuer shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof.
 - (d) Agent shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to it, such other assurances, certificates, documents or consents related to the foregoing as Agent or the Required Lenders reasonably may require.

Each Request for Credit Extension submitted by Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in Sections 4.02(a) and (b) have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE V. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Borrower represents and warrants to Agent and the Lenders that:

- **5.01** Existence, Qualification and Power. Each Loan Party (a) is duly organized or formed, validly existing and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clause (b)(i) or (c), to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.02** Authorization; No Contravention. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is party, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and do not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization

Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any Contractual Obligation to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject; or (c) violate any applicable Law except in the case of subsections (b) and (c) where such breach, contravention or payment could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- **5.03** Governmental Authorization; Other Consents. No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party of this Agreement or any other Loan Document except for such filings as may be necessary to perfect the security interest of the Agent in the Collateral.
- **5.04** Binding Effect. This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered hereunder, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms.

5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect; No Internal Control Event.

- (a) (i) The Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; (ii) fairly present the financial condition of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (iii) show all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness.
- (b) The unaudited consolidated balance sheets of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries dated August 31, 2006, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended on that date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present the financial condition of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered

thereby, subject, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments.

- (c) Since the date of the Audited Financial Statements, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) To the best knowledge of Borrower, no Internal Control Event exists or has occurred since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has resulted in or could reasonably be expected to result in a misstatement in any material respect, in any financial information delivered or to be delivered to Agent or Lenders, of (i) covenant compliance calculations provided hereunder or (ii) the assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.
- (e) The forecasted balance sheet and statements of income and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to Section 6.01(c) were prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were fair in light of the conditions existing at the time of delivery of such forecasts, and represented, at the time of delivery, Borrower's best estimate of its future financial condition and performance.
- 5.06 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of Borrower after due and diligent investigation, threatened or contemplated, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their properties or revenues that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (b) except as specifically disclosed in <u>Schedule 5.06</u>, either individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and there has been no adverse change in the status, or financial effect on any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, of the matters described on <u>Schedule 5.06</u>.
- **5.07** No Default. Neither any Loan Party nor any Subsidiary thereof is in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- 5.08 Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of Borrower and each Subsidiary has good record and marketable title in fee simple to, or valid leasehold interests in, all real property necessary or used in the ordinary conduct of its business, except for such defects in title as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The property of Borrower and its Subsidiaries is subject

to no Liens, other than Liens permitted by Section 7.01, including Liens listed on Schedule 7.01.

- **5.09** Environmental Compliance. Borrower and its Subsidiaries conduct in the ordinary course of business a review of the effect of existing Environmental Laws and claims alleging potential liability or responsibility for violation of any Environmental Law on their respective businesses, operations and properties, and as a result thereof Borrower has reasonably concluded that, except as specifically disclosed in Schedule 5.09, such Environmental Laws and claims could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.10** <u>Insurance</u>. The properties of Borrower and its Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of Borrower, in such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance compatible with the following standards), with such deductibles and covering such risks as Borrower reasonably believes appropriate. All insurance with respect to the Collateral shall (i) contain a breach of warranty clause in favor of the Agent, (ii) provide that no cancellation, reduction in amount or change in coverage thereof shall be effective until at least 30 days after receipt by the Agent of written notice thereof and (iii) be reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to the Agent.
- 5.11 Taxes. Borrower and its Subsidiaries have filed all foreign and domestic Federal, state and other material tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all foreign and domestic Federal, state and other material taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed tax assessment against Borrower or any Subsidiary that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.12 ERISA Compliance.

(a) Each Plan is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state Laws except for any failure to comply which, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the IRS with respect thereto and, to the best knowledge of Borrower, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification. Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate have made all required contributions to each Plan subject to Section 412 of the Code, and no application for a funding waiver or an extension of any amortization period pursuant to Section 412 of the Code has been made with respect to any such Plan.

- (b) There are no pending or, to the best knowledge of Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could be reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) (i) No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) no Pension Plan has any Unfunded Pension Liability in excess of the Threshold Amount; (iii) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to any Pension Plan (other than premiums due and not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA); (iv) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability (and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Section 4201 or 4243 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (v) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Section 4069 or 4212(c) of ERISA.
- **5.13** <u>Subsidiaries</u>. As of the Closing Date, Borrower has no Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed in Part (a) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>, and the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by a Loan Party in the amounts specified on Part (a) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> free and clear of all Liens. Borrower has no equity investments in any other corporation or entity other than those specifically disclosed in Part(b) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in Borrower have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the parties specified and in the amounts specified on Part (c) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> free and clear of all Liens.

$5.14\,\underline{Margin\,Regulations;\,Investment\,Company\,Act;\,Public\,Utility\,Holding\,Company\,Act}.$

- (a) Neither Borrower nor any Subsidiary is engaged or will engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the FRB), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock.
- (b) None of Borrower, any Person Controlling Borrower, or any Subsidiary (i) is a "holding company," or a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company," or an "affiliate" of a "holding company" or of a "subsidiary company" or a "holding company," within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, or (ii) is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

- **5.15** <u>Disclosure</u>. Borrower has disclosed to Agent and Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, and all other matters known to it, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.16** Compliance with Laws. Each Loan Party and each Subsidiary thereof is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
 - 5.17 Taxpayer Identification Number. Borrower's true and correct U.S. taxpayer identification number is set forth on Schedule 10.02.
- 5.18 Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc. Borrower and its Subsidiaries own, or possess the right to use, all of the trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, patents, patent rights, franchises, licenses and other intellectual property rights that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. To the best knowledge of Borrower, no slogan or other advertising device, product, process, method, substance, part or other material now employed, or now contemplated to be employed, by Borrower or any Subsidiary infringes upon any rights held by any other Person. No claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the best knowledge of Borrower, threatened, which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.19 Rights in Collateral; Priority of Liens. Borrower and each other Loan Party own the property granted by it as Collateral under the Collateral Documents, free and clear of any and all Liens in favor of third parties, other than Liens permitted under Section 7.01, including Liens set forth on Schedule 7.01. Upon the proper filing of UCC financing statements and trademark and patent assignments, the Liens granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents will constitute valid and enforceable first, prior and perfected Liens in favor of Agent, for the ratable benefit of Agent and Lenders on all collateral on which a lien may be perfected by the filing of such UCC financing statements and trademark and patent assignments, subject only to the Liens set forth on Schedule 7.01.

ARTICLE VI. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall, and shall (except in the case of the covenants set forth in Sections 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03) cause each Subsidiary to:

6.01 Financial Statements. Deliver to Agent a sufficient number of copies for delivery by Agent to each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders:

- (a) as soon as available, but in any event within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, a consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, such consolidated statements to be audited and accompanied by a report and opinion of Amper, Politziner & Mattia P.C. or another independent certified public accounting firm of recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and applicable Securities Laws and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like qualification or exception or any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit or with respect to the absence of any material misstatement.
- (b) as soon as available, but in any event within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter of each fiscal year of Borrower, a consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal quarter, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal quarter and for the portion of Borrower's fiscal year then ended, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding fiscal quarter of the previous fiscal year and the corresponding portion of the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, such consolidated statements to be certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and
- (c) as soon as available, but in any event at least 15 days before the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, forecasts prepared by management of Borrower, in form satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders, of consolidated balance sheets and statements of income or operations of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the immediately following fiscal year prepared (i) on a quarterly basis in the case of the forecast for Borrower's fiscal year ending May 31, 2008 or (ii) an annual basis in the case of the forecasts for each subsequent fiscal year of Borrower (including the fiscal year in which the Maturity Date occurs).

- 6.02 Certificates; Other Information. Deliver to Agent a sufficient number of copies for delivery by Agent to each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders:
- (a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 6.01(a) and (b), a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by the chief financial officer or president of Borrower;
- (b) promptly after any request by Agent or any Lender, copies of any detailed audit reports, management letters or recommendations submitted to the board of directors (or the audit committee of the board of directors) of Borrower by independent accountants in connection with the accounts or books of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any audit of any of them;
- (c) promptly after the same are available, copies of each annual report, proxy or financial statement or other report or communication sent to the stockholders of Borrower, and copies of any annual, regular, periodic and special reports and registration statements which Borrower may file or be required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and not otherwise required to be delivered to Agent pursuant hereto;
- (d) promptly after the furnishing thereof, copies of any statement or report furnished to any holder of debt securities of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof pursuant to the terms of any indenture, loan or credit or similar agreement and not otherwise required to be furnished to the Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01 or any other clause of this Section 6.02;
- (e) promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after receipt thereof by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, copies of each notice or other correspondence received from the Securities and Exchange Commission (or comparable agency in any applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction) concerning any investigation or possible investigation or other inquiry by such agency regarding financial or other operational results of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof; and
- (f) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial or corporate affairs of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

Borrower hereby acknowledges that (a) Agent will make available to Lenders and the L/C Issuer materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of Borrower hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting Borrower Materials on IntraLinks or another similar electronic system (the "Platform") and (b) certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to Borrower or its securities) (each, a "Public Lender").

Borrower hereby agrees that (w) all Borrower Materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 10.07); (y) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Investor;" and (z) Agent shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC" as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated "Public Investor".

- 6.03 Notices. Promptly notify Agent and each Lender for which the Agent has provided an address:
- (a) of the occurrence of any Default;
- (b) of any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect,
- (c) of the occurrence of any ERISA Event;
- (d) of any material change in accounting policies or financial reporting practices by Borrower or any Subsidiary, and
- (e) of Borrower's determination at any time of the occurrence or existence of any Internal Control Event.

Each notice pursuant to this Section shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to Section 6.03(a) shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

6.04 Payment of Obligations. Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by Borrower or such Subsidiary; (b) all lawful claims which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property; and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but

subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness.

- **6.05** Preservation of Existence, Etc. (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by Section 7.04 or 7.05; (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew any registered patents, trademarks, trade names and service marks, the non-preservation of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **6.06** <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material properties and equipment necessary in the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; and (b) make all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **6.07** <u>Maintenance</u> of <u>Insurance</u>. Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of Borrower, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business, of such types and in such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance compatible with the following standards) as are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons and providing for not less than 30 days' prior notice to Agent of termination, lapse or cancellation of such insurance. Borrower shall cause its carriers to name the Agent as additional insured and, in the case of property or casualty insurance for all tangible Collateral, first loss payee, and shall provide the Agent with a certificate or certificates evidencing such coverages and the payment of premiums therefore, on or before the Closing Date and at such times as the insurance in question is modified or renewed.
- **6.08** Compliance with Laws. Comply in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, write, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **6.09** Books and Records. (a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be; and (b) maintain such books of

record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be. Borrower shall maintain at all times books and records pertaining to the Collateral in such detail, form and scope as Agent or any Lender shall reasonably require.

- **6.10** <u>Inspection Rights.</u> Permit representatives and independent contractors of Agent and each Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of Borrower and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to Borrower; provided, however, that when an Event of Default exists Agent or any Lender (or any of their respective representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.
- **6.11** <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use the proceeds of the Credit Extensions to refinance all of the Borrower's existing Funded Debt, to support working capital needs (including the issuance of Letters of Credit) and finance acquisitions as permitted hereunder.

6.12 Financial Covenants

(a) EBITDA. Maintain on a consolidated basis EBITDA of not less than the following amounts calculated for the 12-month periods ending on the following dates:

Fiscal Year	Minimum Annual EBITDA
2007	\$11,000,000
2008	\$13,900,000
2009	\$16,000,000
2010	\$17,000,000
2011	\$17,500,000
2012	\$18,000,000

(b) <u>Debt Service Coverage Ratio</u>. Maintain on a consolidated basis a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of at least 1.10:1.0.

This ratio will be calculated at the end of each reporting period for which this Agreement requires Borrower to deliver financial statements, using the results of the twelve-month period ending with that reporting period. The current portion of long-term liabilities will be measured as of the last day of the calculation period.

(c) Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio. Maintain on a consolidated basis a ratio of Funded Debt to EBITDA not exceeding 3.25:1.0 on the Closing Date, and the ratios indicated for each period specified below:

Period	Ratio
Through 5/31/08	3.0:1.0
From 6/1/08 through 5/31/09	2.75:1.0
From 6/1/09 and thereafter	2.5:1.0

This ratio will be calculated at the end of each reporting period for which this Agreement requires Borrower to deliver financial statements, using the results of the twelve-month period ending with that reporting period.

- **6.13** Additional Guarantors. Notify Agent at the time that any Person becomes a Subsidiary, and promptly thereafter (and in any event within 30 days), cause such Person that is a Majority-Owned Subsidiary to (a) become a Guarantor by executing and delivering to Agent a counterpart of the Guaranty or such other document as Agent shall deem appropriate for such purpose and (b) deliver to Agent documents of the types referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 4.01(a), all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to Agent, provided that such Subsidiary has assets or operating income that represents 5% or more of the assets or operating income of Borrower and/or was formed or incorporated in the United States.
- **6.14** Collateral Records. To execute and deliver promptly, and to cause each other Loan Party to execute and deliver promptly, to Agent, from time to time, solely for Agent's convenience in maintaining a record of the Collateral, such written statements and schedules as Agent may reasonably require designating, identifying or describing the Collateral. The failure by Borrower or any other Loan Party, however, to promptly give Agent such statements or schedules shall not affect, diminish, modify or otherwise limit the Liens on the Collateral granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.
- **6.15** Security Interests. To, and to cause each other Loan Party to, (a) defend the Collateral against all claims and demands of all Persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein, (b) comply with the requirements of all United States state and federal laws in order to grant to Agent and Lenders valid and perfected security interests in the Collateral subject only to Liens set forth on Schedule 7.01, with perfection, in the case of any investment property, deposit account or letter of credit, being effected by giving Agent control of such investment property or deposit account or letter of credit, rather than by the filing of a Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") financing statement with respect to such investment property, and (c) do whatever Agent may reasonably request, from time to time, to effect the purposes of this Agreement and the

other Loan Documents, including filing notices of liens, UCC financing statements, fixture filings and amendments, renewals and continuations thereof; cooperating with Agent's representatives; keeping stock records; using reasonable efforts to obtain waivers from landlords and mortgagees and from warehousemen and their landlords and mortgages; and paying claims which might, if unpaid, become a Lien on the Collateral. Agent is hereby authorized by Borrower to file any UCC financing statements covering the Collateral whether or not Borrower's signatures appear thereon.

6.16 <u>Deposits</u>. The Borrower shall maintain its primary deposit relationship, including, without limitation, operating accounts and cash management services with the Agent, such services to be provided at reasonable costs to Borrower.

ARTICLE VII. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

- 7.01 Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than the following:
- (a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;
- (b) Liens existing on the date hereof and listed on Schedule 7.01 and any renewals or extensions thereof, provided that (i) the property covered thereby is not changed, (ii) the amount secured or benefited thereby is not increased except as contemplated by Section 7.03(b), (iii) the direct or any contingent obligor with respect thereto is not changed, and (iv) and any renewal or extension of the obligations secured or benefited thereby is permitted by Section 7.03(b);
- (c) Liens for taxes not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (d) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person;

- (e) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA;
- (f) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts and leases (other than Indebtedness), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;
 - (h) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h); and
- (i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e); provided that (i) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (ii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost or fair market value, whichever is lower, of the property being acquired on the date of acquisition.

7.02 Investments Make any Investments, except:

- (a) Investments held by Borrower or such Subsidiary in the form of cash equivalents or short-term marketable debt securities;
- (b) advances to officers, directors and employees of Borrower and Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 at any time outstanding, for travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes:
- (c) Investments of Borrower in any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary; investments of Borrower or any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary in other Subsidiaries, not to exceed \$2,000,000 in any 12-month period; and Investments of any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary in Borrower or in another Wholly-Owned Subsidiary;
- (d) Investments of Borrower or its Subsidiaries for strategic purposes in non-Subsidiary joint ventures, not to exceed \$2,000,000 individually in any 12-month period; provided, however. Investments permitted under this Section 7.02(c) shall not be construed to increase the \$5,000,000 limit on new acquisitions described in 7.02(f) below;

- (e) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
- (f) Investments in acquisitions (i) that do not exceed \$7,500,000 in any 12-month period, (ii) of an entity that is in a line of business substantially similar to the business conducted by Borrower or its Subsidiaries, and (iii) for which pro-forma compliance with the financial covenants contained in Section 6.12 can be evidenced by Borrower to the reasonable satisfaction of Agent and Required Lenders; provided, however, that in all such instances notice of such acquisition shall be delivered to the Agent no later than 15 days prior to the date of the closing of such acquisition, and all material acquisition documents shall promptly be delivered to the Agent upon the Agent's request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate consideration paid by Borrower for any one acquisition shall not exceed \$2,000,000, except that Borrower shall have the one-time right to make an acquisition for an aggregate consideration in excess of \$2,000,000, but not exceeding \$2,500,000, provided that all other conditions in this Section 7.2(f) are met; and
 - (g) Guarantees permitted by Section 7.03.
 - $\textbf{7.03} \, \underline{\textbf{Indebtedness}}. \, \textbf{Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:} \\$
 - (a) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness outstanding on the date hereof and listed on Schedule 7.03 and any refinancings, refundings, renewals or extensions thereof; provided that (i) the amount of such Indebtedness is not increased at the time of such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension except by an amount equal to a reasonable premium or other reasonable amount paid, and fees and expenses reasonably incurred, in connection with such refinancing and by an amount equal to any existing commitments unutilized thereunder and (ii) the terms relating to principal amount, amortization, maturity, collateral (if any) and subordination (if any), and other material terms taken as a whole, of any such refinancing, refunding, renewing or extending Indebtedness, and of any agreement entered into and of any instrument issued in connection therewith, are no less favorable in any material respect to the Loan Parties or Lenders than the terms of any agreement or instrument governing the Indebtedness being refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended and the interest rate applicable to any such refinancing, refunding, renewing or extending Indebtedness does not exceed the then applicable market interest rate;

- (c) Guarantees of Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted hereunder of Borrower or any Subsidiary;
- (d) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of Borrower or any Subsidiary existing or arising under any Swap Contract, provided that (i) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets, or property held or reasonably anticipated by such Person, or changes in the value of securities issued by such Person, and not for purposes of speculation or taking a "market view;" and (ii) such Swap Contract does not contain any provision exonerating the non-defaulting party from its obligation to make payments on outstanding transactions to the defaulting party;
- (e) Indebtedness in respect of capital leases, Synthetic Lease Obligations and purchase money obligations for fixed or capital assets within the limitations set forth in Section 7.01(i); provided, however, that the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness at any one time outstanding shall not exceed \$10,000,000; and
- (f) Assumed indebtedness incurred in connection with acquisitions permitted under this Agreement or subordinated indebtedness issued in connection with payment for acquisitions permitted under this Agreement that is subordinated to payment of the Obligations on terms approved by the Agent in writing, or is otherwise approved by the Agent in writing, provided that the covenants set forth under Section 6.12 shall at all times continue to be satisfied, as tested on a pro forma basis.
- **7.04** Fundamental Changes. Merge, dissolve, liquidate, consolidate with or into another Person, or Dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to or in favor of any Person, except that, so long as no Default exists or would result therefrom:
- (a) any Subsidiary may merge with (i) Borrower, provided that Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving Person, or (ii) any one or more other Subsidiaries, provided that when any Majority-Owned Subsidiary is merging with another Subsidiary, the Majority-Owned Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving Person, and, provided further that if a Guarantor is merging with another Subsidiary, the Guarantor shall be the surviving Person; and
- (b) any Subsidiary may Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to Borrower or to another Subsidiary; provided that if the transferor in such a transaction is a Majority-Owned Subsidiary, then the transferee must either be Borrower or a Majority-Owned Subsidiary and, provided further that if the transferor of such assets is a Guarantor, the transferee must either be Borrower or a Guarantor.

- 7.05 <u>Dispositions</u>. Make any Disposition or enter into any agreement to make any Disposition, except:
- (a) Dispositions of obsolete or worn out property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) Dispositions of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) Dispositions of equipment or real property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property or (ii) the proceeds of such Disposition are reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;
- (d) Dispositions of property by any Subsidiary to Borrower or to a Majority-Owned Subsidiary; provided that if the transferor of such property is a Guarantor, the transferee thereof must either be Borrower or a Guarantor:
 - (e) Dispositions permitted by Section 7.04; and
 - (f) Dispositions of up to \$500,000 individually or in a series of related Dispositions.

provided, however, that any Disposition pursuant to clauses (a) through (e) shall be for fair market value.

- **7.06** Restricted Payments. Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so, or issue or sell any Equity Interests, except that, so long as no Default shall exist at the time of any action described below or would result therefrom:
- (a) each Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to Borrower, Guarantors and any other Person that owns an Equity Interest in such Subsidiary, ratably according to their respective holdings of the type of Equity Interest in respect of which such Restricted Payment is being made;
 - (b) Borrower and each Subsidiary may declare and make dividend payments or other distributions payable solely in the common stock or other common Equity Interests of such Person;
- (c) Borrower and each Subsidiary may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire Equity Interests issued by it with the proceeds received from the substantially concurrent issue of new shares of its common stock or other common Equity Interests; and

- (d) Borrower may make Restricted Payments to the extent permitted under the Subordination Agreement.
- 7.07 Change in Nature of Business. Engage in any material line of business substantially different from those lines of business conducted by Borrower and its Subsidiaries on the date hereof or any business substantially related or incidental thereto.
- 7.08 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Enter into any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of Borrower, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to Borrower or such Subsidiary as would be obtainable by Borrower or such Subsidiary at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate, provided that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to transactions between or among Borrower and any Guarantor or between and among Guarantors, so long as the effect of such transactions is not to circumvent the limitations contained in Section 7.02
- 7.09 <u>Burdensome Agreements</u>. Enter into any Contractual Obligation (other than this Agreement or any other Loan Document) that (a) limits the ability (i) of any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments to Borrower or any Guarantor or to otherwise transfer property to Borrower or any Guarantor, (ii) of any Subsidiary to Guarantee the Indebtedness of Borrower or (iii) of Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist Liens on property of such Person; provided, however, that this clause (iii) shall not prohibit any negative pledge incurred or provided in favor of any holder of Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e) solely to the extent any such negative pledge relates to the property financed by or the subject of such Indebtedness; or (b) requires the grant of a Lien to secure an obligation of such Person if a Lien is granted to secure another obligation of such Person.
- **7.10** <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, to purchase or carry margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U of the FRB) or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock or to refund indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose.

ARTICLE VIII. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- **8.01** Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:
- (a) Non-Payment. Borrower or any other Loan Party fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid herein, any amount of principal of any Loan or any L/C Obligation, or (ii) within three days after the same becomes due, any interest on any Loan or on any L/C Obligation, or any fee due hereunder, or (iii) within five days after

the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document; or

- (b) Specific Covenants. Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of Section 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05, 6.07, 6.08, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12 or 6.13; or Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained Article VII, or any Guarantor fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in Article III of the Guaranty; or
- (c) Other Defaults. Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in subsection (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for 30 days or any default or Event of Default occurs under any other Loan Document; or
- (d) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of Borrower or any other Loan Party herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed made; or
- (e) <u>Cross-Default</u>. (i) Borrower or any Subsidiary (A) fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Indebtedness or Guarantee (other than Indebtedness hereunder and Indebtedness under Swap Contracts), such failed payment having an aggregate principal amount (including any payments owing due to acceleration caused by such failed payment) of more than the Threshold Amount, or (B) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or Guarantee or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Guarantee (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which Borrower or any Subsidiary is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Swap Contract as to which Borrower or any Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by Borrower or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount; or

- (f) <u>Insolvency Proceedings, Etc.</u> Any Loan Party institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for 60 calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for 60 calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or
- (g) <u>Inability to Pay Debts</u>; <u>Attachment</u>. (i) Borrower or any Subsidiary becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within 30 days after its issue or levy; or
- (h) <u>Judgments</u>. There is entered against Borrower or any Subsidiary (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments or orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance as to which the insurer does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of 10 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; or
- (i) <u>ERISA</u>. (i) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of Borrower under Title IV of ERISA to the Pension Plan, Multiemployer Plan or the PBGC which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan in an aggregate amount in excess of the Threshold Amount; or
- (j) <u>Invalidity of Loan Documents</u>. This Agreement, any Collateral Document or any Guaranty or any provision thereof, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect; or any Loan Party or any other Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document or any provision thereof; or any Loan Party denies that it has any or

further liability or obligation under any Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any Loan Document or any provision thereof; or

- (k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control with respect to Borrower and/or any Guarantor except as permitted by Section 7.04 or 7.05; provided, however, that a Change of Control resulting from the death of Sotirios Vahaviolos shall not constitute an Event of Default if Borrower identifies and employs a replacement executive officer reasonably acceptable to the Agent within 60 days; or
 - (1) Material Adverse Effect. There occurs any event or circumstance that has a Material Adverse Effect.
 - 8.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:
 - (a) declare the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
- (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Borrower;
 - (c) require that Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the then Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount thereof); and
 - (d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer all rights and remedies available to it, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under the Loan Documents;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, the obligation of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of Agent or any Lender.

8.03 Application of Funds. After the exercise of remedies provided for in Section 8.02 (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and

payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to Section 8.02), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by Agent in the following order:

First, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Agent and amounts payable under Article III), payable to Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, interest and L/C Fees) payable to Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of any Lender or the L/C Issuer) and amounts payable under Article III), ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Second payable to them;

 $\frac{Third.}{L} to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid L/C Fees and interest on the Loans, L/C Borrowings and other Obligations, ratably among Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Third payable to them;$

<u>Fourth</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings, ratably among Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth held by them;

Fifth, to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer, to Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit; and

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to Borrower or as otherwise required by applicable Law.

Subject to Section 2.03(c), amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause Fifth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

ARTICLE IX. AGENT

9.01 Appointment and Authorization of Agent.

(a) Each of the Lenders and the L/C issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise

such powers as are delegated to Agent by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, and neither Borrower nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

- (b) Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes Agent to act as the agent of such Lender and the L/C Issuer 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 connection, Agent, as "collateral agent" and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by Agent pursuant to Section 9.05 or otherwise for purposes of holding or enforcing any in the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Collateral Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of Agent), shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this Article IX and Article X, as though such co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.
- **9.02** Rights as a Lender. The Person serving as Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to Lenders.
 - 9.03 Exculpatory Provisions. Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Agent:
 - (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not 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 Agent 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 Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its

counsel, may expose Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable Law; and

(c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

(d) Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with 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 Agent shall be lieve in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Sections 8.02 and 10.01) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice describing such Default is given to Agent by Borrower, a Lender or the L/C Issuer. Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or thereunder or thereunder or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to Agent.

9.04 Reliance by Agent. Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the L/C Issuer unless Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

9.05 <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub agents appointed by Agent. Agent and any such sub agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub agent and to the Related Parties of Agent and any such sub agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Agent.

9.06 Resignation of Agent. Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with Borrower, 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 Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may on behalf of Lenders and the L/C Issuer, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if Agent shall notify Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (1) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the L/C Issuer directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this Section. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, 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 thereform as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by Borrower to a successor Ag

Any resignation by Bank of America as Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as L/C Issuer. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, (b)

the retiring L/C Issuer shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (c) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring L/C Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

9.07 Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

9.08 No Other Duties, Etc. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no Lender holding a title listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder.

9.09 <u>Agent May File Proofs of Claim</u>. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether Agent shall have made any demand on Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations 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 Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent under Sections 2.03(i) and (j), 2.09 and 10.04) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(b) 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 L/C

Issuer to make such payments to Agent and, in the event that Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to Lenders and the L/C Issuer, to pay to Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due Agent under Sections 2.08, 2.11 or 10.04. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or the L/C Issuer in any such proceeding.

9.10 Guaranty Matters. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably authorizes Agent, at its option and in its discretion, to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder. Upon request by Agent at any time, each Lender and the L/C Issuer will confirm in writing Agent's authority to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this Section 9.10.

9.11 Collateral Matters.

- (a) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs Agent to enter into the Collateral Documents for the benefit of such Lender and the L/C Issuer. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby agrees, and each holder of any Note by the acceptance thereof will be deemed to agree, that, except as otherwise set forth in Section 10.01, any action taken by the Required Lenders, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the Collateral Documents, and the exercise by the Required Lenders of the powers set forth herein or therein, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, shall be authorized and binding upon all of Lenders and the L/C Issuer. Agent is hereby authorized (but not obligated) on behalf of all of Lenders and the L/C Issuer, without the necessity of any notice to or further consent from any Lender or the L/C Issuer from time to time prior to, an Event of Default, to take any action with respect to any Collateral Documents which may be necessary to perfect and maintain perfected the Liens upon the Collateral granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.
 - (b) Each Lender and the L/C issuer hereby irrevocably authorize Agent, at its option and in its discretion,
- (i) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by Agent under any Loan Document (A) upon termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit, (B) that is sold or to be sold as part of or in connection with any sale permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, (C) subject to Section 10.01, if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders, or (D) in connection with any foreclosure sale or other disposition of Collateral after the occurrence of an Event of Default; and

- (ii) to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
- Upon request by Agent at any time, each Lender and the L/C Issuer will confirm in writing Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of Collateral pursuant to this Section 9.11.
- (c) Subject to clause (b) above, Agent shall (and is hereby irrevocably authorized by each Lender and the L/C Issuer to) execute such documents as may be necessary to evidence the release or subordination of the Liens granted to Agent for the benefit of Agent and Lenders and the L/C Issuer herein or pursuant hereto upon the applicable Collateral; provided that (i) Agent shall not be required to execute any such document on terms which, in Agent's opinion, would expose Agent to or create any liability or entail any consequence other than the release or subordination of such Liens without recourse or warranty and (ii) such release or subordination shall not in any manner discharge, affect or impair the Obligations or any Liens upon (or obligations of Borrower or any other Loan Party in respect of) all interests retained by Borrower or any other Loan Party, including the proceeds of the sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral. In the event of any sale or transfer of Collateral, or any foreclosure with respect to any of the Collateral, Agent shall be authorized to deduct all expenses reasonably incurred by Agent from the proceeds of any such sale, transfer or foreclosure.
- (d) Agent shall have no obligation whatsoever to any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person to assure that the Collateral exists or is owned by Borrower or any other Loan Party or is cared for, protected or insured or that the Liens granted to Agent herein or in any of the Collateral Documents or pursuant hereto or thereto have been properly or sufficiently or lawfully created, perfected, protected or enforced or are entitled to any particular priority, or to exercise or to continue exercising at all or in any manner or under any duty of care, disclosure or fidelity any of the rights, authorities and powers granted or available to Agent in this Section 9.11 or in any of the Collateral Documents, it being understood and agreed that in respect of the Collateral, or any act, omission or event related thereto, Agent may act in any manner it may deem appropriate, in its sole discretion, given Agent's own interest in the Collateral as one of Lenders and that Agent shall have no duty or liability whatsoever to Lenders or the L/C Issuer.
- (e) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby appoints each other Lender as agent for the purpose of perfecting Lenders' and the L/C Issuer's security interest in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC can be perfected only by possession. Should any Lender or the L/C Issuer (other than Agent) obtain possession of any such Collateral, such Lender or the L/C Issuer shall notify Agent thereof, and, promptly upon Agent's request therefor shall deliver such Collateral to Agent or in accordance with Agent's instructions.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS

- **10.01** <u>Amendments, Etc.</u> No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by Borrower or any other Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and Borrower or the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by Agent, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, however, that no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:
- (a) waive any condition set forth in Section 4.01(a) without the written consent of each Lender; provided, however, in the sole discretion of Agent, only a waiver by Agent shall be required with respect to immaterial matters or items specified in Section 4.01(a) (iii) or (iv) with respect to which Borrower has given assurances satisfactory to Agent that such items shall be delivered promptly following the Closing Date;
 - (b) extend or increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to Section 8.02) without the written consent of such Lender;
- (c) postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment (excluding mandatory prepayments) of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
- (d) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to clause (iii) of the second proviso to this Section 10.01) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; provided, however, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary (i) to amend the definition of "Default Rate" or to waive any obligation of Borrower to pay interest or L/C Fees at the Default Rate or (ii) to amend any financial covenant hereunder (or any defined term used therein) even if the effect of such amendment would be to reduce the rate of interest on any Loan or L/C Borrowing or to reduce any fee payable hereunder;
 - (e) change Section 2.12 or Section 8.03 in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender;
- (f) change any provision of this Section or the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender; or

(g) release any Guarantor from the Guaranty or release the Liens on all or substantially all of the Collateral in any transaction or series of related transactions except in accordance with the terms of any Loan Document, without the written consent of each Lender;

and, provided further, that (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the L/C Issuer in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the L/C Issuer under this Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it; (ii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by Agent in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; and (iii) the Agent Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender.

10.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications.

- (a) <u>Notices Generally.</u> Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in subsection (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:
 - (i) if to Borrower, Agent or the L/C Issuer, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on Schedule 10.02; and
 - (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below, shall be effective as provided in such subsection (b).

(b) Electronic Communications. Notices and other communications to Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic

communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by Agent, provided that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to Article II if such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable has notified the Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. Agent or Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications to procedures approved by it, provided that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications. Unless Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, returne-mail or other written acknowledgement), provided that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communication sposted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) The Platform. THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of Borrower's or Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the Internet, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided, however, that in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages).

(d) <u>Change of Address</u>, <u>Etc</u>, Each of Borrower, Agent and the L/C Issuer may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to Borrower, Agent and the L/C Issuer. In

addition, each Lender agrees to notify Agent from time to time to ensure that Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, telecopier number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender.

(e) Reliance by Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders. Agent, the L/C Issuer and Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic Committed Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. Borrower shall indemnify Agent, the L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with Agent may be recorded by Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

10.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

10.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) Costs and Expenses. Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for Agent set forth in Section 4.01(c) hereof), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the L/C Issuer in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out of pocket expenses incurred by Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its rights under this Section, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out of pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

(b) <u>Indemnification by Borrower</u>. Borrower shall indemnify Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the L/C Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "<u>Indemnitee</u>") against, and hold each Indemnitee be armless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by Borrower or any other Loan Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder, or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) and its Related Parties only, the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the L/C Issuer to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by Borrower or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x)

(c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that Borrower for any reason fails to indefeasibly pay any amount required under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the L/C Issuer or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to Agent (or any such sub-agent), the L/C Issuer or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against Agent (or any such sub-agent) or the L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for Agent (or any such sub-agent) or L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this subsection (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.11(d).

(d) Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Borrower shall not assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in subsection (b) above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable not later than ten Business Days after demand therefor.

(f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements in this Section shall survive the resignation of Agent and the L/C Issuer, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.

10.05 Payments Set Aside. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of Borrower is made to Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender, or Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by Agent, the L/C Issuer or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and the L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

10.06 Successors and Assigns.

- (a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that neither Borrower nor any other Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Agent, the L/C Issuer and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of subsection (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) of this Section, or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this subsection (b), participations in L/C Obligations) at the time owing to it); provided that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Minimum Amounts

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in subsection (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assignment assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000 unless each of Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided, however, that concurrent assignments to members of an Assignee Group and concurrent assignments from members of an Assignee Group to a single assignee (or to an assignee and members of its Assignee Group) will be treated as a single assignment for purposes of determining whether such minimum amount has been met.

- (ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned.
 - (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:
- (A) the consent of Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (1) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender;
- (B) the consent of Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender or an Affiliate of such Lender with respect to such Lender; and
- (C) the consent of the L/C Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment that increases the obligation of the assignee to participate in exposure under one or more Letters of Credit (whether or not then outstanding).
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount, if any, required as set forth in <u>Schedule 10.06</u>; provided, however, that the Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to Agent an Administrative Questionnaire. The Agent shall deliver a copy of such Assignment and Assumption to the Borrower, in accordance with Section 10.02.
 - $(v) \, \underline{\text{No Assignment to Borrower}}. \, \text{No such assignment shall be made to Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries}.$
 - (vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural person.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by Agent pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignment and Assumption, the assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from

its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05, and 10.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Upon request, Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender and (to the extent the assigning Lender continues to hold any portion of the Commitments being assigned) to the assigning Lender in exchange for the Note, if any, previously issued to the assigning Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with subsection (d) of this Section.

(c) <u>Register</u>. Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of Borrower, shall maintain at the Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and Borrower, Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, Borrower or Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations) owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) Borrower, Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, waiver or other modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to Section 10.01 that affects such Participant. Subject to subsection (e) of this Section, Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 3.01, 3.04 and 3.05 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also

shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 10.08 as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.12 as though it were a Lender.

- (e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 3.01 or 3.04 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with Borrower's prior written consent.
- (f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (g) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.
- (h) <u>Deemed Consent of Borrower</u>. If the consent of Borrower to an assignment to an Eligible Assignee is required hereunder (including a consent to an assignment which does not meet the minimum assignment threshold specified in Section 10.06(b)(i)(B)), Borrower shall be deemed to have given its consent five Business Days after the date notice thereof has been delivered to Borrower by the assigning Lender (through Agent) unless such consent is expressly refused by Borrower prior to such fifth Business Day.
- (i) <u>Resignation as L/C Issuer</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Bank of America assigns all of its Commitment and Loans pursuant to subsection (b) above, Bank of America may, upon 30 days' notice to Borrower and the Lenders, resign as L/C Issuer. In the event of any such resignation as L/C Issuer, Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among Lenders a successor L/C Issuer hereunder; provided, however, that no failure by Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Bank of America as L/C Issuer. If Bank of America resigns as L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect

thereto (including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to Section 2.03(c)). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C Issuer, (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and (b) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit

10.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality. Each of Agent, Lenders and the L/C Issuer agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and representatives (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 and that the party disclosing Information to such Person shall remain liable for any direct damages arising out of any such unauthorized disclosure by any such Person), (b) to the extent required by any regulatory authority, purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process (after prior notice to Borrower to the extent reasonably practicable and not prohibited by applicable law), (d) to any other party hereto, (e) 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, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to Borrower and its obligations, (g) with the consent of Borrower or (h) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any Obsticidary or any Obsticidary or any of t

will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including applicable Federal and state securities Laws.

10.08 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of Borrower or any other Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of Borrower or such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the L/C Issuer shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of Borrower or such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or the L/C Issuer different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender, the L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer agrees to notify Borrower and Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

10.09 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 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 Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by 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.

10.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by Borrower and Agent and when Agent

shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

10.11 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. 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 Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that 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.

10.12 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable provision in any other jurisdiction.

10.13 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
- (b) <u>SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION</u>. BORROWER AND EACH OTHER LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE NONEXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW JERSEY STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES

HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT AGENT, ANY LENDER OR THE L/C ISSUER MAY OTHER WISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST BORROWER OR ANY OTHER LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) WAIVER OF VENUE. BORROWER AND EACH OTHER LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (b) OF THIS SECTION. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) <u>SERVICE OF PROCESS</u>, EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN SECTION 10.02. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

10.14 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

10.15 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby, Borrower and each other Loan Party

acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) the credit facilities provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between Borrower, each other Loan Party and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and Agent, on the other hand, and Borrower and each other Loan Party is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, Agent is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (iii) Agent has not assumed and will not assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of Borrower or any other Loan Party with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document (irrespective of whether Agent has advised or is currently advising Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; (iv) Agent and its Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of Borrower, the other Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates, and Agent has no obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) Agent has not provided any legal, accounting,

10.16 <u>USA PATRIOT Act Notice</u>. Each Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) and Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "<u>Act</u>"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies Borrower, which information includes the name and address of Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender or Agent, as applicable, to identify Borrower in accordance with the Act.

10.17 Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence of the Loan Documents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Sotirios J. Vahaviolos

Name: Sotirios J. Vahaviolos Title: Chief Executive Officer

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By: /s/ Matthew Correia
Name: Matthew Correia
Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, Co- Lead Bookrunner and $\ensuremath{\mathrm{L/C}}$ Issuer

By: /s/ William T. Franey

Name: William T. Franey
Title: Vice President

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as a Lender and Co-Lead Bookrunner

By: /s/ Lawrence Nermile

Name: Lawrence Nermile Title: Vice President

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COMMITMENTS

AND APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES

Lender	Revolving Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$ 7,500,000	50.000000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$ <u>7,500,000</u>	50.000000000%
Total	\$ 15,000,000	100.000000000%
	Term Loan	
Lender	Term Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Lender Bank of America, N.A.		Applicable Percentage 50.000000000%
	Commitment	
Bank of America, N.A.	Commitment \$ 12,500,000	50.000000000%

LITIGATION

[None]

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

[None]

SUBSIDIARIES AND OTHER EQUITY INVESTMENTS AND EQUITY INTERESTS IN BORROWER

Part (a). Subsidiaries.

- Euro Physical Acoustics, S.A. (99.9% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics Limited (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics India Private Ltd. (90% stock ownership by Physical Acoustics Ltd.)
- Physical Acoustics, B.V. (40% direct stock ownership and 60% stock ownership by Physical Acoustics Limited)
- Nippon Physical Acoustics Limited (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics South America Ltda. (97% stock ownership)
- Diapac (85% membership interest)
- Quality Services Laboratories, Inc. (100% stock ownership)
- CONAM Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc. (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics Corporation (100% stock ownership) (no operations)
- CISMIS Springfield Corp. (100% stock ownership) (no operations)

Part (b). Other Equity Investments.

• Envirocoustics ABEE (a variable interest entity)

Part (c). Owners of Equity Interests in Borrower.

[see attached]

EXISTING LIENS

Liens in favor of PNC Bank, National Association, as lender and as collateral agent, which shall be terminated no later than November 8, 2006. In the event that such termination shall not have occurred by such date, the Borrower acknowledges that such liens shall not be permitted under this Agreement and their existence shall constitute an Event of Default.

Liens in favor of Sotirios J. Vahaviolos, which shall be terminated no later than November 8, 2006. In the event that such termination shall not have occurred by such date, the Borrower acknowledges that such liens shall not be permitted under this Agreement and their existence shall constitute an Event of Default.

Liens in favor of Thayer Equity Investments IV L.P., which shall be terminated no later than November 8, 2006. In the event that such termination shall not have occurred by such date, the Borrower acknowledges that such liens shall not be permitted under this Agreement and their existence shall constitute an Event of Default.

Mistras Group, Inc.

Liens in favor of Town & Country Leasing LLC relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of McIntosh Commercial Bank relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of California First Leasing Corporation relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Vision Financial Group, Inc. relating to leased equipment (New Jersey filing).

Liens in favor of ICB Leasing Corp. relating to leased equipment (New Jersey filing).

Unrecorded lien in favor of GMAC relating to leased vehicles and equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Dell Computer relating to leased equipment.

Physical Acoustics Corp.

Liens in favor of Key Equipment Finance, Inc. relating to leased equipment (New Jersey filing).

Quality Services Laboratories, Inc.

Liens in favor of Town & Country Leasing LLC relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Greater Bay Bank N.A. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of California First Leasing Corporation relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of CIT Technology Financing Systems, Inc. relating to leased equipment (Pennsylvania filing).

CONAM Engineering & Inspection Services, Inc.

 $Liens \ in \ favor \ of \ Alcan \ Rolled \ Products -- Ravenswood \ LLC \ relating \ to \ Alcan \ aluminum \ products \ in \ the \ possession \ of \ CONAM \ Engineering \ \& \ Inspection \ Services, \ Inc.$

Liens in favor of Town & Country Leasing LLC relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Calumet Lift Truck Service Co., Inc. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Prime Business Leasing, Inc. relating to leased equipment.

 $Liens\ in\ favor\ of\ California\ First\ Leasing\ Corporation\ relating\ to\ leased\ equipment.$

Liens in favor of Crown Credit Company relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Citicorp Leasing, Inc. relating to leased equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Enterprise relating to leased vehicles and equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Ford Credit relating to leased vehicles and equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Fuji-film relating to leased equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Hewlett-Packard Financial relating to leased equipment.

Unrecorded lien in favor of Sovereign Bank relating to leased equipment.

EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS

 $In debtedness\ to\ Sotirios\ J.\ Vahaviolos\ for\ outstanding\ lease\ obligations\ with\ a\ principal\ amount\ of\ approximately\ \$237,000$

Guaranty of £150,000 surety bond securing payment of Value Added Tax in United Kingdom

Indebtedness to PNC Bank, National Association, and Gladstone Capital Corporation, which shall be repaid no later than November 8, 2006. In the event that such repayment shall not have occurred by such date, the Borrower acknowledges that such indebtedness shall not be permitted under this Agreement and its existence shall constitute an Event of Default.

AGENT'S OFFICE, CERTAIN ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES

BORROWER:

Mistras Group, Inc. 195 Clarksville Road

Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 Attention: Paul "Pete" Peterik Telephone: 609.716.4103 Telecopier: 609.716.4179

Electronic Mail: ppeterik@pacndt.com U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number: 22-3341267

With a copy to:

Sheldon G. Nussbaum Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. 666 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10103 United States of America

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

Administrative Agent's Office (for payments and Requests for Credit Extensions): Bank of America, N.A. 101 N. Tryon Street Mail Code: NC1-001-04-39

Charlotte, NC 28255-0001 Attention: Renee Daniels-Moring Telephone: (704) 387-9468 Telecopier: (704) 310-3288

Electronic Mail: renee.d.daniels-moring@bankofamerica.com

Account No.: 136-621-225-0600 Ref: Mistras Group, Inc. ABA# 026009593

Other Notices as Administrative Agent: Bank of America, N.A.

Agency Management 100 Federal Street, 12th Mail Code: MA5-100-12-02 Boston, MA 02110 Attention: Kecia Holden Telephone: (617) 434-8860

Telecopier: (617) 790-1363 Electronic Mail: kecia.holden@bankofamerica.com

L/C ISSUER: Standby Letters of Credit:

Bank of America, N.A.
Trade Operations
One Fleet Way
Mail Code: PA6-580-02-30
Scranton, PA 18507
Attention: Alfonso (Al) Malave
Telephone: 570.330.4212
Telecopier: 570.330.4186
Electronic Mail: alfonso.malave@bankofamerica.com

PROCESSING AND RECORDATION FEES

Agent will charge assigning Lender a processing and recordation fee (an "Assignment Fee") in the amount of \$2,500 for each assignment; provided, however, that in the event of two or more concurrent assignments to members of the same Assignee Group (which may be effected by a suballocation of an assigned amount among members of such Assignee Group) or two or more concurrent assignments by members of the same Assignee Group to a single Eligible Assignee (or to an Eligible Assignee and members of its Assignee Group), the Assignment Fee will be \$2,500 plus the amount set forth below:

Transaction	Assignment Fee
First four concurrent assignments or suballocations to members of an Assignee Group (or from members of an Assignee Group, as applicable)	-0-
Each additional concurrent assignment or suballocation to a member of such Assignee Group (or from a member of such Assignee Group, as applicable)	\$500

EXHIBIT A

FORM OF COMMITTED LOAN NOTICE

		Date:	
o: Ba	nk of An	merica, N.A., as Agent	
adies	and Gen	ntlemen:	
ne "A	greement	s made to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of [,] (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing fint;" the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among [, a] (the "Borrower"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, e Agent and L/C Issuer.	
The	undersig	igned hereby requests (select one):	
	Borrow	wing of Revolving Loans	
	Conver	ersion or continuation of Revolving Loans	
	1.	On(a Business Day).	
	2.	In the amount of \$	
	3.	Comprised of	
		[Type of Loan requested]	
	4.	For Eurodollar Rate Loans: with an Interest Period ofmonths.	
The	undersig	igned hereby requests (select one):	
	Borrow	wing of the Term Loan	
	Conver	ersion or continuation of the Term Loan	
	1.	On(a Business Day).	
	2.	In the amount of \$	
	3.	Comprised of	
		[Type of Loan requested]	
	4.	For Eurodollar Rate Loans: with an Interest Period ofmonths.	

The Committed Borrowing requested herein complies with the provisions of Section 2.02 of the Agree	ment.	
	MISTRAS GROUP, INC.	
	By:	
	Name:	
	Title:	

EXHIBIT B

FORM OF REVOLVING NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to	or registered assigns (" <u>Lender</u> "), in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement (as
hereinafter defined), the principal amount of each Revolving Loan from time to time made by the Lender	to Borrower under that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of
[wise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement;" the terms defined therein being used herein as
therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N	.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer.
Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan from the da	ate of such Loans until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in
the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the L	ender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due
hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof unti-	il the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in
the Agreement.	
This Note is one of the Revolving Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereo	f and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also

This Note is one of the Revolving Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement. Revolving Loans made by the Lender shall be evidenced by one or more loan accounts or records maintained by the Lender in the ordinary course of business. The Lender may also attach schedules to this Note and endorse thereon the date, amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

Name:	By:	
m 1	Name:	
Title:	Title:	

LOANS AND PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Amount of Principal Outstanding
End of Interest or Interest Paid Principal Balance

Type of Loan Made Amount of Loan Made Period This Date This Date Notation Made By

EXHIBIT C

FORM OF TERM NOTE

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to	or registered assigns ("Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement (as
hereinafter defined), the principal amount of the Term Loans made by the Lender to Borrower under that certain A	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of [,] (as
amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement;"	the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time
to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent	t, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer.

Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of the Term Loans from the date of such Loan until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Lender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof until the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in the Agreement.

This Note is one of the Term Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

LOANS AND PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Amount of Principal Outstanding

End of Interest or Interest Paid Principal Balance

Type of Loan Made Period This Date This Date Notation Made By

EXHIBIT D

FORM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

Financial Statement Date:
To: Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Reference is made to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of [
The undersigned Responsible Officer hereby certifies as of the date hereof that he/she is the of Borrower, and that, as such, he/she is authorized to execute and deliver this Certificate to Agent on the behalf of Borrower, and that:
[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal year-end financial statements]
1. Attached hereto as Schedule 1 are the year-end audited financial statements required by Section 6.01(a) of the Agreement for the fiscal year of Borrower ended as of the above date, together with the report and opinion of an independent certified public accountant required by such section.
[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal quarter-end financial statements]
1. Attached hereto as Schedule 1 are the unaudited financial statements required by Section 6.01(b) of the Agreement for the fiscal quarter of Borrower ended as of the above date. Such financial statements fairly present the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP as at such date and for such period, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes.
2. The officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower has reviewed and is familiar with the terms of the Agreement and has made, or has caused to be made under his/her supervision, a detailed review of the transactions and condition (financial or otherwise) of Borrower during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements.

3. A review of the activities of Borrower during such fiscal period has been made under the supervision of the officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower with a view to determining whether during such fiscal period Borrower performed and observed all its Obligations under the Loan Documents, and
[select one:]
[to the best knowledge of the officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower during such fiscal period, Borrower performed and observed each covenant and condition of the Loan Documents applicable to it, and no Default has occurred and is continuing.]
—or—
[the following covenants or conditions have not been performed or observed and the following is a list of each such Default and its nature and status:]
4. The representations and warranties of Borrower contained in Article V of the Agreement, and/or any representations and warranties of Borrower or any other Loan Party that are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection with the Loan Documents, are true and correct on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Compliance Certificate, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 of the Agreement shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01 of the Agreement, including the statements in connection with which this Compliance Certificate is delivered.
5. The financial covenant analyses and information set forth on Schedules 2 and 3 attached hereto are true and accurate on and as of the date of this Certificate.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate as of
MISTRAS GROUP, INC.
By: Name: Title:

For the Quarter/Year ended	("Statement Date")

SCHEDULE 2 to the Compliance Certificate (\$ in 000's)

I.	Section 6.1	n 6.12(a) — EBITDA		
	1.	net income:		\$
	2.	less income	e or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items:	\$
	3.	plus income	e taxes:	\$
	4.	st expense:	\$	
	5.	riation, depletion and amortization (including non-cash loss on retirement of assets):	\$	
	6.	plus stock o	option expense:	\$
	7.	Total EBIT	DA:	\$
II.	Section 6.12(b) — Debt Service Coverage Ratio.			
	A.	Fixed Charg	ge Cash Flow:	
		1.	net income, after income tax:	\$
		2.	less income or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items:	\$
		3.	plus depreciation, depletion and amortization:	\$
		4.	plus interest expense on all obligations:	\$
		5.	minus dividend, withdrawals and other distributions:	(\$
		6.	Total Fixed Charge Cash Flow:	\$
	B.	Liabilities:		\$
		1.	Current portion of long term liabilities and current portion of capitalized lease obligations:	\$

		2.	plus interest expense on all obligations:	\$
		3.	Total (Line II.B.1 + Line II.B.2):	\$
	C.	Debt Servic	re Coverage Ratio (Line II.A.6 / Line II.B.3):	to 1.0
	Minimum F	Required:		1.10 to 1.0
III.	Section 6.12(c) — Funded Debt to EBITDA Ratio.			
	A.	Funded Deb	ot .	
		1.	all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money plus other interest-bearing liabilities, including current and long-term liabilities:	\$
		2.	less the non-current portion of Subordinated Liabilities:	(\$
		3.	Total Funded Debt:	\$
	B.	Total EBITI	DA	
	C.	Ratio (Line	III.A.3 / Line III.B.6):	to 1.0
Minimum R	Required:			2.5 to 1.0
IV.	Free Cash	Flow		
	Free Cash F	low		
		1.	Total EDITDA	\$
		2.	less all taxes paid or payable in cash	(\$
		3.	less cash interest paid	(\$
		4.	less all capital expenditures made in cash	(\$
		5.	less all scheduled and non-scheduled principal payments on Funded Debt made during the period (excluding free cash flow payments pursuant to Section 2.05(c) of the Credit Agreement)	(\$

6.	less acquisition costs	(\$
7.	plus or minus changes in working capital	\$

8.

Total Free Cash Flow

EXHIBIT E

FORM OF

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

This Assignment and Assumption (this "Assignment and Assumption") is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between [the][each] Assignor identified in item 1 below ([the][each, an] "Assignor") and [the][each] Assignee identified in item 2 below ([the][each, an] "Assignee"). [It is understood and agreed that the rights and obligations of [the Assignors][the Assignees] hereunder are several and not joint.] Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement identified below (the "Credit Agreement"), receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by the Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in Annex 1 attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth berein in full

For an agreed consideration, [the][each] Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to [the Assignee][the respective Assignees], and [the][each] Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from [the Assignor][the respective Assignors], subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by Agent as contemplated below (i) all of [the Assignors's][the respective Assignors'] rights and obligations in [its capacity as a Lender][their respective capacities as Lenders] under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below (including, without limitation, the Letters of Credit included in such facilities) and (ii) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of [the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender)][the respective Assignors (in their respective capacities as Lenders)] against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or the loan transactions governed thereby or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, contract claims, tort claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to clause (i) above

except as expressive provided in this rissignment and rissumption, without representation of warranty by [incignity] rissignor.		
1.	Assignor[s]:	

2.	Assignee[s]:for each Assignee	gnee, indicate Affiliate of [io	dentify Lender]]				
3.	Borrower(s):						
4.	Administrative Agent: Bank of America, N. A., as th	ne administrative agent unde	r the Credit Agreement				
5.	Credit Agreement: [Amended and Restated Credit A L/C Issuer]]	greement, dated as of	, among	, the Lenders from time to	time party thereto, Bank of	America, N.A., as Administra	itive Agent[and
6.	Assigned Interest[s]:						
	Assignor[s]	Assignee[s]	Facility Assigned	Aggregate Amount of Commitment/Loans for all Lenders	Amount of Commitment/Loans Assigned	Percentage Assigned of Commitment/Loans	CUSIP No.
			<u>-</u> -	\$ \$ \$	\$ \$ \$	% %	
[7.	Trade Date:]						
	ctive Date:, 20 [TO BE INS	ERTED BY ADMINISTR	ATIVE AGENT AND	WHICH SHALL BE THE E	FFECTIVE DATE OF RE	ECORDATION OF TRANSI	FER IN THE
The t	terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are h	ereby agreed to:					
			ASSIGNO [NAME (OR OF ASSIGNOR]			
			By: Title:				
			ASSIGNE [NAME (E DF ASSIGNEE]			
			By: Title:				

[Consented to and] Accepted:				
Bank of America, N. A., as Administrative Agent				
Ву:				
Title:				
[Consented to:]				
By:				
Title:				

ANNEX 1 TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR

ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

- 1. Representations and Warranties.
- 1.1. Assignor. [The][Each] Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, (ii) [the][such] Assigned Interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim and (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents or any collateral thereunder, (iii) the financial condition of Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under any
- 1.2. Assignee. [The][Each] Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, (ii) it meets all the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.06(b)(iii),(v) and (vi) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.06(b)(iii) of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement), (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, and (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by [the][such] Assigned Interest and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire [the][such] Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section [__] thereof, as applicable, and such other documents and information as it deems appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest ,and (vi) it has independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest; and (b) agrees that (i) it will,

independently and without reliance upon Agent, [the][any] Assignor 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 decisions in taking or not taking action under the Loan Documents, and (ii) it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Loan Documents are required to be performed by it as a Lender.

- 2. <u>Payments</u>. From and after the Effective Date, Agent shall make all payments in respect of [the][each] Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to [the][the relevant] Assigner for amounts which have accrued to but excluding the Effective Date and to [the][the relevant] Assignee for amounts which have accrued from and after the Effective Date.
- 3. <u>General Provisions</u>. This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of ______[confirm that choice of law provision parallels the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement].

$\label{eq:exhibit} \mbox{EXHIBIT F}$ FORM OF OPINION OF COUNSEL TO BORROWER

FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of the 14th day of December, 2007 and is by and among MISTRAS GROUP, INC. (formerly known as Mistras Holdings Corp.), a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer (the "Agent"), JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner ("JPMorgan Chase") and each lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Agent, JPMorgan Chase and the Lenders, are parties to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006 (the "Credit Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested the Agent and Lenders to make certain amendments to the Credit Agreement as more fully described herein, and the Agent and Lenders have agreed to do so on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Defined Terms. Except as otherwise indicated herein, all words and terms defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the same meanings when used herein.
- 2. Amendment to Credit Agreement. The following definition appearing in Section 1.01 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:
- "Funded Debt" means all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money and other interest-bearing liabilities, including current and long term liabilities, but excluding the capital lease between the Borrower and Sotirios Vahaviolos relating to the Borrower's occupancy of the premises located at 195 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey.
- 3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders that:
- (a) All of the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents are true, complete and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the date hereof and as if set forth at length herein.

- (b) No Default or Event of Default presently exists and is continuing on and as of the date hereof.
- (c) Since the date of the Borrower's most recent financial statements delivered to the Agent, other than as may be related to the Lease, no material adverse change has occurred in the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower, and no event has occurred or failed to occur which has had a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower.
- (d) The Borrower has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform any action or step which may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement and all other documents executed in connection herewith (the "Amendment Documents"); each Amendment Document to which the Borrower is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, general equity principles or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- (e) The execution, delivery and performance of the Amendment Documents by the Borrower will not (i) violate any provision of any existing law, statute, rule, regulation or ordinance, (ii) conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under (A) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Borrower, (B) any order, judgment, award or decree of any court, governmental authority, bureau or agency, or (C) any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement or undertaking to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or any of its properties or assets may be bound, or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien or other encumbrance upon or with respect to any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by the Borrower, other than Liens in favor of the Lenders.
- (f) No consent, license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice to, report to, or registration, filing or declaration with any person is required in connection with the execution, delivery, performance or validity of the Amendment Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby.
- 4. No Defenses. The Borrower acknowledges that, as of November 14. 2007, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Revolving Credit Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A. was \$9,314.90, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A. was \$11,875,000.00, and the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of JPMorgan Chase was \$11,875,000.00. The Borrower acknowledges and agrees that as of the date hereof it has no defenses, offsets or counterclaims to its Obligations to the Agent and/or the Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document and hereby

waives and releases all claims against the Agent and Lenders with respect to the Obligations and the documents evidencing or securing the same.

- 5. <u>Agent and Lender Costs</u>. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent and Lenders on demand for all costs, including legal fees and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the other Amendment Documents. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Agent to charge the Borrower's Master Account for the amount of such fees and expenses.
 - 6. No Change. Except as expressly set forth herein, all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
 - 7. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.
 - 8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik Title: Chief Financial Officer

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By: /s/ Matthew Correia
Name: Matthew Correia
Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, Co-Lead Bookrunner and $\ensuremath{\mathrm{L/C}}$ Issuer

By: William T. Franey

Name: William T. Franey
Title: Vice President

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as a Lender and

Co-Lead Bookrunner

By: /s/ Susan M. Graham

Name: Susan M. Graham Title: Vice President

REAFFIRMATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and reaffirms any and all Loan Documents to which it is party, which shall continue in full force and effect, giving effect to this Agreement, and in each such document the term "Credit Agreement" shall be deemed to refer to the Credit Agreement, as amended by this Agreement.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

QUALITY SERVICES LABORATORIES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik Title: Treasurer and Secretary

CONAM INSPECTION & ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik Title: Treasurer and Secretary

PHYSICAL ACOUSTICS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik

Title: Treasurer and Secretary

CISMIS SPRINGFIELD CORP.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik
Title: Treasurer and Secretary

SECOND AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of the 30th day of May, 2008 and is by and among MISTRAS GROUP, INC. (formerly known as Mistras Holdings Corp.), a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer (the "Agent"), JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner ("JPMorgan Chase") and each lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Agent, JPMorgan Chase and the Lenders, are parties to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2007 (collectively, the "Credit Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lenders temporarily increase the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. Except as otherwise indicated herein, all words and terms defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the same meanings when used herein.
- 2. Amendment to Credit Agreement. Schedule 2.01 to the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Schedule 2.01 attached hereto.
- 3. <u>Substitute Revolving Notes</u>. Concurrently herewith: (1) the Borrower is executing and delivering to the Lenders Substitute Revolving Notes, each in the maximum principal amount of \$10,000,000 (the "Revolving Notes"), subject to reduction to \$7,500,000 upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Revolving Notes, in substitution for, but not in repayment of, the Substitute Revolving Notes dated April 23, 2007, each in the maximum principal amount of \$7,500,000, previously issued by the Borrower to the Lenders (the "Prior Notes"), and (2) the Lenders are delivering to the Borrower the Prior Notes, marked cancelled. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Revolving Notes pursuant to the provisions hereof shall not constitute a refinancing, repayment, accord and satisfaction or novation of the Prior Notes or the indebtedness evidenced thereby.
- 4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders that:
 - (a) All of the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents are true, complete and correct in all

material respects on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the date hereof and as if set forth at length herein.

- (b) No Default or Event of Default presently exists and is continuing on and as of the date hereof and no Default or Event of Default will be caused by or result from the closing of the Acquisition Loan, the funding of the Acquisition Loan or the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Acquisition Loan.
- (c) Since the date of the Borrower's most recent financial statements delivered to the Agent, no material adverse change has occurred in the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower, and no event has occurred or failed to occur which has had a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower.
- (d) The Borrower has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform any action or step which may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement and all other documents executed in connection herewith (this Agreement and all such other documents are collectively referred to herein as the "Amendment Documents"); each Amendment Document to which the Borrower is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, general equity principles or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- (e) The execution, delivery and performance of the Amendment Documents by the Borrower will not (i) violate any provision of any existing law, statute, rule, regulation or ordinance, (ii) conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under (A) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Borrower, (B) any order, judgment, award or decree of any court, governmental authority, bureau or agency, or (C) any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement or undertaking to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or any of its properties or assets may be bound, or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien or other encumbrance upon or with respect to any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by the Borrower, other than Liens in favor of the Lenders.
- (f) No consent, license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice to, report to, or registration, filing or declaration with any person is required in connection with the execution, delivery, performance or validity of the Amendment Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby.
- 5. No Defenses. The Borrower acknowledges that, as of May 21, 2008, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Revolving Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A. dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$6,908,455.60, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Revolving Note in favor of JPMorgan Chase dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$6,908,455.60, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$11,250,000.00, and the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of JPMorgan Chase dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$11,250,000.00. The Borrower acknowledges and agrees that as of the date hereof it has no defenses, offsets or counterclaims to its

Obligations to the Agent and/or the Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document and hereby waives and releases all claims against the Agent and Lenders with respect to the Obligations and the documents evidencing or securing the same.

- 6. <u>Agent and Lender Costs</u>. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent and Lenders on demand for all costs incurred in connection with this transaction, including but not limited to legal, searches, filings and other expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the other Amendment Documents, whether or not the transactions contemplated under this Agreement are completed. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Agent to charge the Borrower's Master Account for the amount of such fees and expenses.
 - 7. No Change. Except as expressly set forth herein, all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
 - 8. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.
 - 9. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik Title: Chief Financial Officer

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By: /s/ William T. Franey
Name: William T. Franey
Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer

By: /s/ William T. Franey
Name: William T. Franey
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JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as a Lender and Co-Lead Bookrunner

By: /s/ Susan M. Graham

Name: Susan M. Graham Title: Vice President

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COMMITMENTS AND APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES

Lender	Revolving Loan Commitment during all periods other than Temporary Increase Period (as defined below)	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$ 7,500,000	50.00000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$ 7,500,000	50.000000000%
Total	\$15,000,000	100.00000000%
Lender	Revolving Loan Commitment during Temporary Increase Period only	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$10,000,000	50.00000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$10,000,000	50.000000000%
Total	\$20,000,000	100.00000000%
Lender	Term Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$12,500,000	50.00000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank	\$12,500,000	50.000000000%
Total	\$25,000,000	100 00000000%

"Temporary Increase Period" means the period beginning on May _____, 2008 and ending on the <u>earlier</u> to occur of (i) the closing of the proposed amendment to this Credit Agreement providing for a \$20,000,000 acquisition term loan to be extended to the Borrower by the Lenders and (ii) July 31, 2008.

THIRD AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS THIRD AMENDMENT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated as of the 1st day of July, 2008 and is by and among MISTRAS GROUP, INC. (formerly known as Mistras Holdings Corp.), a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer (the "Agent"), JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner ("JPMorgan Chase") and each lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, "Lenders" and individually, a "Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Agent, JPMorgan Chase and the Lenders, are parties to that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of May 30, 2008 (collectively, the "Credit Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested the Lenders to make a new term loan to the Borrower in the original principal amount of \$20,000,000 under and as part of the Credit Agreement, to be used to fund and/or to reimburse the Borrower for costs relating to the acquisition of (i) certain assets of Inspection Technologies Inc. ("iTi"), H&G Inspection Company ("H&G"), Gonzalez Industrial X-ray, Inc. ("Gonzalez) and South Bay Inspection, Inc. ("South Bay", and collectively with iTi, H&G and Gonzalez, the "2008 Asset Sellers"); (ii) the outstanding equity securities of 508732 Alberta Ltd., Boss Holdings Inc. and 1113090 Alberta Ltd., which together own all of the outstanding equity securities of Nomad Inspection Services Ltd. ("Nomad"); and (iii) certain yet-to-be-determined additional assets and/or equity securities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. Defined Terms. Except as otherwise indicated herein, all words and terms defined in the Credit Agreement shall have the same meanings when used herein.
- 2. Amendments to Credit Agreement.
- (a) The recital of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:

Borrower has requested that Lenders provide a revolving credit facility, a term loan, and an acquisition loan, and Lenders are willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein. In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

- (b) The following definitions are hereby added to, and inserted alphabetically in, Section 1.01 of the Credit Agreement:
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 <u>Acquisition Loan</u>" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01
(c).
 - "Acquisition Loan Closing Date" means July 1, 2008.
 - "Acquisition Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Acquisition Loan or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.
 - "Acquisition Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing the Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Acquisition Loan, substantially in the form of Exhibit G.
 - "Aggregate Acquisition Loan Commitments" means the Acquisition Loan Commitments of all Lenders.
 - "Nomad" means Nomad Inspection Services Ltd.
 - "Nomad Shareholders" means, at any time, the entity or entities that collectively own and control one hundred (100%) percent of the outstanding equity securities of Nomad.
 - "2008 Asset Sellers" means, collectively, Inspection Technologies Inc., H&G Inspection Company, Gonzalez Industrial X-ray, Inc. and South Bay Inspection, Inc.
- (c) Each of the following definitions set forth in Section 1.01 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended to read, in its entirety, as follows:
 - "Aggregate Commitments" means, collectively, the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments and the Aggregate Acquisition Loan Commitments.
 - "Applicable Percentage" means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of (i) the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment at such time; (ii) the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Term Loan Commitment at such time and (iii) the Aggregate Acquisition Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Acquisition Loan Commitment at such time. If the commitment of each Lender to make Revolving Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02 or if the Aggregate Revolving Loan

Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender with respect to the Revolving Loans shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments. The initial Applicable Percentage of each Lender is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Applicable Rate" means, from time to time, the following percentages per annum, based upon the ratio of Funded Debt to EBITDA (the "Financial Covenant") as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by Agent pursuant to Section 6.02(b):

Applicable Rate

Pricing Level			Eurodollar
Level	Funded Debt : EBITDA	Base Rate +/-	Rate +/-
1	<1.76:1	75%	+1.50%
2	31.76:1 but <2.51:1	25%	+2.00%
3	³ 2.51:1	+.00%	+2.25%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Financial Covenant shall become effective as of the first Business Day of the month immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(b); provided, however, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such Section, then Pricing Level 3 shall apply as of the first Business Day of the month following the date such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered until the first Business Day of the month immediately following the delivery of such Compliance Certificate. The Applicable Rate in effect from the Acquisition Loan Closing Date until receipt of the Compliance Certificate for the period ended August 31, 2008 shall be determined based upon the Pricing Level in effect as of the date hereof.

"Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its Revolving Loan Commitment, its Term Loan Commitment and its Acquisition Loan Commitment.

"Committed Loan" means the Term Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender), a Revolving Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender) or the Acquisition Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender).

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" means the ratio of Fixed Charge Cash Flow to the sum of the current portion of long-term liabilities (which shall include any conditional payments, including payments due under any earn-out agreements, deemed due and owing in the next 12-month period)

and the current portion of capitalized lease obligations, plus interest expense on all obligations.

"EBITDA" means net income, less income or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items, plus income taxes, plus interest expense, plus depreciation, depletion, and amortization (including non-cash loss on retirement of assets), plus stock option expense, less cash expense related to stock options and adjusted for certain historical expenses, accounting adjustments, and other non-cash charges, all in the Required Lenders' sole discretion. With respect to each acquisition by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of substantially all of the assets or equity securities of another company, other than the acquisitions relating to the 2008 Asset Sellers and the Nomad Shareholders, (i) for purposes of determining compliance by the Borrower with Section 6.12 of this Agreement, the consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall not include the EBITDA of the company that is the subject of such acquisition to the extent attributable to periods prior to the date of such acquisition and (ii) for purposes of determining the Applicable Rate, the consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall include the historical EBITDA of the company that is the subject of such acquisition during the applicable 12-month reporting period, whether or not the acquired company was owned by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries during the entire period in question. With respect to the 2008 Asset Sellers and the Nomad Shareholders, for purposes of determining compliance by the Borrower with Section 6.12 of this Agreement and for purposes of determining the Applicable Rate, the consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall include the following amounts for the following periods, which amounts represent the Agent's determination of the aggregate historical EBITDA of all of such acquisitions:

June 1, 2008 — August 31, 2008	\$2,500,0	000
September 1, 2008 — November 30, 2008	\$1,675,0)00
December 1, 2008 — February 28, 2009	\$ 837,5	500
March 1, 2009 and thereafter	\$	0

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the purchase of the outstanding equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders has not closed prior to July 31, 2008, the Agent shall, in its sole discretion, determine the appropriate add-backs to the consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, which shall include the Agent's determination of aggregate historical EBITDA of the 2008 Asset Sellers but shall not include the aggregate historical EBITDA of the Nomad Shareholders.

"Loan" means an extension of credit by a Lender to Borrower under Article II in the form of a Revolving Loan or the Term Loan or the Acquisition Loan.

"Note" means a Revolving Note, a Term Note or an Acquisition Note.

"Required Lenders" means, as of any date of determination, Lenders having more than 50% of the sum of the Revolving Loan Commitments and the outstanding principal balance of the Term Loans and the Acquisition Loan (taken as a whole) or, if the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02, Lenders holding in the aggregate more than 50% of the total outstanding Loans (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition); provided that the Commitment of, and the portion of the total outstanding Loans held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

(d) The definition of "Change of Control" set forth in Section 1.01 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following provision at the end thereof:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, if any of the events or series of events as set forth in subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d) above occurs solely as a result of the public offering of the Borrower's common stock pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such event or series of events shall not be deemed a "Change of Control" for purposes of this Agreement.

- (e) Section 2.01 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following provision after subsection (b):
- (c) <u>Acquisition Loan</u>. (i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make a term loan (collectively, the "<u>Acquisition Loan</u>") to Borrower in an amount equal to the amount of such Lender's Acquisition Loan Commitment. The Borrower shall execute and deliver to each such Lender one or more Acquisition Notes to evidence the Acquisition Loan. The Acquisition Loan shall be a Eurodollar Rate Loan, as further provided herein. Once repaid or prepaid, the Acquisition Loan may not be re-borrowed.
- (ii) The Acquisition Loan shall be disbursed in no more than two (2) installments. On the Acquisition Loan Closing Date, the Borrower shall have the right to request, and each Lender shall fund, the first installment of the Acquisition Loan in an amount not to exceed such Lender's Acquisition Loan Commitment (collectively, the "First Acquisition Draw"). At any time within ninety (90) days after the Acquisition Loan Closing Date, the Borrower shall have the right to request, and each Lender shall fund, a second installment of the

Acquisition Loan in an amount not to exceed (A) such Lender's Acquisition Loan Commitment minus (B) such Lender' share of the First Acquisition Draw (collectively, the "Second Acquisition Draw"). The Borrower shall have no right to request, and the Lenders shall have no obligation to fund, any installments of the Acquisition Loan other than the First Acquisition Draw and the Second Acquisition Draw as described above. To the extent that the aggregate amount of the First Acquisition Draw and the Second Acquisition Draw is less than \$20,000,000, or in the event that the Borrower has not requested the Second Acquisition Draw prior to the expiration of the 90-day period referred to above, the Borrower shall be deemed to have automatically and irrevocably waived any right to request or receive any more funds from the Acquisition Loan.

(f) Section 2.03(a)(i) of the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

(a)(i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) the L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03, (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Closing Date until the L/C Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Borrower, and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with subsection (b) below, and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit; and (B) the Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit issued for the account of Borrower and any drawings thereunder; provided that the Lenders shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit unless after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, (x) the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, (y) the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loan and In the Commitment of the Acquisition Loan shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment, and (z) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the L/C Sublimit. Each request by Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by Borrower that the L/C Credit Extension so requested complies with the conditions set forth in the proviso to the preceding sentence. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly Borrower may, during the foregoing period, obtain Letters of Credit that have expired or that have been drawn upon and reimbursed.

- (g) Section 2.04 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following provisions after subsection (b):
- (c) Commencing on July 27, 2008 and on the 27th day of each and every calendar month thereafter, the Acquisition Loan shall be paid in equal consecutive monthly installments of principal in the amount of \$277,777.78 each month based on a six year amortization schedule, together with all interest accrued thereon.
- (h) Section 2.05(a) of the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
 - (a) Borrower may, upon notice to Agent, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay the Acquisition Loan, Term Loan or Revolving Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that such notice must be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. three Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Committed Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by Borrower, Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Each such prepayment shall be applied to the Committed Loans of Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.
- (i) Section 2.05(d) of the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
- (d) All prepayments under this Section 2.05 to the Term Loan or the Acquisition Loan shall be applied to installments due under the Term Loan or the Acquisition Loan, as applicable, in the inverse order of their maturity.
- (j) Section 2.08 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following provisions after subsection (b):
- (c) Facility Fee. On the Acquisition Loan Closing Date, Borrower shall pay to the Lenders, pro rata in accordance with the Lenders' respective Acquisition Loan Commitments, a facility fee in the amount of \$120,000.

- (d) <u>Structuring Fee</u>. On the Acquisition Loan Closing Date, Borrower shall pay solely to Agent a structuring fee in the amount set forth in that certain Summary of Terms and Conditions dated May 8, 2008. Such structuring fee shall be in addition to the portion of the facility fee paid to Agent in its capacity as Lender pursuant to Section 2.08(c).
- (k) Section 6.11 of the Credit Agreement is hereby amended by adding the following sentence to the end of such section:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the proceeds of the Acquisition Loan shall be applied only to fund and/or to reimburse the Borrower for costs relating to the acquisition of (i) the assets purchased from the 2008 Asset Sellers, (ii) the outstanding equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders and (iii) the assets and/or voting securities of certain other entities to be identified by the Borrower after the date hereof.

 $(l) \ Section \ 6.12 (a) \ of the \ Credit \ Agreement \ is \ hereby \ deleted \ in \ its \ entirety \ and \ replaced \ with \ the \ following:$

(a) EBITDA. Maintain on a consolidated basis EBITDA of not less than the following amounts calculated for the 12-month periods ending on the following dates:

Fiscal Year	Minimum Annual EBITDA
2008	\$21,000,000
2009	\$29,000,000
2010	\$30,000,000
2011	\$32,400,000
2012	\$33,000,000

 $(m) \ Section \ 7.02(f) \ of \ the \ Credit \ Agreement \ is \ hereby \ deleted \ in \ its \ entirety \ and \ replaced \ with \ the \ following:$

(f) Investments in (i) the acquisitions of certain of the assets of the 2008 Asset Sellers and of the equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders and (ii) other acquisition(s) of assets and/or equity securities provided that, with respect to such other acquisition(s) all of the following conditions are satisfied: (A) the cash portion (paid at closing and in the first 12 months thereafter) of the purchase price shall not exceed \$7,000,000 in the aggregate in any 12-month period, (B) there shall not be more than two such other acquisitions in any 12-month period where the cash portion of the purchase price (paid at closing and in the first 12 months thereafter) exceeds \$3,000,000, (C) immediately following each such other acquisition, the amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments exceed the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall

not be less than \$5,000,000, (D) the acquired entity is in a line of business substantially similar to the business conducted by Borrower or its Subsidiaries, and (E) pro-forma compliance with the financial covenants contained in Section 6.12 can be evidenced by Borrower to the reasonable satisfaction of Agent and Required Lenders; provided, however, that in all such instances notice of such other acquisition shall be delivered to the Agent no later than 15 days prior to the date of the closing of such other acquisition, and all material acquisition documents shall promptly be delivered to the Agent upon the Agent's request; and

- (n) Section 7.06 of the Credit Agreement is hereby further amended by adding the following new subsection (e) after subsection (d):
- (e) Borrower may issue or sell its common stock in connection with a public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, provided that the terms and conditions of such offering are reasonably acceptable to the Agent and the Lenders in all respects.
- (o) Schedule 2.01 to the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Schedule 2.01 attached hereto.
- (p) Schedule 10.02 to the Credit Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the revised Schedule 10.02 attached hereto.
- (q) Exhibit G attached hereto is hereby added to the Credit Agreement as Exhibit G thereto.
- 3. <u>Reaffirmation of Amended and Restated Guaranty.</u> In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, concurrently herewith, each of Quality Services Laboratories, Inc., CONAM Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc., Physical Acoustics Corporation and CISMIS Springfield Corp. has executed and delivered to the Agent a Reaffirmation of Amended and Restated Guaranty.

4. Amendment to Loan Documents.

(a) In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, concurrently herewith, the Borrower has executed and delivered or caused to be executed and delivered to the Agent, the following amendments to Loan Documents:

- (i) First Amendment to Amended and Restated Security Agreement;
- (ii) First Amendment to Trademark and Patent Security Agreement;
- (iii) First Amendment to Amended and Restated Pledge Agreement; and

(iv) Second Amendment to Subordination Agreement.

(b) In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, immediately after the consummation of the purchase by the Borrower, or any direct or indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower (the "Nomad Purchaser"), of the outstanding equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders, Borrower shall cause the Nomad Purchaser to (i) notify the Agent thereof in writing; (ii) execute and deliver to the Agent a Stock Pledge Agreement, in form and substance acceptable to the Agent, pursuant to which the Nomad Purchaser pledges to the Agent sixty-five (65%) percent of the outstanding equity securities of each of the Nomad Shareholders and (iii) cause to be delivered to Agent an opinion of counsel to the Nomad Purchaser. The Borrower has informed the Agent that, immediately after the purchase by the Nomad Purchaser of the outstanding equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders, the Borrower currently intends to amalgamate (the "Amalgamation") the Nomad Purchaser, the Nomad Shareholders and Nomad into one legal entity (the "Amalgamated Entity"). The Borrower shall deliver to the Agent full copies of all of the documents effectuating the Amalgamation. In the event that the Amalgamation is consummated, the Stock Pledge Agreement referred to in this subparagraph 4(b) shall be delivered by the Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower that, following the Amalgamation, collectively own and control one hundred (100%) percent of the outstanding equity securities of the Amalgamated Entity.

5. Subordinated Target Notes; Subordination Agreement.

- (a) (i) In connection with the purchase of the assets from the 2008 Asset Sellers, CONAM has delivered to the applicable 2008 Asset Sellers unsecured subordinated promissory notes (each, a "Subordinated Target Note") in payment of a portion of the purchase price for the assets being acquired from each 2008 Asset Seller by the Borrower or a Subsidiary. Payments under the Subordinated Target Notes are subordinated and made subject in all respects to any and all Notes from the Borrower in favor of the Agent or the Lenders and any and all rights of the Agent or the Lenders thereunder to the extent provided in the terms and conditions of each such applicable Subordinated Target Note.
- (ii) The Borrower covenants that, notwithstanding Section 3 of each of the Subordinated Target Notes, neither the Borrower nor CONAM shall prepay, or permit or suffer the prepayment by CONAM, of any amounts under any of the Subordinated Target Notes, other than monthly installments due and owing in accordance with Section 1 thereof, without the prior written consent of the Agent, which may be withheld for any reason or no reason, and the Borrower agrees and acknowledges that any such prepayment shall result in an Event of Default.
- (iii) The Borrower covenants that, notwithstanding the provisions of each of the Subordinated Target Notes, neither the Borrower nor CONAM shall agree to amend any of the Subordinated Target Notes without the prior written consent of the Agent, which may be withheld for any reason or no reason, and the Borrower agrees and acknowledges that any such amendment shall result in an Event of Default.
 - (b) In connection with the purchase of the outstanding equity securities of the Nomad Shareholders, the Nomad Purchaser or the Amalgamated Entity, as applicable, intends to

deliver to each of (i) John Dyer; (ii) Harry Boss and Maxine Boss; and (iii) Michael Smith and Vonda Todd (collectively, the "Nomad Noteholders"), an unsecured subordinated promissory note (collectively, the "Nomad Notes") in payment of a portion of the purchase price for the outstanding equity interests being acquired from the Nomad Noteholders by the Nomad Purchaser. In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, the Nomad Purchaser or the Amalgamated Entity, as applicable, shall execute and deliver to the Agent, and shall cause each of the Nomad Noteholders of the Nomad Noteholders of the Nomad Noteholders of the Nomad Noteholders of the Nomad Noteholders, are unconditionally and without limitation subordinated and made subject in all respects to any and all Notes from the Borrower in favor of the Agent or the Lenders and any and all rights of the Agent or the Lenders thereunder.

- 6. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. In order to induce the Agent and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and amend the Credit Agreement as provided herein, the Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Agent and the Lenders that:
- (a) All of the representations and warranties of the Borrower set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Loan Documents are true, complete and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if made on and as of the date hereof and as if set forth at length herein.
- (b) No Default or Event of Default presently exists and is continuing on and as of the date hereof and no Default or Event of Default will be caused by or result from the closing of the Acquisition Loan, the funding of the Acquisition Loan or the consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Acquisition Loan.
- (c) Since the date of the Borrower's most recent financial statements delivered to the Agent, no material adverse change has occurred in the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower, and no event has occurred or failed to occur which has had a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of the Borrower.
 - $(d) \ With \ respect to \ each \ purchase \ transaction \ between \ the \ Borrower \ and \ each \ of \ the \ 2008 \ Asset \ Sellers, \ as \ of \ the \ date \ hereof:$
 - (i) Such purchase transaction has closed and all assets purchased thereunder have been delivered to the Borrower;
 - (ii) All conditions to such closing set forth in the applicable purchase agreement have been satisfied in full;
 - (iii) There are no liens or encumbrances on the purchased assets, other than those created pursuant to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;

- (iv) There exist no disputes between the Borrower and any such 2008 Asset Seller; and
- (v) The Subordinated Target Notes are unsecured.
- (e) The Borrower has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform any action or step which may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement and all other documents executed in connection herewith (this Agreement and all such other documents are collectively referred to herein as the "Amendment Documents"); each Amendment Document to which the Borrower is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, general equity principles or other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- (f) The execution, delivery and performance of the Amendment Documents by the Borrower will not (i) violate any provision of any existing law, statute, rule, regulation or ordinance, (ii) conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under (A) the certificate of incorporation or by-laws of the Borrower, (B) any order, judgment, award or decree of any court, governmental authority, bureau or agency, or (C) any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement or undertaking to which the Borrower is a party or by which the Borrower or any of its properties or assets may be bound, or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien or other encumbrance upon or with respect to any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by the Borrower, other than Liens in favor of the Lenders.
- (g) No consent, license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice to, report to, or registration, filing or declaration with any person is required in connection with the execution, delivery, performance or validity of the Amendment Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby.
- 7. No Defenses. The Borrower acknowledges that, as of June 26, 2008, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Revolving Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A. dated as of May 30, 2008 was \$5,807,500.00, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Revolving Note in favor of JPMorgan Chase dated as of May 30, 2008 was \$5,807,500.00, the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of Bank of America, N.A dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$11,250,000.00, and the outstanding principal balance of the Substitute Term Note in favor of JPMorgan Chase dated as of April 23, 2007 was \$11,250,000.00 The Borrower acknowledges and agrees that as of the date hereof it has no defenses, offsets or counterclaims to its Obligations to the Agent and/or the Lenders under the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document and hereby waives and releases all claims against the Agent and Lenders with respect to the Obligations and the documents evidencing or securing the same.
- 8. <u>Agent and Lender Costs</u>. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent and Lenders on demand for all costs incurred in connection with this transaction, including but not limited to legal, searches, filings and other expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement and the other Amendment Documents, whether or not the transactions contemplated under this Agreement are completed. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Agent to charge the Borrower's Master Account for the amount of such fees and expenses.

- 9. No Change. Except as expressly set forth herein, all of the terms and provisions of the Credit Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
- 10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.
- 11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signatures on following pages]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute and deliver this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Paul Peterik

Name: Paul Peterik Title: Chief Financial Officer

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By: /s/ William T. Franey
Name: William T. Franey Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer

By: /s/ William T. Franey
Name: William T. Franey Title: Vice President

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. as a Lender and Co-Lead Bookrunner

By: /s/ Susan M. Graham
Name: Susan M. Graham
Title: Vice President

COMMITMENTS AND APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES

Lender	Revolving Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$ 7,500,000	50.000000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$ 7,500,000	50.00000000%
Total	\$15,000,000	100.000000000%
Lender	Term Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$12,500,000	50.000000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$12,500,000	50.00000000%
Total	\$25,000,000	100.000000000%
Lender	Acquisition Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$10,000,000	50.000000000%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$10,000,000	50.000000000%
Total	\$20,000,000	100.000000000%

AGENT'S OFFICE, CERTAIN ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES

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Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. 666 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10103 United States of America Attention: Sheldon G. Nussbaum Joseph F. Daniels

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

Administrative Agent's Office
(for payments and Requests for Credit Extensions):
Bank of America, N.A.
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EXHIBIT G

FORM OF ACQUISITION NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to _______ or its registered assigns ("Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement (as hereinafter defined), the principal amount of each Acquisition Loan from time to time made by the Lender to Borrower under that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of December 14, 2007, that certain Second Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of May 30, 2008 and that certain Third Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of July 1, 2008 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement," the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Co-Lead Bookrunner and L/C Issuer.

Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of the Acquisition Loan from the date of such Loan until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Lender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof until the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in the Agreement.

This Note is one of the Acquisition Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

By:			
	Name:		
	Title:	•	
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LOANS AND PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

	Type of Loan	Amount of Loan	End of Interest	Amount of Principal or Interest Paid This	Outstanding Principal Balance	Notation
Date	Made	Made	Period	Date	This Date	Made By

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated July 22, 2009

By and among

MISTRAS GROUP, INC., as the Borrower,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Lead Arranger and L/C Issuer,

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Arranger

and

The Lenders Party Hereto

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Form of:

Committed Loan Notice
First Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Loan Note
First Amended and Restated Term Loan Note
Compliance Certificate
Assignment and Assumption
Free Cash Flow Certificate
Canadian Dollar Loan Note A B C D E F

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT (hereinafter, as it may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented, referred to as this "Agreement") is entered into this 22nd day of July, 2009 by and among MISTRAS GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Borrower"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent, Lead Arranger, and L/C Issuer, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as Co-Lead Arranger, and each lender from time to time party hereto (hereinafter individually referred to as a "Lender" and collectively referred to as the "Lenders").

Borrower has requested that Lenders amend and restate in their entirety a certain revolving credit loan facility, term loan facility, and acquisition loan facility, each previously made available to Borrower by Bank of America, N.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. with the amended and restated revolving credit loan facility, the amended and restated term loan facility, and the revolving credit loan facility for borrowings in Canadian dollars described in this Agreement, and Lenders are willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

This Agreement amends and restates in its entirety that certain Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of April 23, 2007, effective as of October 31, 2006, executed by and among Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as amended and modified.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 **Defined Terms**. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"2008 Asset Sellers" means a collective reference to (a) Integrated Technologies, Inc., a Connecticut corporation, (b) H&G Inspection Company, (c) Gonzales Industrial X-Ray, Inc., a Louisiana corporation, and (d) South Bay Inspection, Inc., a California corporation.

"2008 Subordinated Target Notes" means a collective reference to (a) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated March 13, 2008, executed by Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of Integrated Technologies, Inc., as payee, in the original principal amount of \$4,500,000.00, together with any amendments or modifications thereto, (b) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated April 17, 2008, executed by Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of G. Marcina Wilkinson, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$1,600,000.00, together with any amendments or modifications thereto, (c) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated May 15, 2008, executed by Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of Gonzales Industrial X-Ray, Inc., as payee, in the original principal amount of \$400,000.00, together with any amendments or modifications thereto, and (d) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated May 16, 2008, executed by Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of South Bay Inspection Inc., as payee, in the original principal amount of \$1,700,000.00, together with any amendments or modifications thereto.

"Add Back Amounts" means (a) for the purposes of calculating EBITDA for the fiscal quarter in which the Borrower or one of its Subsidiaries acquires the assets of IMPro Technologies, LP and for the two immediately succeeding fiscal quarters thereafter, the following amounts (i) with respect to such

fiscal quarter, \$3,200,000.00; (ii) with respect to the first such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$2,400,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,600,000.00, and (b) for the purposes of calculating EBITDA for the fiscal quarter in which the Borrower or one of its Subsidiaries acquires the assets of Arminus, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Technical Services and for the two immediately succeeding fiscal quarters, thereafter, the following amounts: (i) with respect to such fiscal quarter, \$2,000,000.00; (ii) with respect to the first such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,000,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the first such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) with respect to the second such succeeding fiscal quarter, \$1,500,000.00; and (iii) w

- "Administrative Agent" or "Agent" means Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor administrative agent.
- "Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form supplied by Agent.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.
- "Agent Fee Letter" means a collective reference to (a) the letter agreement, dated July 9, 2009, between the Borrower and the Agent and (b) the letter agreement, dated May 18, 2009, between the Borrower and the Agent.
- "Agent's Office" means Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on Schedule 10.02 attached hereto and made a part hereof, or such other address or account as Agent may from time to time notify Borrower and Lenders.
 - "Aggregate Commitments" means, collectively, (a) the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, (b) the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments, and (c) the Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment.
 - "Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments" means the Revolving Loan Commitments of all Lenders.
 - "Aggregate Term Loan Commitments" means the Term Loan Commitments of all Lenders.
 - "Agreement" has the meaning assigned and ascribed to such term as set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "Applicable Percentage" means, with respect to any Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of (i) the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment at such time and (ii) the Aggregate Term Loan Commitments represented by such Lender's Term Loan Commitment at such time. If the commitment of each Lender to make Revolving Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02 or if the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender with respect to the Revolving Loans shall be determined based on the Applicable Percentage of such Lender most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments. The initial Applicable Percentage of each Lender is set forth opposite the name of such Lender on Schedule 2.01 or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Applicable Rate" means, from time to time, the following percentages per annum, based upon the Funded Debt Leverage Ratio, as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by Agent pursuant to Section 6.02(a):

Pricing	Funded Debt	Eurodollar		Commitment	
Level	Leverage Ratio	Rate	Base Rate	Fee	SBLC Fee
1	<1.75:1	225.0 bps	0.0 bps	37.5 bps	225.0 bps
2	≥1.75:1 but <2.50:1	275.0 bps	25.0 bps	50.0 bps	275.0 bps
3	≥2.50:1 but <3.00:1	325.0 bps	50.0 bps	50.0 bps	325.0 bps

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Funded Debt Leverage Ratio shall become effective as of the first Business Day of the month immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 6.02(a); provided, however, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with Section 6.02(a), then Pricing Level 3 shall apply as of the first Business Day of the month following the date such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered until the first Business Day of the month immediately following the delivery of such Compliance Certificate. The Applicable Rate in effect from the Closing Date until receipt of the Compliance Certificate for the period ended May 31, 2009 shall be determined based upon Pricing Level 2.

"Assignee Group" means two or more Eligible Assignees that are Affiliates of one another.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by Section 10.06(h)), and accepted by Agent, in substantially the form of Exhibit "E" attached hereto and made a part hereof, or any other form approved by Agent.

"Attributable Indebtedness" means, on any date, (a) in respect of any capital lease of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, and (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease Obligation, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease payments under the relevant lease that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease were accounted for as a capital lease.

"<u>Audited Financial Statements</u>" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2008 and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.

"Availability Period" means the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (a) the Maturity Date, (b) the date of termination of the Aggregate Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06, or (c) the date of termination of the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and of the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to Section 8.02.

"Bank of America" means Bank of America, N.A. and its successors.

"Base Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the sum of (a) the highest of (i) the Prime Rate for such day and (ii) the sum of the Federal Funds Rate for such day plus fifty basis points (0.50%), plus (b) the Market Disruption Spread, if any.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Base Rate.

"Borrower" has the meaning assigned and ascribed to such term as set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Borrowing" means a Committed Borrowing.

"Business Day" means:

(a) with respect to any Letter of Credit or any Loan (other than a Canadian Loan), any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any Eurodollar Rate Loan (other than a Canadian Loan), means any such day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market; and

(b) with respect to any Canadian Loan, any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Canadian Lender's office with respect to Canadian Loans is located and (i) if such day relates to any interest rate settings as to a Eurodollar Rate Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, means any such day on which dealings in deposits in the relevant currency are conducted by and between banks in the London or other applicable offshore interbank market for such currency, and (ii) if such day relates to any fundings, disbursements, settlements and payments in Canadian Dollars in respect of a Eurodollar Rate Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, or any other dealings in Canadian Dollars to be carried out pursuant to this Agreement in respect of any such Eurodollar Rate Loan (other than any interest rate settings), means any such day on which banks are open for foreign exchange business in the principal financial center of Canada.

"Canadian Dollar", "Canadian Dollars", and "C\$" mean lawful money of Canada.

"Canadian Dollar Equivalent" means, at any time, with respect to any amount denominated in U.S. Dollars, the equivalent amount thereof in Canadian Dollars at such time on the basis of the Spot Rate (determined in respect of the most recent Revaluation Date) for the purchase of Canadian Dollars with U.S. Dollars.

"Canadian Dollar Loan" and "Canadian Dollar Loans" have the meanings specified in Section 2.01(c).

"Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment" means, as to the Canadian Lender (and not any of the other Lenders), its obligation to make Canadian Dollar Loans to Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01(c), in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite the Canadian Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Canadian Dollar Loans.

"Canadian Dollar Loan Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of the Canadian Lender evidencing the Canadian Dollar Loans made by the Canadian Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit "G" attached hereto and made a part hereof, as said promissory note may be from

time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

- "Canadian Lender" means Bank of America, N.A., solely in its capacity as the lender for Canadian Loans, and specifically excludes the Agent, the L/C Issuer, and the other Lenders.
- "Cash Collateralize" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(g).
- "Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority.
 - "Change of Control" means, with respect to any Person, an event or series of events by which:
- (a) any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but excluding any employee benefit plan of such person or its subsidiaries, and any person or entity acting in its capacity as trustee, agent or other fiduciary or administrator of any such plan) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that a person or group shall be deemed to have "beneficial ownership" of all securities that such person or group has the right to acquire, whether such right is exercisable immediately or only after the passage of time (hereinafter such right shall be referred to as an "option right")), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the equity securities of such Person entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of such Person on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such person or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right);
- (b) during any period of 24 consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of such Person cease to be composed of individuals (i) who were members of that board or equivalent governing body on the first day of such period, (ii) whose election or nomination to that board or equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in <u>clause (b)(i)</u> above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body or (iii) whose election or nomination to that board or other equivalent governing body was approved by individuals referred to in <u>clauses (i)</u> and (ii) above constituting at the time of such election or nomination at least a majority of that board or equivalent governing body (excluding, in the case of both <u>clause (ii)</u> and <u>clause (iii)</u>, any individual whose initial nomination for, or assumption of office as, a member of that board or equivalent governing body occurs as a result of an actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents for the election or removal of one or more directors by any person or group other than a solicitation for the election of one or more directors by or on behalf of the board of directors);
- (c) any individual(s) or entity(s) acting in concert shall have acquired by contract or otherwise, or shall have entered into a contract or arrangement that, upon consummation thereof, will result in its or their acquisition of the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of such Person, or control over the equity securities of such Person entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of such Person on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such individual(s) or entity(s) or group has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right) representing more than 50% of the combined voting power of such securities; or
 - (d) in the case of Mistras Group, Inc., Sotirios Vahaviolos ceases to own and control, directly

and indirectly, at least fifty-one (51%) percent of its capital stock entitled to vote for the election of directors.

Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, however, if any of the events or series of events described in <u>subsections (a), (b), (c)</u>, or (d) above occurs solely in connection with the public offering of Borrower's common stock pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, such event or series of events shall not be deemed to constitute a "Change of Control" for purposes of this Agreement.

"Closing Date" means the first date all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 10.01.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and modified from time to time.

"Co-Lead Arranger" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as Co-Lead Arranger under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor Co-Lead Arranger.

"Collateral" means any and all assets and rights and interests in or to property of Borrower and each of the other Loan Parties, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, in which a Lien is granted or purported to be granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.

"Collateral Documents" means all agreements, instruments and documents now or hereafter executed and delivered in connection with this Agreement pursuant to which Liens are granted or purported to be granted to Agent in Collateral securing all or part of the Obligations each in form and substance satisfactory to Agent.

"Commitment" means (a) as to each Lender, its Revolving Loan Commitment and its Term Loan Commitment and (b) as to the Canadian Lender, its Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment.

"Committed Borrowing" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Committed Loans of the same Type, in the same currency, and, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, having the same Interest Period made by (a) in the case of a Committed Loan denominated in U.S. Dollars, each of the Lenders pursuant to Sections 2.01(a) and/or (b), and (b) in the case of a Committed Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, the Canadian Lender pursuant to Section 2.01(c).

"Committed Loan" means (a) the Term Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender), (b) a Revolving Loan (or any portion thereof made by a Lender), or (c) a Canadian Loan (or any portion thereof made by the Canadian Lender).

"Committed Loan Notice" means a notice of (a) a Committed Borrowing, (b) a conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, pursuant to Section 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit "D" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

"Consolidated Subsidiaries" means a collective reference to (a) Quality Services Laboratories, Inc., (b) Physical Acoustics Ltd., (c) Euro Physical Acoustics, S.A., (d) Anru Physical ALC TLP Beheer B.V., (e) Physical Acoustics India Private Ltd., (f) Nippon Physical Acoustics Limited, (g) Diapac, (h) Physical Acoustics South America Ltda., (i) ThermTech Services, Inc., (j) Mistras Canada, Inc., and (k)

any other Subsidiary of Borrower now or hereafter included in the Audited Financial Statements.

"Contractual Obligation" means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Control" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "Controlling" and "Controlled" have meanings correlative thereto.

"Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.

"Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"Debt Service Coverage Ratio" means the ratio, as of any date of determination thereof, of (a) the difference between (i) EBITDA for the 12 month period immediately preceding said date of determination, taken together as one accounting period, minus (ii) cash taxes, dividends, cash distributions, withdrawals and other distributions paid or made during said test period, -to- (b) the sum of (i) the current portion of long-term liabilities (i.e., that portion due and owing in the 12 month period following said date of determination), which shall include any conditional payments due under any earn-out agreements, deemed due and owing in such 12 month period, plus (ii) the current portion of capitalized lease obligations (i.e., that portion due and owing in the 12 month period following said date of determination), plus (iii) interest expense on all obligations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries paid during the 12 month period immediately preceding said date of determination.

"Decrease in Working Capital" means, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as of any test date, the decrease, if any, in working capital of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as calculated on Annex 2 attached to the applicable Free Cash Flow Certificate.

"Default" means any event or condition that constitutes an Event of Default or that, with the giving of any notice, the passage of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than L/C Fees an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate <u>plus</u> (ii) the Applicable Rate, if any, applicable to Base Rate Loans <u>plus</u> (iii) two hundred basis points (2.0%) per annum; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the Default Rate shall be an interest rate equal to the interest rate (including any Applicable Rate) otherwise applicable to such Loan <u>plus</u> two hundred basis points (2.0%) per annum, and (b) when used with respect to L/C Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate <u>plus</u> two hundred basis points (2.0%) per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Lender that (a) has failed to fund any portion of the Committed Loans or participations in L/C Obligations required to be funded by it hereunder within one Business Day of the date required to be funded by it hereunder unless such failure has been cured, (b) has otherwise failed to pay over to Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within one Business Day of the date when due, unless the subject of a good faith dispute or unless such failure has been cured, or (c) has been deemed insolvent or become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding.

"<u>Disposition</u>" or "<u>Dispose</u>" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (including any sale and leaseback transaction) of any property by any Person, including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith.

"Dollar", "Dollars", and "\$" mean lawful money of the United States.

"EBITDA" means (a) net income less (b) income (or plus loss) from discontinued operations and extraordinary items, plus (c) income tax expenses, plus (d) interest expense, plus (e) depreciation, depletion, and amortization (including non-cash loss on retirement of assets), plus (f) stock option expense, less (g) cash expense related to stock options, plus (h) Add Back Amounts, if applicable, plus (i) amounts, if any, expended by the Borrower or its Subsidiaries in the settlement of that certain labor class action lawsuit filed in California against Conam Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00, plus (j) amounts expended by the Borrower in connection with the initial public offering of its common stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, plus (k) amounts expended by the Borrower in connection with the closing of the credit facilities described in this Agreement, and adjusted for certain historical expenses, accounting adjustments, and other non-cash charges, all such adjustments as calculated in the Required Lenders' sole and absolute discretion. With respect to each Person (other than IMPro Technologies, LP, Arminus, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Technical Services, and Space Science Services, Inc.) acquired by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in accordance with Section 7.02(f), for purposes of determining (i) compliance by the Borrower with Section 6.12, the calculation of EBITDA shall not include the EBITDA of such acquired Person during the extent attributable to periods prior to the date of such acquired Person was owned by the Borrower during the entire period in question.

"Eligible Assignee" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.06(b)(v) and (vi) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.06(b)(iii)).

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of the environment or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems

"Environmental Liability." means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"Equity Interests" means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition

from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended or modified from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with Borrower within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan, (b) a withdrawal by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a "substantial employer" (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA, (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization, (d) the filling of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, (e) an event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan or (f) the imposition of any liability under Title IV of ERISA, other than for PBGC premiums due but not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA, upon Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate.

"Eurodollar Base Rate" has the meaning specified in the definition of Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Rate" means for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, a rate per annum determined by Agent (or, in the case of a Canadian Loan, the Canadian Lender) pursuant to the following formula:

Eurodollar Rate = $\frac{\text{Eurodollar Base Rate}}{1.00 - \text{Eurodollar Reserve Percentage}}$

Where,

"Eurodollar Base Rate" means, for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the sum of (a) the rate per annum equal to (i) the British Bankers Association LIBOR Rate ("BBA LIBOR"), as published by Reuters (or other commercially available source providing quotations of BBA LIBOR as designated by the Agent (or, in the case of a Canadian Loan, the Canadian Lender) from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for deposits in the applicable currency (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period or (ii) if such published rate is not available at such time for any reason, the rate per annum determined by the Agent (or, in the case of a Canadian Loan, the Canadian Lender) to be the rate at which deposits in the applicable currency for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period in Same Day Funds in the approximate amount of the Eurodollar Rate Loan being made, continued or converted by Bank of America and with a term equivalent to such Interest Period would be offered by Bank of America's London Branch (or, in the case of a Canadian Loan, the applicable branch or Affiliate of the Canadian Lender) to major banks in the London or other offshore interbank market for such currency at their request at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time)

two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, plus (b) the Market Disruption Spread, if any, as of the time and date of determination.

"Eurodollar Reserve Percentage" means, for any day during any Interest Period, the reserve percentage (expressed as a decimal, carried out to five decimal places) in effect on such day, whether or not applicable to any Lender, under regulations issued from time to time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including any emergency, supplemental or other marginal reserve requirement) with respect to Eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency liabilities"). The Eurodollar Rate for each outstanding Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be adjusted automatically as of the effective date of any change in the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage.

"Eurodollar Rate Loan" means a Committed Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Unavailability Period" means any period of time during which a notice delivered to the Borrower in accordance with Section 3.03(a) remains in full force and effect.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of Borrower hereunder, (a) taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes), by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located, and (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction in which Borrower is located.

"Existing Letter of Credit" means that certain standby letter of credit # 68030004 issued by Bank of America, N.A. for the account of the Borrower, in the stated amount of \$25,566.30, for the benefit of ZHEJIANG ORIENT HOLL, with a current expiry date of September 15, 2009.

"Federal Funds Rate" means, for any day, the rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day; provided that (a) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next succeeding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day, and (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate (rounded upward, if necessary, to a whole multiple of 1/100 of 1%) charged to Bank of America on such day on such transactions as determined by Agent.

"FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

"Free Cash Flow" means, as of any date of determination, (a) EBITDA for the 12 month period immediately preceding said date of determination, taken together as one accounting period, minus (b) all taxes paid or payable in cash during said test period, minus (c) cash interest paid during said test period, minus (d) all capital expenditures made in cash during said test period, minus (e) all scheduled and non-scheduled principal payments on Funded Debt made during said test period (excluding free cash flow payments made pursuant to Section 2.05(c) of this Agreement), and plus (f) any Decrease in Working Capital (or minus any Increase in Working Capital) for said test period.

"Free Cash Flow Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit "F" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

"Funded Debt" means, as of any date of determination thereof, all outstanding liabilities for borrowed money and other interest-bearing liabilities, including current and long term liabilities, but excluding the capital lease between Borrower and Sotirios Vahaviolos relating to Borrower's occupancy of the premises located at 195 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey.

"Funded Debt Leverage Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Funded Debt as of said date of determination -to- (b) EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters immediately preceding said date of determination, taken together as one accounting period.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

"Governmental Authority." means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, any (a) any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the oblige in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation, (iii) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation, or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) any Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other obligation is assumed by such Person (or any right, contingent or otherwise, of any holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantor" means each of (a) Quality Services Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (b) Physical Acoustics Corporation, a Delaware corporation, (c) CISMIS Springfield Corp., a Delaware corporation, (d) ThermTech Services, Inc., a Florida corporation, and (e) any additional guarantors added pursuant to the terms, conditions, and provisions of Section 6.13. all on a joint and several basis.

"Guaranty" means the Second Amended and Restated Guaranty Agreement dated of even date

herewith executed and delivered by the Guarantors, on a joint and several basis, in favor of Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, as said Second Amended and Restated Guaranty Agreement may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"Honor Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).

"Increase in Working Capital" means, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as of any test date, the increase, if any, in working capital of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as calculated on Annex 2 attached to the applicable Free Cash Flow Certificate.

"Indebtedness" means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

- (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;
- (b) all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;
- (c) net obligations of such Person under any Swap Contract;
- (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and, in each case, not past due for more than 60 days or such longer period as permitted in the ordinary course of business);
- (e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;
 - (f) capital leases and Synthetic Lease Obligations;
- (g) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends; and
 - (h) all Guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. The amount of any capital lease or Synthetic Lease Obligation as of any date shall be deemed to be the amount of Attributable

Indebtedness in respect thereof as of such date.

- "Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.
- "Indemnitee" and "Indemnitees" has the meaning specified in Section 10.04(b).
- "Information" has the meaning specified in Section 10.07.

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) as to any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; provided, however, that if any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Rate Loan exceeds three months, the respective dates that fall every three months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each January, April, July and October and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each Eurodollar Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Rate Loan and ending on the date one, two or three months thereafter, as selected by Borrower in its Committed Loan Notice; provided that:

(a) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;

(b) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period; and

(c) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date.

"Internal Control Event" means a material weakness in, or fraud that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Borrower's internal controls over financial reporting.

"Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, whether by means of (a) the purchase or other acquisition of capital stock or other securities of another Person, (b) a loan, advance or capital contribution to, Guarantee or assumption of debt of, or purchase or other acquisition of any other debt or equity participation or interest in, another Person, including any partnership or joint venture interest in such other Person and any arrangement pursuant to which the investor Guarantees Indebtedness of such other Person, or (c) the purchase or other acquisition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of assets of another Person that constitute a business unit. For purposes of covenant compliance, the amount of any Investment shall be the amount actually invested, without adjustment for subsequent increases or decreases in the value of such Investment.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"ISP" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices 1998" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the L/C Application and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and Borrower (or any Subsidiary) or in favor of the L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Law" and "Laws" means, collectively, all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

"L/C Advance" and "L/C Advances" mean, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. All L/C Advances shall be denominated in U.S. Dollars.

"L/C Application" means an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by the L/C Issuer.

"L/C Borrowing" and "L/C Borrowings" mean an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Committed Borrowing. All L/C Borrowings shall be denominated in U.S. Dollars.

"L/C Credit Extension" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.

"L/C Expiration Date" means the day that is thirty days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).

"L/C Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(i).

"L/C Issuer" means Bank of America, N.A. in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder.

"L/C Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, (a) the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit plus (b) the aggregate of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.

L/C Sublimit" means an amount equal to \$3,000,000.00. The L/C Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments.

"Lead Arranger" means Bank of America, N.A. in its capacity as Lead Arranger under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor Lead Arranger.

"Lender" and "Lenders" have the meaning assigned and ascribed to such terms as set forth in the preamble to this Agreement. Where the context requires, the defined terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include the Canadian Lender.

"Lending Office" means, as to any Lender, the office or offices of such Lender described as such in such Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Lender may from time to time notify Borrower and Agent.

"Letter of Credit" means any letter of credit issued hereunder and shall include the Existing Letter of Credit. A Letter of Credit may be a commercial letter of credit or a standby letter of credit.

"Lien" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or preference, priority or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Loan" and "Loans" mean an extension of credit by a Lender to Borrower under Article II in the form of a Revolving Loan, the Term Loan, or a Canadian Dollar Loan.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, the Agent Fee Letter, each Collateral Document, the Guaranty, and the Subordination Agreements.

"Loan Parties" means, collectively, Borrower and each Person (other than Agent, the L/C Issuer, or any Lender) executing a Loan Document including, without limitation, each Guarantor and such each Person executing a Collateral Document.

"Majority-Owned Subsidiary" of the Borrower means a Subsidiary of which the Borrower owns, directly or indirectly through another Subsidiary, more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding capital stock or other equity interests.

"Market Disruption Spread" means zero (-0-) unless a notice delivered pursuant to Section 3.03(b) is in effect, in which case, such spread shall mean one hundred basis points (1.0%), for so long as any such notice is in effect.

"Material Adverse Effect" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent), condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of Borrower or Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under this Agreement; or (c) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any Loan Party of any Loan Document to which it is a party which could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect upon the rights of the Lenders hereunder.

"Maturity Date" means July 21, 2012.

"Multiemployer Plan" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"Note" and "Notes" mean a Revolving Note, a Term Note, or the Canadian Dollar Loan Note, as the context may require.

"Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan or Letter of Credit, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and

fees are allowed claims in such proceeding.

"Organization Documents" means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity, as any of the foregoing may be from time to time amended, modified, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp or documentary taxes imposed by any taxing authority which may arise (a) from the registration, filing, recording, or perfection of any security interest in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than Taxes attributable to a voluntary transfer of a Loan or Note by a Lender or Participant) or (b) from the enforcement of this Agreement or any other Loan Document in connection with an Event of Default.

"Outstanding Canadian Dollar Loan Amount" means, with respect to Canadian Dollar Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Canadian Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date.

"Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount" means (a) with respect to Revolving Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Revolving Loans, as the case may be, occurring on such date, and (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements by Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(d).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"PCAOB" means the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.

"Pension Plan" means any "employee pension benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), other than a Multiemployer Plan, that is subject to Title IV of ERISA and is sponsored or maintained by Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate or to which Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate contributes or has an obligation to contribute, or in the case of a multiple employer or other plan described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA, has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) established by Borrower or, with respect to any such plan that is subject to Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA, any ERISA Affiliate.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Prime Rate" means the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate." The "prime rate" is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such rate announced by Bank of America shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 10.06(c).

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30 day notice period has been waived.

"Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Committed Loans, a Committed Loan Notice and (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a L/C Application.

"Required Lenders" means, as of any date of determination, Lenders having at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the sum of the Revolving Loan Commitments and the outstanding principal balance of the Term Loans (taken as a whole) or, if the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and the obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to Section 8.02, Lenders holding in the aggregate at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66 2/3%) of the total outstanding Loans (with the aggregate amount of each Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations being deemed "held" by such Lender for purposes of this definition); provided that the Commitment of, and the portion of the total outstanding Loans held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

"Responsible Officer" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer and, solely for purposes of notices given pursuant to Article II. any other officer or employee of the applicable Loan Party so designated by any of the foregoing officers in a notice to Agent. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.

"Restricted Payment" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any capital stock or other Equity Interest of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such capital stock or other Equity Interest or on account of any return of capital to Borrower's stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof).

"Revaluation Date" means with respect to any Canadian Dollar Loan, each of the following: (a) each date of a Borrowing of a Eurodollar Rate Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, (b) each date of a continuation of a Eurodollar Rate Loan denominated in Canadian Dollars, and (c) such additional dates as the Canadian Lender shall determine.

"Revolving Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(b).

"Revolving Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, its obligation to (a) make Revolving Loans to Borrower pursuant to Section 2.01(b) and (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Revolving Loans or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"Revolving Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing Revolving Loans made by such Lender, substantially in the form of Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, as said promissory note may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Same Day Funds" means (a) with respect to disbursements and payments in U.S. Dollars, immediately available funds, and (b) with respect to disbursements and payments in Canadian Dollars, same day or other funds as may be determined by the Canadian Lender to be customary in the place of disbursement or payment for the settlement of international banking transactions in Canadian Dollars.

"Sarbanes-Oxley" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.

"Securities Laws" means the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Sarbanes-Oxley and the applicable accounting and auditing principles, rules, standards and practices promulgated, approved or incorporated by the SEC or the PCAOB.

"Spot Rate" for Canadian Dollars means the rate determined by the Canadian Lender to be the rate quoted by the Person acting in such capacity as the spot rate for the purchase by such Person of such currency with another currency through its principal foreign exchange trading office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on the date two Business Days prior to the date as of which the foreign exchange computation is made; provided that the Canadian Lender may obtain such spot rate from another financial institution designated by the Canadian Lender if the Person acting in such capacity does not have as of the date of determination a spot buying rate for any such currency.

"Subordinated Documents" means a collective reference to (a) the Subordination Agreements and (b) the Subordinated Notes.

"Subordinated Notes" means a collective reference to (a) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated December 31, 2005, executed by Conam Engineering and Inspection Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of Code Services, Inc., as payee, in the principal amount of \$270,000.00, (b) that certain Subordinated Promissory Note dated January 12, 2007, executed by Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., as maker, in favor of Petroleum Refractory, Inc., as payee, in the principal amount of \$250,000.00, (c) the 2008 Subordinated Target Notes, and (d) any other subordinated promissory note entered into by the Borrower or any Subsidiary as evidence of Indebtedness incurred under Section 7.03(f)(ii), which promissory note is not subject to a Subordination Agreement in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, as any of the foregoing promissory notes may be from time to time amended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subordination Agreement #1" means that certain Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement #1 dated of even date herewith, executed by and among the Borrower, the Agent, TC NDT Holdings LLC, Altus Capital Partners SBIC, L.P., Altus-Mistras Co-Investment, LLC and Sotirios J.

Vahaviolos, as said Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement #1 may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subordination Agreement #2" means that certain Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement #2 dated of even date herewith, executed by and among the Borrower, the Agent, John Dyer, Harry Boss, Maxine Boss, Michael Smith, and Vonda Todd, as said Amended and Restated Subordination Agreement #2 may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subordination Agreement #3" means that certain Subordination Agreement dated as of December 10, 2008, executed by and among the Borrower, the Agent, Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., and Elite Inspection Service Company (d/b/a Elite Inspection Service Co., Inc.), an Indiana corporation, as said Subordination Agreement may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subordination Agreement #4" means that certain Subordination Agreement (Contingent Payment) dated as of [sic], 2009, executed by and among the Borrower, the Agent, Conam Inspection and Engineering Services, Inc., and Edge Testing and Inspection, Inc., a Washington corporation, as said Subordination Agreement (Contingent Payment) may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subordination Agreements" means a collective reference to (a) the Subordination Agreement #1, (b) the Subordination Agreement #2, (c) Subordination Agreement #3, (d) Subordination Agreement #4, and (d) any other subordination agreement entered into by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with Indebtedness incurred under Section 7.03(\underline{f})(\underline{i}), as any of the foregoing subordination agreements may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Subsidiary" of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the shares of securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of Borrower.

"Swap Contract" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, shall be hereinafter referred to as a "Master Agreement"), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a)

for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Lender or any Affiliate of a Lender).

"Synthetic Lease Obligation" means the monetary obligation of a Person under (a) a so-called synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (b) an agreement for the use or possession of property creating obligations that do not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the insolvency or bankruptcy of such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).

"Taxes" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Term Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01(a).

"Term Loan Commitment" means, as to each Lender, the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on the portion of Schedule 2.01 describing the Term Loan or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Term Note" means a promissory note made by Borrower in favor of a Lender evidencing the Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Term Loan, substantially in the form of Exhibit "C" attached hereto and made a part hereof, as said promissory note may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented.

"Threshold Amount" means \$500,000.00.

" $\underline{\text{Total Liabilities}}$ " means the sum of (a) current liabilities $\underline{\text{plus}}$ (b) long term liabilities.

"Total Revolving Loan Outstandings" means the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loans and all L/C Obligations.

"Type" means, with respect to a Committed Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan.

"Unfunded Pension Liability." means the excess of a Pension Plan's benefit liabilities under Section 4001 (a)(16) of ERISA, over the current value of that Pension Plan's assets, determined in accordance with the assumptions used for funding the Pension Plan pursuant to Section 412 of the Code for the applicable plan year.

"United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.

"U.S. Dollars" means lawful money of the United States.

" $\underline{Unreimbursed\ Amount}$ " has the meaning specified in $\underline{Section\ 2.03(c)(i)}$.

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" of the Borrower means a Subsidiary of which the Borrower owns, directly or indirectly through another Subsidiary, ninety-five percent (95%) or more of the issued and

outstanding capital stock or other equity interests.

- 1.02 Other Interpretive Provisions. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:
- (a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The word "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "herein," "hereof and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "asset' and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and
- (b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including."
 - (c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.03 Accounting Terms

- (a) <u>Generally.</u> All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied on a consistent basis, as in effect from time to time, applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Audited Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein.
- (b) Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, Agent, Lenders and Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); provided that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) Borrower shall provide to Agent and Lenders financial statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

- (c) Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. All references herein to consolidated financial statements of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries or to the determination of any amount for Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis or any similar reference shall, in each case, be deemed to include each variable interest entity that Borrower is required to consolidate pursuant to FASB Interpretation No. 46—Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities: an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (January 2003) as if such variable interest entity were a Subsidiary as defined herein.
- **1.04** Rounding. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by Borrower pursuant to 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-up if there is no nearest number).
 - 1.05 Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).
- 1.06 Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; provided, however, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum stated amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum stated amount is in effect at such time.
- 1.07 Interpretation and Construction of Exceptions/Carveouts to Article VII Negative Covenants. In connection with the exceptions/carveouts to the negative covenants set forth and described in Article VII of this Agreement, each such exceptions/carveouts shall be available as described therein independent of, and separate, distinct, and apart from, any other such exceptions/carveouts, including, without limitation, any other exceptions/carveouts expressly set forth and described within the same section of said Article VII. Other than the carveout for additional Investments described in Section 7.02(f) of this Agreement, any and all such exceptions/carveouts which make reference to an aggregate dollar amount (i.e., a "basket") shall be deemed to permit to remain outstanding subsequent to the Closing Date, however, such aggregate dollar amount (i.e., a "basket") shall be deemed to be inclusive of, and not in addition to, the aggregate dollar amount of each such exceptions/carveouts which may have been previously incurred and which is currently outstanding as of the Closing Date.

1.08 Exchange Rates; Currency Equivalents.

- (a) The Canadian Lender shall determine the Spot Rate as of each Revaluation Date to be used for calculating Canadian Dollar Equivalent amounts of Canadian Loans and Outstanding Canadian Dollar Loan Amounts. Such Spot Rates shall become effective as of such Revaluation Date and shall be the Spot Rates employed in converting any amounts between the applicable currencies until the next Revaluation Date to
- (b) Wherever in this Agreement in connection with a Canadian Loan, conversion, continuation or prepayment of a Canadian Loan, an amount, such as a required minimum or multiple amount, is expressed in U.S. Dollars, but such Loan is a Canadian Dollar, with 0.50 of a unit being rounded upward).

ARTICLE II. THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

2.01 Loans

(a) <u>Term Loan</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make a term loan (hereinafter each such loan shall be referred to as a "<u>Term Loan</u>") to Borrower on the Closing Date in an amount equal to the amount of such Lender's Term Loan Commitment, and to execute and deliver to each such Lender a Term Note. Term Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein, and the Borrower shall execute and deliver a Term Note to each Lender requesting a Term Note. Once repaid or prepaid, the Term Loan may not be re-borrowed.

(b) Revolving Loans. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make certain revolving loans (hereinafter each such revolving loan shall be referred to as a "Revolving Loan") to Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment; provided, however, that after giving effect to any Borrowing of a Revolving Loan, (i) the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, and (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loans of any Lender, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all L/C Obligations shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment. Within the limits of each Lender's Revolving Loan Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.01(b), prepay under Section 2.05, and reborrow under this Section 2.01(b). The Revolving Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein, and the Borrower shall execute and deliver a Revolving Note to each Lender requesting a Revolving Note.

(c) <u>Canadian Loans</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Canadian Lender (and not any of the other Lenders) agrees to make certain Canadian Dollar denominated revolving loans (hereinafter each such Canadian Dollar denominated revolving loans shall be referred to as a "<u>Canadian Dollar Loans</u>" and collectively, all of such Canadian Dollar denominated revolving loans shall be referred to as "<u>Canadian Dollar Loans</u>") to Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of the Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment and solely in Canadian Dollars and in no other currency. Within the limits of the Canadian Lender's Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, Borrower may borrow under this <u>Section 2.01(c)</u>, prepay under <u>Section 2.05</u>, and reborrow under this <u>Section 2.01(c)</u>. The Canadian Dollar Loans shall be Eurodollar Rate Loans (and may not be Base Rate Loans), as further provided herein, and the Borrower shall execute and deliver a Canadian Dollar Loan Note to the Canadian Lender if the Canadian Lender so requires one. No Lender other than the Canadian Lender shall have any obligation to make or fund all or any portion of Canadian Dollar Loans or to purchase participations in Canadian Dollar Loans from the Canadian Lender, the Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment being <u>solely</u> the responsibility and commitment of the Canadian Lender.

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Committed Loans.

(a) Each Committed Borrowing, each conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, and each continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be made upon Borrower's irrevocable notice to Agent, which may be given by telephone. Each such notice must be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing of, conversion to or

continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans denominated in U.S. Dollars or of any conversion of Eurodollar Rate Loans denominated in U.S. Dollars to Base Rate Loans. (ii) four Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars, and (iii) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. Each telephonic notice by Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.02(a) must be confirmed promptly by delivery to Agent of a written Committed Loan Notice, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower. Each Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000.00 or a whole multiple of \$100,000.00 or a whole multiple of \$100,000.00 in excess thereof. Each Committed Loan Notice (whether telephonic or written) shall specify (i) whether Borrower is requesting a Committed Borrowing, a conversion of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, (ii) the requested date of the Borrowing, conversion or continuation, as the case may be (which shall be a Business Day), (iii) the principal amount of Committed Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Committed Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Committed Loans are to be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If Borrower fails to specify a Type of Committed Loan in a Committed Loan Notice or if Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the applicable Committed Loans shall be made as, or converted to, Base Rate Loans. Any such automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans in any such Committed Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month.

(b) Following receipt of a Committed Loan Notice for any Loan other than a Canadian Dollar Loan, Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Committed Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by Borrower, Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in the preceding subsection. In the case of a Committed Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Committed Loan available to Agent in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Committed Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 4.01), Agent shall make all funds so received available to Borrower in like funds as received by Agent either by (i) crediting the account of Borrower on the books of Bank of America with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) Agent by Borrower; provided, however, that if, on the date the Committed Loan Notice with respect to such Borrowing is given by Borrower, there are L/C Borrowings outstanding, then the proceeds of such Borrowing first, shall be applied, to the payment in full of any such L/C Borrowings, and second, shall be made available to Borrower as provided above. Following receipt of a Committed Loan Notice for any Canadian Dollar Loan, Agent shall promptly notify the Canadian Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in the preceding subsection. The Canadian Lender shall make the amount of the Canadian Dollar Loans available to Agent in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Committed Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Se

- (c) Except as otherwise provided herein, a Eurodollar Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of an Interest Period for such Eurodollar Rate Loan. During the existence of a Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as Eurodollar Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders, and the Required Lenders may demand that any or all of the then outstanding Eurodollar Rate Loans be converted immediately to Base Rate Loans and Borrower agrees to pay all amounts due under Section 3.05 in accordance with the terms thereof due to any such conversion.
 - (d) Agent shall promptly notify Borrower and Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for Eurodollar Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate.
- (e) After giving effect to all Committed Borrowings, all conversions of Committed Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Committed Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than four (4) Interest Periods in effect with respect to Committed Loans.

2.03 Letters of Credit

(a) The Letter of Credit Commitment.

(i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) the L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03. (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Closing Date until the L/C Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Borrower, and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with subsection (b) below, and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit; and (B) the Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit issued for the account of Borrower and any drawings thereunder, provided that the Lenders shall have no obligation to issue a Letter of Credit unless after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, (x) the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, (y) the aggregate Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all Revolving Loan Amount of all L/C Obligations, plus such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the Term Loan shall not exceed such Lender's Commitment, and (z) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the L/C Sublimit. Each request by Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by Borrower that the L/C Credit Extension so requested complies with the conditions set forth in the proviso to the preceding sentence. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be deemed to have been drawn upon and reimbursed. The Existing Letter of Credit shall be deemed to have been drawn upon and reimbursed. The Existing Letter of Credit shall be deemed to have been drawn upon and reimbursed. The Existing Letter of Credit shall be deemed to have been drawn upon and reimbursed.

- (ii) The L/C Issuer shall not issue any Letter of Credit, if:
- (A) subject to Section 2.03(b)(iv), the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur more than twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or last extension, unless the Required Lenders have approved such expiry date; or
 - (B) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the L/C Expiration Date, unless all the Lenders have approved such expiry date.
 - (iii) The L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

- (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the L/C Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to the L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or request that the L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (for which the L/C Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon the L/C Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Closing Date and which in each case the L/C Issuer in good faith deems material to it;
- (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally, a copy of which policies has previously been provided to the Borrower or is provided in connection with the Borrower's L/C Application
- (C) except as otherwise agreed by Agent and the L/C Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$10,000.00, in the case of a commercial Letter of Credit, or \$100,000.00, in the case of a standby Letter of Credit;
 - (D) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than Dollars;
- (E) a default of any Lender's obligations to fund under Section 2.03(c) exists or any Lender is at such time (1) a Defaulting Lender hereunder or (2) a Lender as to which (x) the L/C Issuer has a good faith belief that such Lender has defaulted in fulfilling its obligations under one or more other syndicated credit facilities or (y) an entity that controls such Lender has been deemed insolvent or become subject to a bankruptcy or other similar proceeding, unless in any such event the L/C Issuer has entered into arrangements (satisfactory to the L/C Issuer) with Borrower or such Lender to eliminate the L/C Issuer's risk with respect to such Lender, including, without limitation, the posting of cash collateral or other security with respect to such Lender's obligations in connection with such Letter of Credit; or
 - (F) unless specifically provided for in this Agreement, such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the stated amount after any drawing thereunder.
 - (iv) The L/C Issuer shall not amend any Letter of Credit if the L/C Issuer would not be permitted at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof.
- (v) The L/C Issuer shall be under no obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) the L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to such Letter of Credit.
- (vi) The L/C Issuer shall act on behalf of the Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith, and the L/C Issuer shall have all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to Agent in Article IX with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the L/C Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" or "Agent" as used in Article IX included the L/C Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the L/C Issuer.

(b) Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto-Extension Letters of Credit.

- (i) Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, upon the request of Borrower delivered to the L/C Issuer (with a copy to Agent) in the form of a L/C Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower. Such L/C Application must be received by the L/C Issuer and Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least two Business Days (or such later date and time as Agent and the L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be. In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such L/C Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the L/C Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; and (G) such other matters as the L/C Issuer reasonably may require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such L/C Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the L/C Issuer (1) the Letter of Credit to be amended, (2) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day), (3) the nature of the proposed amendment and (4) such other matters as the L/C Issuer reasonably may require. Sorrower shall furnish to the L/C Issuer and Agent such other documents and information pertaining to such requested Letter of Credit issuance or amendment, including any Issuer Documents, as the L/C Issuer or Agent reasonably may require.
- (ii) Promptly after receipt of any L/C Application at the address set forth in Section 10.02, the L/C Issuer will confirm with Agent (by telephone or in writing) that Agent has received a copy of such L/C Application from Borrower and, if not, the L/C Issuer will provide Agent with a copy thereof. Unless the L/C Issuer has received written notice from any Lender, Agent or any Loan Party, at least one Business Day prior to the requested date of issuance or amendment of the applicable Letter of Credit, that one or more applicable conditions contained in Article IV shall not then be satisfied, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the L/C Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Letter of Credit for the account of Borrower or enter into the applicable amendment, as the case may be, in each case in accordance with the L/C Issuer's usual and customary business practices. Immediately upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the L/C Issuer a risk participation in such Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Letter of Credit.
- (iii) Promptly after its delivery of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit to an advising bank with respect thereto or to the beneficiary thereof, the L/C Issuer will also deliver to Borrower and Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.
- (iv) If Borrower so requests in any applicable L/C Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions (hereinafter each such Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions shall be referred to as an "Auto-Extension Letter of Credit"); provided that any such Auto-Extension Letter of Credit must permit the L/C Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each twelve-month period (commencing with the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof not later than a day (hereinafter referred to as the "Non-Extension Notice Date") in each such twelve-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the L/C Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the L/C Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than the L/C Expiration Date; provided, however, that the L/C Issuer shall not permit any

such extension if (A) the L/C Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted, or would have no obligation, at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of clause (ii) or (iii) of Section 2.03(a) or otherwise), or (B) it has received notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is five Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date (1) from Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such extension or (2) from Agent, any Lender or Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.02 is not then satisfied, and in each such case directing the L/C Issuer not to permit such extension.

(v) If Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit that permits the automatic reinstatement of all or a portion of the stated amount thereof after any drawing thereunder (hereinafter each such Letter of Credit that permits the automatic reinstatement of all or a portion of the stated amount thereof after any drawing thereunder shall be referred to as an "Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit"). Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the L/C Issuer to permit such reinstatement. Once an Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit has been issued, except as provided in the following sentence, the Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the L/C Issuer to reinstate all or a portion of the stated amount thereof in accordance with the provisions of such Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary, if such Auto-Reinstatement Letter of Credit permits the L/C Issuer to decline to reinstate all or any portion of the stated amount thereof after a drawing thereunder by giving notice of such non-reinstatement within a specified number of days after such drawing (hereinafter referred to as the "Non-Reinstatement Deadline"), the L/C Issuer shall not permit such reinstatement if it has received a notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is five Business Days before the Non-Reinstatement Deadline (A) from Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such reinstatement or (B) from Agent, any Lender or Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.02 is not then satisfied (treating such reinstatement

(c) Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations.

(i) Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of a drawing under such Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall notify Borrower and Agent thereof. Not later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of any payment by the L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit (hereinafter each such date shall be referred to as an "Honor Date"), Borrower shall reimburse the L/C Issuer through Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing. If Borrower fails to so reimburse the L/C Issuer by such time, Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of the Honor Date, the amount of the unreimbursed drawing (hereinafter referred to as the "Unreimbursed Amount"), and the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage thereof. In such event, Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans to be disbursed on the Honor Date in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in Section 2.02 for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the amount of the unutilized portion of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than the delivery of a Committed Loan Notice). Any notice given by the L/C Issuer or Agent pursuant to this Section 2.03(c)(i) may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing; provided that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice.

(ii) Each Lender shall upon any notice pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) make funds available to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer at the Agent's Office in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in such notice by Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of Section 2.03(c)(iii), each

Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to Borrower in such amount. Agent shall remit the funds so received to the L/C Issuer.

- (iii) With respect to any Unreimbursed Amount that is not fully refinanced by a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans because the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 cannot be satisfied or for any other reason, Borrower shall be deemed to have incurred from the L/C Issuer an L/C Borrowing in the amount of the Unreimbursed Amount that is not so refinanced, which L/C Borrowing shall be due and payable on demand (together with interest) and shall bear interest at the Default Rate. In such event, each Lender's payment to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(ii) shall be deemed payment in respect of its participation in such L/C Borrowing and shall constitute an L/C Advance from such Lender in satisfaction of its participation obligation under this Section 2.03.
- (iv) Until each Lender funds its Committed Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) to reimburse the L/C Issuer for any amount drawn under any Letter of Credit, interest in respect of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such amount shall be solely for the account of the L/C Issuer.
- (v) Each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse the L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this Section 2.03(c), shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the L/C Issuer, Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that each Lender's obligation to make Committed Loans pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than delivery by Borrower of a Committed Loan Notice). No such making of an L/C Advance shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for the amount of any payment made by the L/C Issuer under any Letter of Credit, together with interest as provided herein.
- (vi) If any Lender fails to make available to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 2.03(c) (b) by the time specified in Section 2.03(c)(ii), the L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through Agent), on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to the L/C Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the L/C Issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the L/C Issuer in connection with the foregoing. If such Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Committed Loan included in the relevant Committed Borrowing or L/C Advance in respect of the relevant L/C Borrowing, as the case may be. A certificate of the L/C Issuer submitted to any Lender (through Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (vi) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(d) Repayment of Participations

(i) At any time after the L/C Issuer has made a payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any Lender such Lender's L/C Advance in respect of such payment in accordance with Section 2.03(c), if Agent receives for the account of the L/C Issuer any payment in respect of the related Unreimbursed Amount or interest thereon (whether directly from Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by Agent), Agent will distribute to such Lender its

Applicable Percentage thereof in the same funds as those received by Agent.

- (ii) If any payment received by Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in Section 10.05 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Lender, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of Lenders under this clause (ii) shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.
- (e) Obligations Absolute. The obligation of Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:
 - (i) any lack of validity or enforceability of such Letter of Credit, this Agreement, or any other Loan Document;
- (ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that Borrower may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), the L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;
- (iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;
- (iv) any payment by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by the L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law; or
- (v) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, Borrower

Borrower shall promptly examine a copy of each Letter of Credit and each amendment thereto that is delivered to it and, in the event of any claim of noncompliance with Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, Borrower will promptly notify the L/C Issuer. Borrower shall be conclusively deemed to have waived any such claim against the L/C Issuer and its correspondents unless such notice is given as aforesaid.

(f) Role of L/C Issuer. Each Lender and Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall not have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by the Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering

any such document. None of the L/C Issuer, Agent, any of their respective Related Parties or any correspondent, participant or assignee of the L/C Issuer shall be liable to any Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable, (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document. Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferee with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; provided, however, that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude Borrower's pursuing such rights and remedies as it may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the L/C Issuer, Agent, any of their respective Related Parties or any correspondent, participant or assignee of the L/C Issuer, shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in clauses (i) through (v) of Section 2.03(e); provided, however, that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, Borrower may have a claim against the L/C Issuer, and the L/C Issuer may be liable to Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by Borrower which Borrower proves were caused by the L/C Issuer's willful misconduct or gross negligence or the L/C Issuer's willful failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the beneficiary of a sight draft and certificates) strictly complying with the terms and conditions of a Letter of Credit. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the L/C Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in order, without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, and th

(g) <u>Cash Collateral</u>. Upon the request of Agent, (i) if the L/C Issuer has honored any full or partial drawing request under any Letter of Credit and such drawing has resulted in an L/C Borrowing, or (ii) if, as of the L/C Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, Borrower shall, in each case, immediately Cash Collateralize the then Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of all L/C Obligations. Sections 2.05 and 8.02(c) set forth certain additional requirements to deliver Cash Collateral hereunder. For purposes hereof, "Cash Collateralize" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, as collateral for the L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances pursuant to documentation in form and substance satisfactory to Agent and the L/C Issuer (which documents are hereby consented to by Lenders). Derivatives of such term have corresponding meanings. Borrower hereby grants to Agent, for the benefit of the L/C Issuer and Lenders, a security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein and all proceeds of the foregoing. Cash collateral shall be maintained in blocked, interest bearing deposit accounts at Bank of America.

(h) <u>Applicability of ISP and UCP</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the L/C Issuer and Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued (including any such agreement applicable to the Existing Letter of Credit), (i) the rules of the ISP shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as most recently published by the International Chamber of Commerce at the time of issuance shall apply to each commercial Letter of Credit.

(i) <u>L/C Fees</u>. Borrower shall pay to Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage an L/C fee (hereinafter referred to as the "<u>L/C Fee</u>") for each standby Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Rate <u>times</u> the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined In accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. L/C Fees shall be (1) due and payable on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September

and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the L/C Expiration Date and thereafter on demand and (ii) computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, all L/C Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.

- (j) Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuer. Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee (i) with respect to each commercial Letter of Credit at the rate specified in the Agent Fee Letter, computed on the amount of such Letter of Credit, and payable upon the issuance thereof, (ii) with respect to any amendment of a commercial Letter of Credit increasing the amount of such Letter of Credit, at a rate separately agreed between Borrower and the L/C Issuer, computed on the amount of such increase, and payable upon the effectiveness of such amendment, and (iii) with respect to each Letter of Credit, at the rate per annum specified in the Agent Fee Letter, computed on the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit and on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such fronting fee shall be due and payable on the tenth Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, in respect of the most recently-ended quarterly period (or portion thereof, in the case of the first payment), commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the L/C Expiration Date and thereafter on demand. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with Section 1.06. In addition, Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account the reasonable and customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges of the L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such individual customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.
 - (k) Conflict with Issuer Documents. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Documents, the terms hereof shall govern and control.

2.04 Repayment of Loans

- (a) Borrower shall repay to Lenders on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans outstanding on such date. In addition, Borrower shall repay to the Canadian Lender on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of all Canadian Dollar Loans outstanding on such date.
- (b) The Borrower shall repay to the Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders the amount of the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loan as follows (with adjustment for any prepayments made under Section 2.05), each such payment to be made on the last Business Day of the applicable quarterly period:

Quarter Ending	Payment
October 31, 2009; January 31, 2010; April 30, 2010; and July 31, 2010	\$ 1,500,000.00
October 31, 2010; January 31, 2011; April 30, 2011; and July 31, 2011	\$ 2,000,000.00

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October 31, 2011; January 31, 2012; and April 30, 2012 \$ 2,750,000.00

provided that on the Maturity Date, all Loans outstanding on such date shall be repaid in full.

2 05 Prenayments

- (a) Borrower may, upon notice to Agent, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay the Term Loan, Revolving Loans, or Canadian Dollar Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that such notice must be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans denominated in U.S. Dollars and (ii) four Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans denominated in Canadian Dollars. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Committed Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. Agent will promptly notify each Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such prepayment. If such notice is given by Borrower, Borrower shall make such prepayment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Each such prepayment shall be applied to the Committed Loans of Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.
- (b) If for any reason the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings at any time exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments then in effect, Borrower shall immediately prepay Revolving Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; provided, however, that Borrower shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this Section 2.05 unless after the prepayment in full of the Revolving Loans the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments then in effect.
- (c) Until such time as the Funded Debt Leverage Ratio is less than 2.0 -to- 1.0, on or before October 1st of each year, beginning in 2010, Borrower shall prepay to Agent, for the ratable account of the Lenders, an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of Free Cash Flow for the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided, however, if the financial statements delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.01(a) and the Compliance Certificate delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.02(a) evidence the Borrower's satisfaction of the financial covenants set forth and contained in Section 6.12 through the fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, the prepayment required under this Section 2.05(c) shall be the lesser of (i) twenty-five (25%) percent of Free Cash Flow for the immediately preceding fiscal year or (ii) \$1,500,000.00.
 - (d) All prepayments under this Section 2.05 shall be applied to installments due under the Term Loan in the inverse order of their maturity.
- 2.06 <u>Termination or Reduction of Commitments</u>. Borrower may, upon notice to Agent, terminate the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments; provided that (a) any such notice shall be received by Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. five Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (b) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$5,000,000.00 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000.00 in excess thereof, (c) Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Aggregate Revolving

Loan Commitments if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings would exceed the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, and (d) if, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments, the L/C Sublimit exceeds the amount of such excess. Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any such notice of termination or reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments. Any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments shall be applied to the Revolving Loan Commitment of each Lender according to its Applicable Percentage. All fees accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

2 07 Interest

- (a) Subject to the provisions of <u>subsection (b)</u> below, (i) each Eurodollar Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate and (ii) each Base Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate.
- (b) (i) If any amount of principal of any Loan is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (ii) If any amount (other than principal of any Loan) payable by Borrower under any Loan Document is not paid when due (without regard to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, then upon the request of the Required Lenders, such amount shall thereafter bear interest at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
- (iii) Upon the request of the Required Lenders, while any Event of Default exists, Borrower shall pay interest on the principal amount of all outstanding Obligations hereunder at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.
 - (iv) Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.
- (c) Interest on each Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.
- (d) For the purposes of the Interest Act (Canada), (i) whenever a rate of interest or fee rate hereunder is calculated on the basis of a year (the "deemed year") that contains fewer days than the actual number of days in the calendar year of calculation, such rate of interest or fee rate shall be expressed as a yearly rate by multiplying such rate of interest or fee rate by the actual number of days in the calendar year of calculation and dividing it by the number of days in the deemed year, (ii) the principle of deemed reinvestment of interest shall not apply to any interest calculation hereunder and (iii) the rates of interest stipulated herein are intended to be nominal rates and not effective rates or yields.

2.08 Fees. In addition to certain fees described in subsections (i) and (j) of Section 2.03:

- (a) Commitment Fee Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments. Borrower shall pay to Agent for the account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, a commitment fee equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments exceed the sum of (i) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of Revolving Loans plus (ii) the Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount of L/C Obligations, calculated on the basis of a 360-day year and the number of actual days elapsed. The commitment fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The commitment fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect.
- (b) Commitment Fee Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment. Borrower shall pay to Agent for the sole account of the Canadian Lender, a commitment fee equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount by which the Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment exceeds the Outstanding Canadian Dollar Loan Amount of Canadian Dollar Loans calculated on the basis of a 360-day year and the number of actual days elapsed. The commitment fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in Article IV is not met, and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The commitment fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect.
- (c) Other Fees. The Borrower shall pay (i) to the Lead Arranger and the Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times specified in the Agent Fee Letter and (ii) to any other arranger fees in such amounts and at such times as are agreed upon between such arranger and the Borrower. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.
- 2.09 Computation of Interest and Fees. All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans when the Base Rate is determined by Bank of America's "prime rate" shall be made on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365-day year). Interest shall accrue on each Loan for the day on which the Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Loan or such portion is paid, provided that any Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to Section 2.11(a), bear interest for one day. Each determination by Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

2.10 Evidence of Debt

(a) The Credit Extensions made by each Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by such Lender and by Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of

the Credit Extensions made by Lenders to Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Lender and the accounts and records of Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through Agent, Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through Agent) a Note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Lender may attach schedules to its Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.

(b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in <u>subsection (a)</u>, each Lender and Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Lender of participations in Letters of Credit. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.11 Payments Generally; Agent's Clawback

(a) (i) <u>General</u>. All payments to be made by Borrower shall be made without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by Borrower hereunder with respect to other than Canadian Dollar Loans shall be made to Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 12:00 noon on the dates specified herein. Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by Borrower hereunder with respect to principal and interest on Canadian Dollar Loans shall be made to the Agent, for the account of the Canadian Lender, at the Agent's Office in Canadian Dollars and in Same Day Funds not later than 12:00 noon on the dates specified herein. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all payments due under this Agreement shall be made in the United States. All payments received by Agent after 12:00 noon shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fees shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

(ii) On each date when the payment of any principal, interest or fees are due hereunder or under any Note, Borrower agrees to maintain on deposit in an ordinary checking account maintained by Borrower with Agent (hereinafter, as such account shall be designated by Borrower in a written notice to Agent from time to time, referred to as the "Borrower Account") an amount sufficient to pay such principal, interest or fees in full on such date. Borrower hereby authorizes Agent (A) to deduct automatically all principal, interest or fees when due hereunder or under any Note from the Borrower Account, and (B) if and to the extent any payment of principal, interest or fees under this Agreement or any Note is not made when due to deduct any such amount from any or all of the accounts of Borrower maintained at Agent. Agent agrees to provide written notice to Borrower of any automatic deduction made pursuant to this Section 2.11(a)(ii), showing in reasonable detail the amounts of such deduction. Lenders agree to reimburse Borrower promptly based on their Applicable Percentage for any amounts deducted from such accounts in excess of amount due hereunder and under any other Loan Documents. Borrower's failure to deposit funds into the Borrower Account as required under the terms of this Agreement in no way relieves Borrower of its obligation to make any payment due under the terms of this Agreement on such date.

- (b) (i) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by Agent. Unless Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Committed Borrowing of Eurodollar Rate Loans (or, in the case of any Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Committed Borrowing) that such Lender will not make available to Agent such Lender's share of such Committed Borrowing, Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.02 (or, in the case of a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by Section 2.02) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing available to Agent, then the applicable Lender and Borrower severally agree to pay to Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by Agent in connection with the foregoing and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to Agent for the same or an overlapping period, Agent shall promptly remit to Borrower the amount of such interest paid by Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Committed Borrowing to Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Revolving Loan included in such Committed Borrowing. Any payment by Borrower shall be without pre
- (ii) <u>Payments by Borrower; Presumptions by Agent</u>. Unless Agent shall have received notice from Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to Agent for the account of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer hereunder that Borrower will not make such payment, Agent may assume that Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation. A notice of Agent to any Lender or Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this <u>subsection (b)</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.
- (c) Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent. If any Lender makes available to Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Article II. and such funds are not made available to Borrower by Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in Article IV are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Lender) to such Lender, without interest.
- (d) <u>Obligations of Lenders Several</u>. The obligations of Lenders hereunder to make Committed Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments under <u>Section 10.04(c)</u> are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Committed Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under <u>Section 10.04(c)</u> on any date required hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to so make its Committed Loan, purchase its participation or to make its payment under <u>Section 10.04(e)</u>.
 - (e) Funding Source. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Lender to obtain the

funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Loan in any particular place or manner.

- 2.12 Sharing of Payments. If any Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of any principal of or interest on any of the Committed Loans made by it, or the participations in L/C Obligations held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Committed Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its pro rata share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Committed Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued interest on their respective Committed Loans and other amounts owing them, provided that:
- (i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and
- (ii) the provisions of this Section 2.12 shall not be construed to apply to (A) any payment made by Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (B) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Committed Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations to any assignee or participant, other than to Borrower or any Subsidiary thereof (as to which the provisions of this Section shall apply).

Each Loan Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable Law, that any Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Loan Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of such Loan Party in the amount of such participation. Notwithstanding any term, condition or provision of this <u>Section 2.12</u> or any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, any payment or other amount received by the L/C Issuer from cash or deposit account balances used to Cash Collateralize obligations of a Lender to the L/C Issuer, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of <u>Section 2.03(a)(iii)(E)</u> shall be the for the sole benefit of the L/C Issuer and shall not be subject to the sharing provisions of this <u>Section 2.12</u>.

ARTICLE III. TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 Taxes

(a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>. Any and all payments by Borrower to or on account of any obligation of Borrower hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, provided that if Borrower shall be required by any applicable law to deduct any Indemnified Taxes (including any Other Taxes) from such payments, then, (i) the sum payable shall be increased as necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 3.01</u>), Agent, Lender or L/C Issuer, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) Borrower shall make such deductions, and (iii) Borrower shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law.

(b) Payment of Other Taxes by Borrower. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a)

above, Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law.

- (c) <u>Indemnification by Borrower</u>. Borrower shall indemnify Agent, each Lender and the L/C Issuer, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) paid by Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to Borrower by a Lender or the L/C Issuer (with a copy to Agent), or by Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (d) <u>Status of Lenders</u>. Any Lender, if requested by Borrower or Agent, shall deliver such documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by Borrower or Agent as will enable Borrower or Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements.
- (e) <u>Treatment of Certain Refunds</u>. If Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer has received a refund of any Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by Borrower or with respect to which Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay to Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by Borrower under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses and net of any loss or gain realized in the conversion of such funds from or to another currency incurred by Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that Borrower, upon the request of Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer, agrees to repay the amount paid over to Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to Agent, such Lender or the L/C Issuer is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This subsection shall not be construed to require Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to Borrower or any other Person.
- 3.02 Illegality. If any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Eurodollar Rate Loans, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the applicable interbank market, then, on notice thereof by such Lender to Borrower through Agent, any obligation of such Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Rate Loans in the affected currency or currencies or to convert Base Rate Loans to Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended until such Lender notifies Agent and Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all Eurodollar Rate Loans of such Lender to Base Rate Loans, either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans. Notwithstanding the foregoing to the contrary and despite the illegality for such a Lender to make, maintain or fund Eurodollar Rate Loans, that Lender shall remain committed to make Base Rate Loans and shall be entitled to recover interest thereon at the Base Rate. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted and all amounts due under Section 3.05 in accordance with the terms thereof due to such prepayment or

conversion

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates.

(a) If the Agent determines that for any reason in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof that (i) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the applicable offshore interbank eurodollar market for such currency for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Eurodollar Rate Loan, (ii) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the Eurodollar Base Rate, or (iii) the Eurodollar Base Rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding or maintaining such Loan, Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans in the affected currency or currencies shall be suspended until the Administrative Agent (upon the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans in the affected currency or currencies or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Committed Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein.

(b) If the Required Lenders determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the Borrower) that the Eurodollar Base Rate will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (as conclusively certified by such Lenders) of making or maintaining their affected Loans, the Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower and the Lenders as soon as practicable thereafter. Upon delivery of such notice and until such time as the Eurodollar Base Rate does adequately and fairly reflect such costs (and the Lenders shall provide notice to the Agent and the Borrower within five (5) Business Days of such time), the Market Disruption Spread shall be included in the calculation of the Eurodollar Base Rate.

3.04 Increased Costs

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law applicable to the Lender or the L/C Issuer shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender (except any reserve requirement reflected in the Eurodollar Rate) or the L/C Issuer;
- (ii) subject any Lender or the L/C Issuer to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any participation in a Letter of Credit or any Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender or the L/C Issuer in respect thereof (except for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes covered by Section 3.01 and the imposition of, or any change in the rate of, any Excluded Tax payable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer); or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Rate Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Lender of making or maintaining any Eurodollar Rate Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Lender or the L/C Issuer of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the

amount of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, Borrower will pay to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender or the L/C Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any Lending Office of such Lender or such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by the L/C Issuer, to a level below that which such Lender or the L/C Issuer or the L/C Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer's rot the L/C Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Lender or the L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or the L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in <u>subsection (a) or (b)</u> of this <u>Section 3.04</u> and delivered to Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Borrower shall pay such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) days after receipt thereof.
- (d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or the L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 3.04</u> shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, provided that Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 3.04</u> for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- 3.05 Compensation for Losses. Upon demand of any Lender (with a copy to Agent) from time to time, Borrower shall promptly compensate such Lender for and hold such Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:
- (a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise); or
- (b) any failure by Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by Borrower,

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Loan or from fees payable to terminate the

deposits from which such funds were obtained. Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing. For purposes of calculating amounts payable by Borrower to Lenders under this Section 3.05, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it at the Eurodollar Base Rate used in determining the Eurodollar Rate for such Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Eurodollar Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 <u>Mitigation Obligations</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, or Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u>, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

3.07 Survival. All of Borrower's obligations under this Article III shall survive termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

ARTICLE IV. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

- 4.01 Conditions of Initial Credit Extension. The obligation of the L/C Issuer and each Lender to make its initial Credit Extension hereunder is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
- (a) Agent's receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or telecopies (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date) and each in form and substance satisfactory to Agent and each of the Lenders:
 - (i) executed counterparts of this Agreement, all Collateral Documents and the Guaranty, sufficient in number for distribution to Agent, each Lender and Borrower;
 - (ii) Notes executed by Borrower in favor of each Lender requesting such Notes;
- (iii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of each Loan Party as Agent may require evidencing the identity, authority and capacity of each Responsible Officer thereof authorized to act as a Responsible Officer in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party;
- (iv) such documents and certifications as Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and that each Loan Party is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, except to the extent that failure to

do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

- (v) a favorable opinion of counsel to the Loan Parties acceptable to Agent addressed to Agent and each Lender, as to the matters set forth concerning the Loan Parties and the Loan Documents in form and substance acceptable to Agent;
- (vi) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party either (A) attaching copies of all consents, licenses and approvals required in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by such Loan Party and the validity against such Loan Party of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and such consents, licenses and approvals shall be in full force and effect, or (B) stating that no such consents, licenses or approvals are so required;
 - (vii) evidence that all insurance required to be maintained pursuant to the Loan Documents has been obtained and is in effect;
 - (viii) a duly completed Compliance Certificate as of the last day of the fiscal quarter of Borrower most recently ended prior to the Closing Date, signed by a Responsible Officer of Borrower;
 - (ix) a forecast for the Borrower's fiscal year ending May 31, 2009, in the same format as required for the 2010 fiscal year forecast, all as described in Section 6.01(c); and
 - (x) such other assurances, certificates, documents, consents or opinions as Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Required Lenders reasonably may require.
 - (b) Any fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid.
- (c) Unless waived by Agent, Borrower shall have paid the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Agent (directly to such counsel if requested by Agent) to the extent invoiced prior to or on the Closing Date, plus such additional amounts of such fees, charges and disbursements as shall constitute its reasonable estimate of such fees, charges and disbursements incurred or to be incurred by it through the closing proceedings (provided that such estimate shall not thereafter preclude a final settling of accounts between Borrower and Agent).

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of Section 9.04, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this Section 4.01, 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 Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

- 4.02 Conditions to all Credit Extensions. The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension is subject to the following conditions precedent:
- (a) The representations and warranties of Borrower and each other Loan Party contained in <u>Article V</u> or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct on and as of the date of such Credit Extension, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this <u>Section 4.02</u>, the representations and warranties contained in <u>subsections (a)</u> and (b) of <u>Section 5.05</u> shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to <u>clauses (a)</u> and (b), respectively, of <u>Section 6.01</u>.

- (b) No Default shall exist, or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof.
- (c) Agent and, if applicable, the L/C Issuer shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof.
- (d) Agent shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to it, such other assurances, certificates, documents or consents related to the foregoing as Agent or the Required Lenders reasonably may require. Each Request for Credit Extension submitted by Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in Sections 4.02(a) and (b) have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE V. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Borrower represents and warrants to Agent and the Lenders that:

- **5.01** Existence, Qualification and Power. Each Loan Party (a) is duly organized or formed, validly existing and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clauses (b)(i) or (c) above, to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.02 <u>Authorization</u>; <u>No Contravention</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is party, have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and do not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any Contractual Obligation to which such Person or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject; or (c) violate any applicable Law except in the case of <u>subsections (b)</u> and (c) where such breach, contravention or payment could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.03** <u>Governmental Authorization</u>; <u>Other Consents</u>. No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party of this Agreement or any other Loan Document except for such filings as may be necessary to perfect the security interest of the Agent in the Collateral.
- **5.04** Binding Effect. This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered hereunder, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms.

5.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect; No Internal Control Event.

- (a) (i) The Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; (ii) fairly present the financial condition of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (iii) show all material indebtedness and other liabilities, direct or contingent, of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof, including liabilities for taxes, material commitments and Indebtedness.
- (b) The unaudited consolidated balance sheets of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries dated February 28, 2009, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended on that date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present the financial condition of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments.
 - (c) Since the date of the Audited Financial Statements, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) To the best knowledge of Borrower, other than as set forth in Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of the Borrower, as filed on September 15, 2008 with the SEC, no Internal Control Event exists or has occurred since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has resulted in or could reasonably be expected to result in a misstatement in any material respect, in any financial information delivered or to be delivered to Agent or Lenders, of (i) covenant compliance calculations provided hereunder or (ii) the assets, liabilities, financial condition or results of operations of Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis
- (e) The forecasted balance sheet and statements of income and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.01(c)</u>, were prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were fair in light of the conditions existing at the time of delivery of such forecasts, and represented, at the time of delivery, Borrower's best estimate of its future financial condition and performance.
- 5.06 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of Borrower after due and diligent investigation, threatened or contemplated, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their properties or revenues that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, or (b) except as specifically disclosed in <u>Schedule 5.06</u>, either individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and there has been no adverse change in the status, or financial effect on any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, of the matters described on <u>Schedule 5.06</u>.
- **5.07** No Default. Neither any Loan Party nor any Subsidiary thereof is in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

- **5.08** Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of Borrower and each Subsidiary has good record and marketable title in fee simple to, or valid leasehold interests in, all real property necessary or used in the ordinary conduct of its business, except for such defects in title as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The property of Borrower and its Subsidiaries is subject to no Liens, other than Liens permitted by Section 7.01. including Liens listed on Schedule 7.01.
- **5.09** Environmental Compliance. Borrower and its Subsidiaries conduct in the ordinary course of business a review of the effect of existing Environmental Laws and claims alleging potential liability or responsibility for violation of any Environmental Law on their respective businesses, operations and properties, and as a result thereof Borrower has reasonably concluded that, except as specifically disclosed in Schedule 5.09, such Environmental Laws and claims could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.10** <u>Insurance</u>. The properties of Borrower and its Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of Borrower, in such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance compatible with the following standards), with such deductibles and covering such risks as Borrower reasonably believes appropriate. All insurance with respect to the Collateral shall (a) contain a breach of warranty clause in favor of the Agent, (b) provide that no cancellation, reduction in amount or change in coverage thereof shall be effective until at least 30 days after receipt by the Agent of written notice thereof and (c) be reasonably satisfactory in all material respects to the Agent.
- 5.11 Taxes. Borrower and its Subsidiaries have filed all foreign and domestic Federal, state and other material tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all foreign and domestic Federal, state and other material taxes, assessments, fees and other governmental charges levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed tax assessment against Borrower or any Subsidiary that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.12 ERISA Compliance.

- (a) Each Plan is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state Laws except for any failure to comply which, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the IRS with respect thereto and, to the best knowledge of Borrower, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification. Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate have made all required contributions to each Plan subject to Section 412 of the Code, and no application for a funding waiver or an extension of any amortization period pursuant to Section 412 of the Code has been made with respect to any such Plan.
- (b) There are no pending or, to the best knowledge of Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could be reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) (i) No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) no Pension Plan has any Unfunded Pension Liability in excess of the Threshold Amount; (iii) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA

with respect to any Pension Plan (other than premiums due and not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA); (iv) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability (and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Section 4201 or 4243 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (v) neither Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Section 4069 or 4212(c) of ERISA.

5.13 <u>Subsidiaries</u>. As of the Closing Date, Borrower has no Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed in <u>Part (a)</u> of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>, and the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by a Loan Party in the amounts specified on <u>Part (a)</u> of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> free and clear of all Liens. Borrower has no equity investments in any other corporation or entity other than those specifically disclosed in <u>Part (b)</u> of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in Borrower have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable and are owned by the parties specified and in the amounts specified on <u>Part (c)</u> of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> free and clear of all Liens.

5.14 Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act; Public Utility Holding Company Act.

- (a) Neither Borrower nor any Subsidiary is engaged or will engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the FRB), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock.
- (b) None of Borrower, any Person Controlling Borrower, or any Subsidiary (i) is a "holding company," or a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company," or an "affiliate" of a "holding company" or of a "subsidiary company" of a "holding company," within the meaning of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, or (ii) is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- **5.15** <u>Disclosure</u>. Borrower has disclosed to Agent and Lenders all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is subject, and all other matters known to it, that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- **5.16** Compliance with Laws. Each Loan Party and each Subsidiary thereof is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
 - 5.17 Taxpayer Identification Number. Borrower's true and correct U.S. taxpayer identification number is set forth on Schedule 10.02 attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- **5.18** Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc. Borrower and its Subsidiaries own, or possess the right to use, all of the trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, patents, patent rights, franchises, licenses and other intellectual property rights that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, without conflict with the rights of any other Person. To the best knowledge of Borrower, no slogan or other advertising device, product, process, method, substance, part or other material now employed, or now contemplated to be employed, by Borrower or any Subsidiary infringes

upon any rights held by any other Person. No claim or litigation regarding any of the foregoing is pending or, to the best knowledge of Borrower, threatened, which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.19 <u>Rights in Collateral</u>; <u>Priority of Liens</u>. Borrower and each other Loan Party own the property granted by it as Collateral under the Collateral Documents, free and clear of any and all Liens in favor of third parties, other than Liens permitted under <u>Section 7.01</u>, including Liens set forth on <u>Schedule 7.01</u>. Upon the proper filing of UCC financing statements and trademark and patent assignments, the Liens granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents will constitute valid and enforceable first, prior and perfected Liens in favor of Agent, for the ratable benefit of Agent and Lenders on all collateral on which a lien may be perfected by the filing of such UCC financing statements and trademark and patent assignments, subject only to the Liens set forth on <u>Schedule 7.01</u>

ARTICLE VI. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall, and shall (except in the case of the covenants set forth in Sections 6.01, 6.02, and 6.03) cause each Subsidiary to:

6.01 Financial Statements. Deliver to Agent a sufficient number of copies for delivery by Agent to each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders:

(a) as soon as available, but in any event within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, a consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, such consolidated statements to be audited and accompanied by a report and opinion of Price WaterhouseCoopers, LLP or another independent certified public accounting firm of recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and applicable Securities Laws and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like qualification or exception or any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit or with respect to the absence of any material misstatement;

(b) as soon as available, but in any event within forty-five (45) days after the end of each fiscal quarter of each fiscal year of Borrower, a consolidated balance sheet of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal quarter, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal quarter and for the portion of Borrower's fiscal year then ended, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding fiscal quarter of the previous fiscal year and the corresponding portion of the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, such consolidated statements to be certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of Borrower as fairly presenting the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and

(c) as soon as available, but in any event at least fifteen (15) days before the end of each fiscal year of Borrower, forecasts prepared by management of Borrower, in form satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders, of consolidated balance sheets and statements of income or operations of

Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries for the immediately following fiscal year (including the fiscal year in which the Maturity Date occurs), prepared on an annual basis.

- 6.02 Certificates: Other Information. Deliver to Agent a sufficient number of copies for delivery by Agent to each Lender, in form and detail satisfactory to Agent and the Required Lenders:
- (a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Sections 6.01(a) and (b), a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by the chief financial officer or president of Borrower;
- (b) promptly after any request by Agent or any Lender, copies of any detailed audit reports, management letters or recommendations submitted to the board of directors (or the audit committee of the board of directors) of Borrower by independent accountants in connection with the accounts or books of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any audit of any of them;
- (c) promptly after the same are available, copies of each annual report, proxy or financial statement or other report or communication sent to the stockholders of Borrower, and copies of any annual, regular, periodic and special reports and registration statements which Borrower may file or be required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and not otherwise required to be delivered to Agent pursuant hereto;
- (d) promptly after the furnishing thereof, copies of any statement or report furnished to any holder of debt securities of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof pursuant to the terms of any indenture, loan or credit or similar agreement and not otherwise required to be furnished to the Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 6.01</u> or any other clause of this <u>Section 6.02</u>;
- (e) promptly, and in any event within five Business Days after receipt thereof by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, copies of each notice or other correspondence received from the Securities and Exchange Commission (or comparable agency in any applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction) concerning any investigation or possible investigation or other inquiry by such agency regarding financial or other operational results of any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof;
- (f) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial or corporate affairs of Borrower or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request; and
 - (g) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Section 6.01(a), a duly completed Free Cash Flow Certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

Borrower hereby acknowledges that (i) Agent will make available to Lenders and the L/C Issuer materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of Borrower hereunder (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Borrower Materials") by posting Borrower Materials on IntraLinks or another similar electronic system (hereinafter referred to as the "Platform") and (ii) certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (i.e., Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to Borrower or its securities) (hereinafter each shall be referred to as a "Public Lender"). Borrower hereby agrees that (A) all Borrower Materials that are to be made available to Public Lenders shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (B) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to

the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 10.07); (C) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Investor;" and (D) Agent shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC" as being suitable only for posting on a portion of the Platform not designated "Public Investor".

- 6.03 Notices. Promptly notify Agent and each Lender for which the Agent has provided an address:
- (a) of the occurrence of any Default:
- (b) of any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect,
- (c) of the occurrence of any ERISA Event;
- (d) of any material change in accounting policies or financial reporting practices by Borrower or any Subsidiary, and
- (e) of Borrower's determination at any time of the occurrence or existence of any Internal Control Event.

Each notice pursuant to this <u>Section 6.03</u> shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to <u>Section 6.03(a)</u> shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

- **6.04** Payment of Obligations. Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by Borrower or such Subsidiary; (b) all lawful claims which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property; and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness.
- 6.05 <u>Preservation of Existence, Etc.</u> (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by <u>Section 7.04 or 7.05</u>; (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew any registered patents, trademarks, trade names and service marks, the non-preservation of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- **6.06** <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material properties and equipment necessary in the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; and (b) make all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect,
 - $\textbf{6.07} \ \underline{\textbf{Maintenance of Insurance}}. \ \underline{\textbf{Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance}}$

companies not Affiliates of Borrower, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business, of such types and in such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance compatible with the following standards) as are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons and providing for not less than thirty (30) days' prior notice to Agent of termination, lapse or cancellation of such insurance. Borrower shall cause its carriers to name the Agent as additional insured and, in the case of property or casualty insurance for all tangible Collateral, first loss payee, and shall provide the Agent with a certificate or certificates evidencing such coverages and the payment of premiums therefore, on or before the Closing Date and at such times as the insurance in question is modified or renewed.

- **6.08** Compliance with Laws. Comply in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, write, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 6.09 <u>Books and Records</u>. Maintain (a) proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be and (b) such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be. Borrower shall maintain at all times books and records pertaining to the Collateral in such detail, form and scope as Agent or any Lender shall reasonably require.
- **6.10** <u>Inspection Rights.</u> Permit representatives and independent contractors of Agent and each Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of Borrower and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to Borrower; provided, however, that when an Event of Default exists Agent or any Lender (or any of their respective representatives or independent contractors) may do any of the foregoing at the expense of Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.
- **6.11** Use of Proceeds. Use the proceeds of (a) the Revolving Loans and Letters of Credit for working capital and other lawful corporate purposes, including, without limitation, financing such acquisitions as may be permitted hereunder and (b) the Term Loan for purposes of: (i) refinancing Borrower's existing senior credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., (ii) financing the settlement of certain labor class action litigation filed in California against Conam Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc. (loan proceeds of approximately \$2,100,000.00 to be used), and (iii) financing (1) up to \$10,000,000.00 (plus or minus and subject to minor closing adjustments) of the costs associated with the Borrower's acquisition of IMPro Technologies, LP, (2) up to \$4,000,000.00 (plus or minus and subject to minor closing adjustments) of the costs associated with the Borrower's acquisition of Space Science Services, Inc.

6.12 Financial Covenants

(a) Minimum Consolidated EBITDA. Maintain, on a consolidated basis, EBITDA of at least the following amounts calculated for the 12-month periods ending on the following dates:

	Minimum Annual
Fiscal Year	 Consolidated EBITDA
2010	\$37,500,000.00
2011	\$40,000,000.00
2012 and thereafter	\$45,000,000.00

(b) Minimum Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio. Maintain, on a consolidated basis, a Debt Service Coverage Ratio of at least the ratio indicated for each period specified below:

Test Dates	Ratio
August 31, 2009; November 30, 2009; February 28, 2010; and May 31, 2010	1.10 -to- 1.0
August 31, 2010; November 30, 2010; February 28, 2011; and May 31, 2011	1.15 -to- 1.0
August 31, 2011; November 30, 2011; February 28, 2012; and May 31, 2012	1.20 -to- 1.0

This ratio will be calculated at the end of each reporting period for which this Agreement requires Borrower to deliver financial statements, using the results of the twelve-month period ending with that reporting period. The current portion of long-term liabilities will be measured as of the last day of the calculation period.

(c) Maximum Funded Debt Leverage Ratio. Maintain, on a consolidated basis, a Funded Debt Leverage Ratio not exceeding the ratio indicated for each period specified below:

Test Dates	Ratio
August 31, 2009 and November 30, 2009	3.00 -to- 1.0
February 28, 2010; May 31, 2010; and August 31, 2010	2.50 -to- 1.0
November 30, 2010 and thereafter	2.25 -to- 1.0

This ratio will be calculated at the end of each reporting period for which this Agreement requires

Borrower to deliver financial statements, using the results of the twelve-month period ending with that reporting period.

6.13 Additional Guarantors; Pledges of Stock. Notify Agent at the time that (a) any Person becomes a Subsidiary, and promptly thereafter (and in any event within 30 days), cause such Person, if such Person is a Majority-Owned Subsidiary, (i) to become a Guarantor by executing and delivering to Agent a joinder to the Guaranty or such other document as Agent shall deem appropriate for such purpose and (ii) to deliver to Agent documents of the types referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 4.01(a) and, with respect to any such Person which has assets or operating income that represents fifteen percent (15.0%) or more of the assets or operating income of Borrower, favorable opinions of counsel to such Person (which shall cover, among other things, the legality, validity, binding effect and enforceability of the documentation referred to in the foregoing clause (i)), all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to Agent; provided that such Subsidiary (1) has assets or operating income that represents five percent (5.0%) or more of the assets or operating income of Borrower and/or (2) was formed or incorporated in the United States or (b) any foreign first-tier Subsidiary of the Borrower has assets or operating income that represents five percent (5.0%) or more of the assets or operating income of Borrower, and promptly thereafter (and in any event within 30 days), take such action, and cause the appropriate Subsidiaries to take such action, from time to time as shall be necessary to ensure that sixty-five percent (65%) of the Equity Interests in such foreign first-tier Subsidiary that is a Majority-Owned Subsidiary shall be pledged to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, (i) by executing and delivering to the Agent a pledge agreement, or such other document as Agent shall deem appropriate for such purpose, and (ii) by delivering to the Agent documents of the types referred to in clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 4.01(a) with respect to such foreign first-tier Subsidiary which has assets or

6.14 Collateral Records. To execute and deliver promptly, and to cause each other Loan Party to execute and deliver promptly, to Agent, from time to time, solely for Agent's convenience in maintaining a record of the Collateral, such written statements and schedules as Agent may reasonably require designating, identifying or describing the Collateral. The failure by Borrower or any other Loan Party, however, to promptly give Agent such statements or schedules shall not affect, diminish, modify or otherwise limit the Liens on the Collateral granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.

6.15 Security Interests. To, and to cause each other Loan Party to, (a) defend the Collateral against all claims and demands of all Persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein, (b) comply with the requirements of all United States state and federal laws in order to grant to Agent and Lenders valid and perfected security interests in the Collateral subject only to Liens set forth on Schedule 7.01, with perfection, in the case of any investment property, deposit account or letter of credit, being effected by giving Agent control of such investment property or deposit account or letter of credit, rather than by the filing of a Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC") financing statement with respect to such investment property, and (c) do whatever Agent may reasonably request, from time to time, to effect the purposes of this Agreement and other Loan Documents, including filing notices of liens, UCC financing statements, fixture filings and amendments, renewals and continuations thereof; cooperating with Agent's representatives; keeping stock records; using reasonable efforts to obtain waivers from landlords and mortgagees and from warehousemen and their landlords and mortgagees; and paying claims which might, if unpaid, become a lien on the Collateral, Agent is hereby authorized by Borrower to file any UCC financing statements covering the Collateral whether or not Borrower's signatures appear thereon.

6.16 <u>Deposits</u>. Maintain its primary deposit relationship, including, without limitation, operating accounts and cash management services with Bank of America, such services to be provided at reasonable costs to Borrower and its Subsidiaries

6.17 2009 Acquisitions. Prior to using any of the proceeds of the Term Loan for the purposes of consummating the acquisition by Borrower of the assets of any of (a) IMPro Technologies, LP, (b) Arminus, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Technical Services, or (c) Space Science Services, Inc., confirm that the following shall be true and correct with respect to each such acquisition: (i) such acquisition shall have closed and all assets purchased thereunder shall have been delivered to Borrower; (ii) all conditions precedent to the closing of such acquisition set forth and contained in the applicable purchase agreement shall have been satisfied or waived; (iii) no liens or encumbrances affecting the assets acquired in connection with such acquisition shall exist other than those created pursuant to or expressly permitted by this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, those liens and encumbrances permitted by the terms of Section 7.01(i) of this Agreement; (iv) no dispute shall exist between Borrower and the applicable seller in connection with such acquisition; and (v) any Indebtedness incurred (and not assumed) by Borrower in connection with any such acquisition shall be unsecured and shall be subordinated to the Obligations in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of Section 7.03(f).

ARTICLE VII. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

- 7.01 Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, other than the following:
- (a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;
- (b) Liens existing on the date hereof and listed on Schedule 7.01 and any renewals or extensions thereof, provided that (i) the property covered thereby is not changed, (ii) the amount secured or benefited thereby is not increased except as expressly contemplated by Section 7.03(b), (iii) the direct or any contingent obligor with respect thereto is not changed, and (iv) and any renewal or extension of the obligations secured or benefited thereby is permitted by Section 7.03(b);
- (c) Liens for taxes not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person in accordance with GAAP;
- (d) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person;
 - (e) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA;
 - (f) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts and leases (other than

Indebtedness), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

- (g) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;
 - $(h) \ Liens \ securing \ judgments \ for \ the \ payment \ of \ money \ not \ constituting \ an \ Event \ of \ Default \ under \ \underline{Section \ 8.01(h)};$
- (i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e); provided that (i) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (ii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost or fair market value, whichever is lower, of the property being acquired on the date of acquisition; and
- (j) Liens existing solely with respect to cash or deposit account balances used to Cash Collateralize obligations of a Lender to the L/C Issuer, in accordance with the terms, conditions, and provisions of Section 2.03(a)(iii)(E).
- 7.02 Investments Make any Investments, except:
- (a) Investments held by Borrower or such Subsidiary in the form of cash equivalents or short-term marketable debt securities;
- (b) advances to officers, directors and employees of Borrower and Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000.00 at any time outstanding, for travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes;
- (c) Investments (i) of Borrower in any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, (ii) of Borrower or any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary in other Subsidiaries, not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 in the aggregate in any 12-month period, and (iii) of any Wholly-Owned Subsidiary in Borrower or in another Wholly-Owned Subsidiary;
- (d) Investments of Borrower or its Subsidiaries for strategic purposes in non-Subsidiary joint ventures, not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 individually in any 12-month period; provided, however, Investments permitted under this Section 7.02(d) shall not be construed to increase the \$5,000,000.00 limit on new acquisitions described in Section 7.02(f) below;
- (e) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors to the extent reasonably necessary in order to prevent or limit loss;
- (f) Investments in (i) the acquisition by Borrower of the assets of (A) IMPro Technologies, LP, (B) Arminus, Inc., d/b/a Pacific Technical Services, and (C) Space Science Services, Inc. and (ii) other acquisitions of assets and/or Equity Interests; provided that, with respect to any such other acquisitions (and, for purposes of clarity, not the acquisitions described in the foregoing clause (i)), all of the following shall have been satisfied: (A) the cash portion of the purchase price (paid at closing and in the first 12 months thereafter) with respect to such other acquisition shall not exceed \$7,000,000.00 in the aggregate in any 12-month period; (B) there shall not be more than two such other acquisitions in any 12-

month period where the cash portion of the purchase price (paid at closing and in the first 12 months thereafter) with respect to any such other acquisition exceeds \$3,000,000.00; (C) immediately following each such other acquisition, the amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments exceed the Total Revolving Loan Outstandings shall not be less than \$5,000,000.00; (D) the acquired Person shall be in a line of business substantially similar to the business conducted by Borrower or its Subsidiaries; (E) pro-forma compliance with the financial covenants set forth and contained in Section 6.12 can be evidenced by Borrower to the reasonable satisfaction of Agent and Required Lenders; and (F) no Default shall have occurred and be continuing as of the date any such other acquisition is closed; provided, however, that, in the case of any acquisition described in either of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), notice of any such other acquisition shall be delivered to the Agent no later than 15 days prior to the date of the closing of such other acquisition, and all material acquisition documents shall promptly be delivered to the Agent upon the Agent's request; and

- (g) Guarantees permitted by Section 7.03.
- 7.03 <u>Indebtedness</u>. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any indebtedness, except the following:
- (a) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;
- (b) Indebtedness outstanding on the date hereof and listed on Schedule 7.03 and any refinancings, refundings, renewals or extensions thereof; provided that (i) the amount of such Indebtedness is not increased at the time of such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension except by an amount equal to a reasonable premium or other reasonable amount paid, and fees and expenses reasonably incurred, in connection with such refinancing and by an amount equal to any existing commitments unutilized thereunder and (ii) the terms relating to principal amount, amortization, maturity, collateral (if any) and subordination (if any), and other material terms taken as a whole, of any such refinancing, refunding, renewing or extending of Indebtedness, and of any agreement entered into and of any instrument issued in connection therewith, are no less favorable in any material respect to the Loan Parties or the Lenders than the terms of any agreement or instrument governing the Indebtedness being refinanced, refunded, renewed or extended and the interest rate applicable to any such refinancing, refunding, renewing or extending Indebtedness does not exceed the then applicable market interest rate;
 - (c) Guarantees of Borrower or any Subsidiary in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted hereunder of Borrower or any Subsidiary;
- (d) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of Borrower or any Subsidiary existing or arising under any Swap Contract, provided that (i) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets, or property held or reasonably anticipated by such Person, or changes in the value of securities issued by such Person, and not for purposes of speculation or taking a "market view and (ii) such Swap Contract does not contain any provision exonerating the non-defaulting party from its obligation to make payments on outstanding transactions to the defaulting party;
- (e) Indebtedness in respect of capital leases, Synthetic Lease Obligations and purchase money obligations for fixed or capital assets within the limitations set forth in Section 7.01(i); provided, however, that the aggregate amount of all such Indebtedness at any one time outstanding shall not exceed \$22,000,000.00; and
 - (f) (i) Indebtedness assumed in connection with acquisitions permitted under this Agreement or (ii) Indebtedness issued in connection with the payment for acquisitions permitted under this

Agreement, which Indebtedness is unsecured and has been subordinated to the payment of the Obligations on terms approved by the Agent in writing, or is otherwise approved by the Agent in writing; provided that, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), the covenants set forth and described in Section 6.12 shall at all times continue to be satisfied, as tested on a pro forma basis.

- **7.04** Fundamental Changes. Merge, dissolve, liquidate, consolidate with or into another Person, or Dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to or in favor of any Person, except that, so long as no Default exists or would result therefrom:
- (a) any Subsidiary may merge with (i) Borrower, <u>provided that</u> Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving Person, or (ii) any one or more other Subsidiaries, provided <u>that</u> when any Majority-Owned Subsidiary is merging with another Subsidiary, the Majority-Owned Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving Person, and <u>provided further that</u> if a Guarantor is merging with another Subsidiary, the Guarantor shall be the surviving Person; and
- (b) any Subsidiary may Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to Borrower or to another Subsidiary; provided that if the transferor in such a transaction is a Majority-Owned Subsidiary, then the transferee must either be Borrower or a Majority-Owned Subsidiary and provided further that if the transferor of such assets is a Guarantor, the transferee must either be Borrower or a Guarantor.
 - 7.05 <u>Dispositions</u>. Make any Disposition or enter into any agreement to make any Disposition, except:
 - (a) Dispositions of obsolete or worn out property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business;
 - (b) Dispositions of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) Dispositions of equipment or real property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property or (ii) the proceeds of such Disposition are reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;
- (d) Dispositions of property by any Subsidiary to Borrower or to a Majority-Owned Subsidiary; provided that if the transferor of such property is a Guarantor, the transferee thereof must either be Borrower or a Guarantor:
 - (e) Dispositions permitted by Section 7.04; and
 - (f) Dispositions of up to \$500,000.00 individually or in a series of related Dispositions;
 - provided, however, that any Disposition pursuant to clauses (a) through (e) shall be for fair market value.
- **7.06** Restricted Payments. Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so, or issue or sell any Equity Interests, except that, so long as no Default shall exist at the time of any action described below or would result therefrom:
 - (a) each Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to Borrower, Guarantors and any other Person that owns an Equity Interest in such Subsidiary, ratably according to their respective holdings of

the type of Equity Interest in respect of which such Restricted Payment is being made;

- (b) Borrower and each Subsidiary may declare and make dividend payments or other distributions payable solely in the common stock or other common Equity Interests of such Person;
- (c) Borrower and each Subsidiary may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire Equity Interests issued by it with the proceeds received from the substantially concurrent issue of new shares of its common stock or other common Equity Interests;
 - (d) Borrower may make Restricted Payments to the extent permitted under the Subordinated Documents; and
- (e) Borrower may issue or sell its common stock in connection with a public offering pursuant to an effective registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, provided that the terms and conditions of such offering are reasonably acceptable to Agent and Lenders in all respects.
- 7.07 Change in Nature of Business. Engage in any material line of business substantially different from those lines of business conducted by Borrower and its Subsidiaries on the date hereof or any business substantially related or incidental thereto.
- 7.08 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Enter into any transaction of any kind with any Affiliate of Borrower, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to Borrower or such Subsidiary as would be obtainable by Borrower or such Subsidiary at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate, <u>provided that</u> the foregoing restriction shall not apply to transactions between or among Borrower and any Guarantor or between and among Guarantors, so long as the effect of such transactions is not to circumvent the limitations contained in Section 7.02.
- **7.09** Burdensome Agreements. Enter into any Contractual Obligation (other than this Agreement or any other Loan Document) that (a) limits the ability (i) of any Subsidiary to make Restricted Payments to Borrower or any Guarantor or to otherwise transfer property to Borrower or any Guarantor, (ii) of any Subsidiary to Guarantee the Indebtedness of Borrower or (iii) of Borrower or any Subsidiary to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist Liens on property of such Person; provided, however, that this clause (iii) shall not prohibit any negative pledge incurred or provided in favor of any holder of Indebtedness permitted under Section 7.03(e) solely to the extent any such negative pledge relates to the property financed by or the subject of such Indebtedness; or (b) requires the grant of a Lien to secure an obligation of such Person if a Lien is granted to secure another obligation of such Person.
- **7.10** <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, to purchase or carry margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U of the FRB) or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock or to refund indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose.

7.11 Subordinated Debt to 2008 Asset Sellers.

(a) Notwithstanding Section 3 of any of the 2008 Subordinated Target Notes to the contrary, prepay, or permit or suffer the prepayment of, any amounts under any of the 2008 Subordinated Target Notes, other than monthly installments due and owing in accordance with Section 1 thereof, without the prior express written consent of Agent, which consent may be withheld for any reason or for no reason.

Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that any such prepayment made in violation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Section 7.11 shall constitute an immediate Event of Default.

(b) Notwithstanding any of the terms, conditions, or provisions of any of the 2008 Subordinated Target Notes to the contrary, amend, or permit any amendment of, the terms, conditions, and provisions of the 2008 Subordinated Target Notes without the prior express written consent of Agent, which consent may be withheld for any reason or for no reason. Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that any such amendment made in violation of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Section 7.11 shall constitute an immediate Event of Default.

ARTICLE VIII. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- 8.01 Events of Default. Any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:
- (a) Non-Payment. Borrower or any other Loan Party fails to pay (i) when and as required to be paid herein, any amount of principal of any Loan or any L/C Obligation, or (ii) within three days after the same becomes due, any interest on any Loan or on any L/C Obligation, or any fee due hereunder, or (iii) within five days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document; or
- (b) <u>Specific Covenants</u>. Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of <u>Sections 6.01, 6.02, 6.03, 6.05, 6.07, 6.08, 6.10, 6.11, 6.12</u> or <u>6.13</u>; or Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained <u>Article VII</u>, or any Guarantor fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in <u>Article III</u> of the Guaranty; or
- (c) Other Defaults. Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in subsection (a) or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for 30 days or any default or Event of Default occurs under any other Loan Document; or
- (d) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of Borrower or any other Loan Party herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed made; or
- (e) <u>Cross-Default</u>. (i) Borrower or any Subsidiary (A) fails to make any payment when due (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Indebtedness or Guarantee (other than Indebtedness hereunder and Indebtedness under Swap Contracts), such failed payment having an aggregate principal amount (including any payments owing due to acceleration caused by such failed payment) of more than the Threshold Amount, or (B) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or Guarantee or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such indebtedness or the beneficiaries of such Guarantee (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or (ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as

defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which Borrower or any Subsidiary is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Swap Contract as to which Borrower or any Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by Borrower or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount; or

- (f) <u>Insolvency Proceedings, Etc.</u> Any Loan Party institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for 60 calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for 60 calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or
- (g) <u>Inability to Pay Debts</u>; <u>Attachment</u>. (i) Borrower or any Subsidiary becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within 30 days after its issue or levy; or
- (h) <u>Judgments</u>. There is entered against Borrower or any Subsidiary (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments or orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance as to which the insurer does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of 10 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; or
- (i) <u>ERISA</u>. (i) An ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan which has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in liability of Borrower under Title IV of ERISA to the Pension Plan, Multiemployer Plan or the PBGC which, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan in an aggregate amount in excess of the Threshold Amount: or
- (j) <u>Invalidity of Loan Documents</u>. This Agreement, any Collateral Document or any Guaranty or any provision thereof, at arty time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder or satisfaction in full of all the Obligations, ceases to be in full force and effect; or any Loan Party or any other Person contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any Loan Document or any provision thereof; or any Loan Party denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any Loan Document or any provision thereof; or
- (k) <u>Change of Control</u>. There occurs any Change of Control with respect to Borrower and/or any Guarantor except as expressly permitted by <u>Section 7.04</u> or <u>Section 7.05</u>; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that a Change of Control resulting from the death of Sotirios Vahaviolos shall not constitute an Event of Default if Borrower identifies and employs a replacement executive officer reasonably acceptable to the Agent

within 60 days from the date of said death; or

- (1) Material Adverse Effect. There occurs any event or circumstance that has a Material Adverse Effect.
- 8.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:
- (a) declare the commitment of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;
- (b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by Borrower;
- (c) require that Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the then Outstanding Revolving Loan Amount thereof); and
- (d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer all rights and remedies available to it, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under the Loan Documents;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to Borrower under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States, the obligation of each Lender to make Loans and any obligation of the L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of Agent or any Lender.

8.03 <u>Application of Funds</u>. After the exercise of remedies provided for in <u>Section 8.02</u> (or after the Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to <u>Section 8.02</u>), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by Agent in the following order:

First. to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to Agent and amounts payable under Article III), payable to Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, interest and L/C Fees) payable to Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including fees and time charges for attorneys who may be employees of any Lender or the L/C Issuer) and amounts payable under Article III), ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Second payable to them;

Third, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid L/C Fees and interest on the Loans, L/C Borrowings and other Obligations, ratably among Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Third payable to them;

Fourth, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings, ratably among Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth held by them;

Fifth, to Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer, to Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit; and

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to Borrower or as otherwise required by applicable Law.

Subject to Section 2.03(c), amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause Fifth above shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

ARTICLE IX.

AGENT

9.01 Appointment and Authorization of Agent.

(a) Each of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to Agent by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this <u>Article IX</u> are solely for the benefit of Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, and neither Borrower nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

(b) Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes Agent to act as the agent of such Lender and the L/C Issuer 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 connection, Agent, as "collateral agent" and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by Agent pursuant to Section 9.05 or otherwise for purposes of holding or enforcing any in the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Collateral Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of Agent), shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this Article IX and Article X, as though such co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.

9.02 Rights as a Lender. The Person serving as Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to Lenders.

9.03 Exculpatory Provisions. Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the

foregoing, Agent:

- (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not 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 Agent 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 Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable Law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.
- (d) Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with 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 Agent shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Sections 8.02 and 10.01) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until written notice describing such Default is given to Agent by Borrower, a Lender or the L/C Issuer. Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or their or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to Agent.
- **9.04** Reliance by Agent. Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the L/C Issuer unless Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or the L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.
- **9.05** <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub agents appointed by Agent. Agent and any such sub agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this

Article IX shall apply to any such sub agent and to the Related Parties of Agent and any such sub agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein as well as activities as Agent.

9.06 Resignation of Agent. Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with Borrower, 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 Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Agent may on behalf of Lenders and the L/C Issuer, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if Agent shall notify Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (a) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Agent is appointed) and (b) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the L/C Issuer directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this Section 9.06. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, 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 9.06.) The fees payable by Borrower to a succ

Any resignation by Bank of America as Agent pursuant to this Section 9.06 shall also constitute its resignation as L/C Issuer. 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 L/C Issuer, (ii) the retiring L/C Issuer shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring L/C Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

9.07 Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

9.08 No Other Duties, Etc. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no Lender holding a title listed on the cover page hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this

Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder.

- **9.09 Agent May-File Proofs of Claim**. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether Agent shall have made any demand on Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise:
 - (a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, L/C Obligations 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 Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due Lenders, the L/C Issuer and Agent under Sections 2.03(i) and (j), 2.09 and 10.04) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
 - (b) 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 L/C Issuer to make such payments to Agent and, in the event that Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to Lenders and the L/C Issuer, to pay to Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due Agent under Sections 2.08, 2.11 or 10.04. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Lender or the L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Lender or the L/C Issuer or to authorize Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Lender or the L/C Issuer in any such proceeding.

9.10 Guaranty Matters. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably authorizes Agent, at its option and in its discretion, to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder. Upon request by Agent at any time, each Lender and the L/C Issuer will confirm in writing Agent's authority to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this Section 9.10.

9.11 Collateral Matters.

(a) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs Agent to enter into the Collateral Documents for the benefit of such Lender and the L/C Issuer. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby agrees, and each holder of any Note by the acceptance thereof will be deemed to agree, that, except as otherwise set forth in Section 10.01, any action taken by the Required Lenders, in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or the Collateral Documents, and the exercise by the Required Lenders of the powers set forth herein or therein, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, shall be authorized and binding upon all of Lenders and the L/C Issuer. Agent is hereby authorized (but not obligated) on behalf of all of Lenders and the L/C Issuer, without the necessity of any notice to or further consent from any Lender or the L/C Issuer from time to time prior to, an Event of Default, to take any action with respect to any Collateral Documents which may be necessary to perfect and maintain perfected the Liens upon the Collateral granted pursuant to the Collateral Documents.

- (b) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably authorize Agent, at its option and in its discretion,
- (i) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by Agent under any Loan Document (A) upon termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit, (B) that is sold or to be sold as part of or in connection with any sale permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, (C) subject to Section 10.01, if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders, or (D) in connection with any foreclosure sale or other disposition of Collateral after the occurrence of an Event of Default: and
- (ii) to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted by this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

 Upon request by Agent at any time, each Lender and the L/C Issuer will confirm in writing Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of Collateral pursuant to this Section 9.11.
- (c) Subject to <u>subsection (b)</u> above, Agent shall (and is hereby irrevocably authorized by each Lender and the L/C Issuer to) execute such documents as may be necessary to evidence the release or subordination of the Liens granted to Agent for the benefit of Agent and Lenders and the L/C Issuer herein or pursuant hereto upon the applicable Collateral; <u>provided that</u> (i) Agent shall not be required to execute any such document on terms which, in Agent's opinion, would expose Agent to or create any liability or entail any consequence other than the release or subordination of such Liens without recourse or warranty and (ii) such release or subordination shall not in any manner discharge, affect or impair the Obligations or any Liens upon (or obligations of Borrower or any other Loan Party in respect of) all interests retained by Borrower or any other Loan Party, including the proceeds of the sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral. In the event of any sale or transfer of Collateral, or any foreclosure with respect to any of the Collateral, Agent shall be authorized to deduct all expenses reasonably incurred by Agent from the proceeds of any such sale, transfer or foreclosure.
- (d) Agent shall have no obligation whatsoever to any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person to assure that the Collateral exists or is owned by Borrower or any other Loan Party or is cared for, protected or insured or that the Liens granted to Agent herein or in any of the Collateral Documents or pursuant hereto or thereto have been properly or sufficiently or lawfully created, perfected, protected or enforced or are entitled to any particular priority, or to exercise or to continue exercising at all or in any manner or under any duty of care, disclosure or fidelity any of the rights, authorities and powers granted or available to Agent in this Section 9.11 or in any of the Collateral Documents, it being understood and agreed that in respect of the Collateral, or any act, omission or event related thereto, Agent may act in any manner it may deem appropriate, in its sole discretion, given Agent's own interest in the Collateral as one of Lenders and that Agent shall have no duty or liability whatsoever to Lenders or the L/C Issuer.
- (e) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby appoints each other Lender as agent for the purpose of perfecting Lenders' and the L/C Issuer's security interest in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC can be perfected only by possession. Should any Lender or the L/C Issuer (other than Agent) obtain possession of any such Collateral, such Lender or the L/C Issuer shall notify Agent thereof, and, promptly upon Agent's request therefor shall deliver such Collateral to Agent or in accordance with Agent's instructions.

ARTICLE X.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **10.01** <u>Amendments, Etc.</u> No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by Borrower or any other Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and Borrower or the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by Agent, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; <u>provided, however</u>, that no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:
 - (a) waive any condition set forth in Section 4.01(a) without the written consent of each Lender; provided, however, in the sole and absolute discretion of Agent, only a waiver by Agent shall be required with respect to immaterial matters or items specified in Sections 4.01(a)(iii) or (iv) with respect to which Borrower has given assurances satisfactory to Agent that such items shall be delivered promptly following the Closing Date;
 - (b) extend or increase the Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Commitment terminated pursuant to Section 8.02) without the written consent of such Lender;
 - (c) postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment (excluding mandatory prepayments) of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
 - (d) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to clause (iii) of the second proviso to this Section 10.01) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby; provided, however, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary (i) to amend the definition of "Default Rate" or to waive any obligation of Borrower to pay interest or L/C Fees at the Default Rate or (ii) to amend any financial covenant hereunder (or any defined term used therein) even if the effect of such amendment would be to reduce the rate of interest on any Loan or L/C Borrowing or to reduce any fee payable hereunder;
 - (e) change Section 2.12 or Section 8.03 in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender;
 - (f) change any provision of this Section 10.01 or the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender; or
 - (g) release any Guarantor from the Guaranty or release the Liens on all or substantially all of the Collateral in any transaction or series of related transactions except in accordance with the terms of any Loan Document, without the written consent of each Lender;

and, provided further that (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the L/C Issuer in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the L/C Issuer under this Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it, (ii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by Agent in addition to the Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and (iii) the Agent Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing

executed only by the parties thereto. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender.

10.02 Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications

- (a) <u>Notices Generally.</u> Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in <u>subsection (b)</u> below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:
 - (i) if to Borrower, Agent or the L/C Issuer, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on Schedule 10.02; and
 - (ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire

Notices sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient). Notices delivered through electronic communications, to the extent provided in <u>subsection (b)</u> below, shall be effective as provided in such <u>subsection (b)</u>.

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by Agent, <u>provided that</u> the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Article II</u> if such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable has notified the Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication, Agent or Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to the received upon the received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), provided that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next business day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor,

(c) <u>The Platform.</u> THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE "AGENT PARTIES" (AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A

PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of Borrower's or Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the Internet, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided, however, that in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to Borrower, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages).

- (d) Change of Address, Etc. Each of Borrower, Agent and the L/C Issuer may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to Borrower, Agent and the L/C Issuer. In addition, each Lender agrees to notify Agent from time to time to ensure that Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, telecopier number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender.
- (e) Reliance by Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders. Agent, the L/C Issuer and Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic Committed Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. Borrower shall indemnify Agent, the L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with Agent may be recorded by Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

10.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

10.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel for Agent set forth in <u>Section 4.01(c)</u> hereof), in connection with the syndication of the credit facilities provided for herein, the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated), (ii) all reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the L/C Issuer in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out of pocket expenses incurred by Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan

Documents, including its rights under this Section 10.04, or (B) in connection with the Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out of pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Loans or Letters of Credit.

- (b) Indemnification by Borrower. Borrower shall indemnify Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Lender and the L/C Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses (including the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of any counsel for any Indemnitee), asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by Borrower or any other Loan Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) and its Related Parties only, the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (ii) any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by the L/C Issuer to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or operated by Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by Borrower or any other Loan Party, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; provided that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (A) are determined by a c
- (c) Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that Borrower for any reason fails to indefeasibly pay any amount required under subsections (a) or (b) of this Section 10.04 to be paid by it to Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the L/C Issuer or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to Agent (or any such sub-agent), the L/C Issuer or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount, provided that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against Agent (or any such sub-agent) or the L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for Agent (or any such sub-agent) or L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this subsection (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.11(d).
- (d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages</u>, <u>Etc</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Borrower shall not assert, and hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee referred to in <u>subsection (b)</u> above shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications,

electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (e) Payments. All amounts due under this Section 10.04 shall be payable not later than ten Business Days after demand therefor.
- (f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements contained in this <u>Section 10.04</u> shall survive the resignation of Agent and the L/C Issuer, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Loan Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.

10.05 Payments Set Aside. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of Borrower is made to Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender, or Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by Agent, the L/C Issuer or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and the L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

10.06 Successors and Assigns.

(a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally.</u> The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that neither Borrower nor any other Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Agent, the L/C Issuer and each Lender and no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of <u>subsection (b)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of <u>subsection (d)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>, or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of <u>subsection (f)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u> (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants, to the extent provided in <u>subsection (d)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u> (and any other attempted assignment or parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants, to the extent provided in <u>subsection (d)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u> (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, the Related Parties of each of Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement

(b) <u>Assignments by Lenders</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this <u>subsection (b)</u>, participations in L/C Obligations) at the time owing to it); <u>provided that</u> any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Minimum Amounts.

- (A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender no minimum amount need be assigned; and
- (B) in any case not described in <u>subsection (b)(i)(A)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>, the aggregate amount of the Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to Agent or, if a "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000.00 unless each of Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that concurrent assignments to members of an Assignee Group to a single assignee (or to an assignee and members of its Assignee Group) will be treated as a single assignment for purposes of determining whether such minimum amount has been met.
- (ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans or the Commitment assigned.
 - (iii) Required Consents. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section 10.06 and, in addition:
- (A) the consent of Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (1) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender;
- (B) the consent of Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender or an Affiliate of such Lender with respect to such Lender; and
- (C) the consent of the L/C Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment that increases the obligation of the assignee to participate in exposure under one or more Letters of Credit (whether or not then outstanding).
- (iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount, if any, required as set forth in <u>Schedule 10.06</u>; <u>provided. however</u>, that the Agent may, in its sole and absolute discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Lender, shall deliver to Agent an Administrative Questionnaire. The Agent shall deliver a copy of such Assignment and Assumption to the Borrower, in accordance with <u>Section 10.02</u>.
 - (v) No Assignment to Borrower. No such assignment shall be made to Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries.
 - (vi) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural person.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by Agent pursuant to <u>subsection (c)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05</u>, and <u>10.04</u> with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Upon request, Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender and (to the extent the assigning Lender continues to hold any portion of the Commitments being assigned) to the assigning Lender in exchange for the Note, if any, previously issued to the assigning Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with <u>subsection (d)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>.

- (c) Register. Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of Borrower, shall maintain at the Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts of the Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, and Borrower, Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- (d) <u>Participations</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, Borrower or Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or Borrower or any of Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations) owing to it); <u>provided that</u> (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) Borrower, Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; <u>provided that</u> such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to <u>Section 10.01</u> that affects such Participant. Subject to <u>subsection (e)</u> of this <u>Section 10.06</u>. Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 10.08</u> as though it were a Lender, provided such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 2.12</u> as though it were a Lender.
- (e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u> than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with Borrower's prior written consent.

- (f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; provided that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
- (g) <u>Electronic Execution of Assignments</u>. The words "execution," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar slate laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.
- (h) <u>Deemed Consent of Borrower</u>. If the consent of Borrower to an assignment to an Eligible Assignee is required hereunder (including a consent to an assignment which does not meet the minimum assignment threshold specified in <u>Section 10.06(h)(i)(B)</u>), Borrower shall be deemed to have given its consent five Business Days after the date notice thereof has been delivered to Borrower by the assigning Lender (through Agent) unless such consent is expressly refused by Borrower prior to such fifth Business Day.
- (i) <u>Resignation as L/C Issuer</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Bank of America assigns all of its Commitment and Loans pursuant to <u>subsection (b)</u> above, Bank of America may, upon 30 days' notice to Borrower and the Lenders, resign as L/C Issuer, in the event of any such resignation as L/C Issuer, Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among Lenders a successor L/C Issuer hereunder; <u>provided.</u> <u>however.</u> that no failure by Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Bank of America as L/C Issuer. If Bank of America resigns as L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit outstanding as of the effective date of its resignation as L/C Issuer and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto (including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C Issuer, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and (ii) the successor L/C Issue shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.
- 10.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality. Each of Agent, Lenders and the L/C Issuer agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the "Information" (as such term is defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, advisors and representatives (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 and that the party disclosing Information to such Person shall remain liable for any direct damages arising out of any such unauthorized disclosure by any such Person), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority, purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process (after prior notice to Borrower to the extent reasonably practicable and not prohibited by applicable law), (d) to any other party hereto, (e) 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, (f) subject

to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 10.07, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement or (ii) any actual or prospective counterparty (or its advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to Borrower and its obligations, (g) with the consent of Borrower or (h) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 10.07 or (ii) becomes available to Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than Borrower. For purposes of this Section 10.07, "Information" means all information received from Borrower or any Subsidiary elating to Borrower or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by Borrower or any Subsidiary. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of information as provided in this Section 10.07 shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised reasonable care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information. Each of Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that (A) the Information may include material non-public information concerning Borrower or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (B) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including applicable Federal and state securities Laws.

10.08 Right of Setoff. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Lender, the L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Lender, the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of Borrower or any other Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of Borrower or such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or the L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or the L/C Issuer and demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of Borrower or such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Lender or the L/C Issuer different from the branch or office holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness. The rights of each Lender, the L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section 10.08 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender, the L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer agrees to notify Borrower and Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

10.09 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 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 Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by 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.

10.10 Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the

other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as expressly provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by Borrower and Agent and when Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

10.11 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. 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 Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by Agent or any Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that 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.

10.12 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction,

10.13 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

- (a) GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
- (b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. BORROWER AND EACH OTHER LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE NONEXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW JERSEY STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT AGENT, ANY LENDER OR THE L/C ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST BORROWER OR ANY OTHER LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.
 - (c) WAIVER OF VENUE. BORROWER AND EACH OTHER LOAN PARTY

IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (b) OF THIS SECTION 10.13. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) <u>SERVICE OF PROCESS</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN <u>SECTION 10.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

10.14 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 10.14.

10.15 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby, Borrower and each other Loan Party acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (a) the credit facilities provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between Borrower, each other Loan Party and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and Agent, on the other hand, and Borrower and each other Loan Party is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (b) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, Agent is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (c) Agent has not assumed and will not assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of Borrower or any other Loan Party with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document (irrespective of whether Agent has advised or is currently advising Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates on other matters) and Agent has no obligation to Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; (d) Agent and its Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests

amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) and each of Borrower and the other Loan Parties has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of Borrower and the other Loan Parties hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against Agent with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty.

10.16 <u>USA PATRIOT Act Notice</u>. Each Lender that is subject to the "Act" (as such term is hereinafter defined) and Agent (for itself alone and <u>not</u> on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (as amended or modified, the "<u>Act</u>"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies Borrower, which information includes the name and address of Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender or Agent, as applicable, to identify Borrower in accordance with the Act.

10.17 Time of the Essence. Time is of the essence of the Loan Documents.

10.18 Judgment Currency. If, for the purposes of obtaining judgment in any court, it is necessary to convert a sum due hereunder or any other Loan Document in one currency into another currency, the rate of exchange used shall be that at which in accordance with normal banking procedures the Agent could purchase the first currency with such other currency on the Business Day preceding that on which final judgment is given. The obligation of Borrower in respect of any such sum due from it to the Agent or the Canadian Lender hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall, notwithstanding any judgment in a currency (the "Judgment Currency") other than that in which such sum is denominated in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement (the "Agreement Currency"), the Agent or the Canadian Lender, as the case may be, of any sum adjudged to be so due in the Judgment Currency, the Agent or the Canadian Lender, as the case may be, may in accordance with normal banking procedures purchase the Agreement Currency with the Judgment Currency. If the amount of the Agreement Currency so purchased is less than the sum originally due to the Agent or the Canadian Lender, as the case may be, against such loss. If the amount of the Agreement Currency, so purchased is greater than the sum originally due to the Agent or the Canadian Lender in such currency, the Agent or the Canadian Lender, as the case may be, agrees to return the amount of any excess to Borrower (or to any other Person who may be entitled thereto under applicable law).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF: the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

MISTRAS GROUP, INC., as Borrower

By: /s/ Sotirios J. Vahaviolos

Sotirios J. Vahaviolos President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Agent

By: /s/ Anne Zeschke Anne Zeschke

Agency Management Officer

$\boldsymbol{\mathsf{BANK}}$ OF $\boldsymbol{\mathsf{AMERICA}}, \boldsymbol{\mathsf{N.A.}},$ as a Lender, Lead Arranger and L/C Issuer

By: /s/ William T. Franey

William T. Franey Senior Vice President

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., as a Lender and a Co-Lead Arranger

By: /s/ Susan M. Graham

Susan M. Graham Vice President

TD BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ John T. Callaghan
Name: John T. Callaghan Title: Vice President

CAPITAL BANK, N.A., as a Lender

By: /s/ Allison Saroo

Name: Allison Saroo Title: Vice President

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COMMITMENTS AND APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES

Lender	Revolving Loan Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A	\$15,628,205.13	29.487179491%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A	\$16,987,179.49	32.051282057%
TD Bank, N.A.	\$10,192,307.69	19.230769226%
Capital One, N.A.	\$10,192,307.69	19.230769226%
Total	\$53,000,000.00	100.000000000%
Lender Bank of America, N.A	Term Loan Commitment \$ 7,371,794.87	Applicable Percentage 29.487179480%
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A	\$ 8,012,820.51	32.051282040%
TD Bank, N.A.	\$ 4,807,692.31	19.230769240%
Capital One, N.A.	\$ 4,807,692.31	19.230769240%
Total	\$25,000,000.00	100.000000000%
Lender Bank of America, N.A. Total	Canadian Dollar Loan Commitment \$ 2,000,000.00 \$ 2,000,000.00	Applicable Percentage 100.000000000% 100.000000000%

LITIGATION

Lee v. Conam Inspection and Engineering Company, Case Number C-07-4956-SI: On September 23, 2007, Plaintiffs Gerald Lee and Steven Taylor filed a class action complaint in the Northern District Court for the State of California. In the Complaint, Plaintiffs allege that the Company violated California Labor Code Section 226.7, by failing to provide second meal periods, Labor Code Section 511 by failing to pay overtime wages and California Business and Professions Code Section 17200 et seq., by allegedly engaging in the unlawful business practice of failing to compensate employees for missed meal periods and failing to provide overtime. Plaintiffs also seek waiting time penalties under Labor Code Section 203 and wage-statement penalties under Labor Code Section 26(e). Conam answered Plaintiffs' complaint on November 19, 2007. The Company denies that it failed to provide second meal periods to the Plaintiff class, denies that it failed to properly pay overtime wages, denies that it is subject to waiting time or wage-statement penalties, and denies that it engaged in any unlawful business practice. Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Class Certification on August 1, 2008, which Conam opposed. Prior to the hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification, the parties mediated the case on October 13, 2008. The parties reached a settlement of all class claims. The class settlement is in the process of being administered.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

None.

SUBSIDIARIES AND OTHER EQUITY INVESTMENTS AND EQUITY INTERESTS IN BORROWER

Part (a). Subsidiaries.

- Envirocoustics ABEE (99% owned by Physical Acoustics Limited)
- Euro Physical Acoustics, S.A. (99.9% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics Limited (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics India Private Ltd. (90% stock ownership by Physical Acoustics Ltd.)
- Anru Physical ALC TLP Beheer B.V., formerly known as Physical Acoustics, B.V. (40% direct stock ownership and 60% stock ownership by Physical Acoustics Limited)
- Nippon Physical Acoustics Limited (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics South America Ltda. (97% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics Argentina S.A. (100% stock ownership by Physical Acoustics South America Ltda.)
- Diapac (85% membership interest)
- Quality Services Laboratories, Inc. (100% stock ownership)
- Physical Acoustics Corporation (100% stock ownership) (no operations)
- CISMIS Springfield Corp. (100% stock ownership) (no operations)
- ThermTech Services, Inc. (100% stock ownership)
- Mistras Canada Inc. (100% owned by Mistras Group, Inc.)

Part (b). Other Equity Investments.

None

Part (c). Owners of Equity Interests in Borrower.

See attached.

EXISTING LIENS

Mistras Group, Inc.

Liens in favor of California First Leasing Corporation relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Bank of America, N.A. relating to assets.

Liens in favor of National City Commercial Capital Company, LLC relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Encore Leasing Group, LLC relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of TCF Equipment Finance, Inc. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Wells Fargo Equipment Finance, Inc. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Bank of the West, Trinity Division, relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of TD Equipment Finance, Inc. relating to leased equipment.

CISMIS Springfield Corp.

Liens in favor of Bank of America, N.A. relating to assets.

Physical Acoustics Corp.

Liens in favor of Bank of America, N.A. relating to assets.

Liens in favor of Dell Financial Services, L.P. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Bank of the West, Trinity Division, relating to leased equipment.

Quality Services Laboratories, Inc.,

Liens in favor of Thayer Equity Investors IV, L.P. relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Sotirios J. Vahaviolos relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Greater Bay Bank N.A. relating to equipment.

Liens in favor of California First Leasing Corporation relating to leased equipment.

Liens in favor of Bank of America, N.A. relating to assets.

Liens in favor of Banc of America Leasing & Capital LLC relating to leased equipment.

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY 22, 2009

EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS

Indebtedness to Sotirios J. Vahaviolos for outstanding lease obligations with a principal amount of approximately \$237,000

Guaranty of £150,000 surety bond securing payment of Value Added Tax in United Kingdom

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY 22, 2009

AGENT'S OFFICE, CERTAIN ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES

BORROWER:

Mistras Group, Inc. 195 Clarksville Road Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 Attention: Paul "Pete" Peterik Telephone: 609.716.4103 Telecopier: 609.716.4179

Electronic Mail: pete.peterik@mistrasgroup.com
U.S. Taxpayer Identification Number: 22-3341267

Sheldon G. Nussbaum, Esq. Joseph F. Daniels, Esq. Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. 666 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10103

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

Administrative Agent's Office

(for payments and Requests for Credit Extensions): Bank of America, N.A. 101 N. Tryon Street Mail Code: NC1-001-04-39 Charlotte, NC 28255-0001 Attention: Renee Daniels-Moring Telephone: (704) 387-9468

Telecopier: (704) 310-3288 Electronic Mall: renee.d.daniels-moring@bankofamerica.com Account No.: 136-621-225-0600

Ref: Mistras Group, Inc. ABA# 026009593

Other Notices as Administrative Agent:

Anne Zeschke

Agency Management Officer Bank of America, N.A. Mail Code: III-231-10-41 231 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60604 Tel: 312-828-7299 Fax: 877-216-2432

L/C ISSUER:

Standby Letters of Credit:

Bank of America, N.A.
Trade Operations
One Fleet Way
Mail Code: PA6-580-02-30
Scranton, PA 18507
Attention: Alfonso (Al) Malave
Telephone: 570.330.4212
Telecopier: 570.330.4186
Electronic Mail: alfonso.malave@bankofamerica.com

SCHEDULE 10.06

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY 22, 2009

Agent will charge assigning Lender a processing and recordation fee (an "Assignment Fee") in the amount of \$2,500.00 for each assignment; provided, however, that in the event of two or more concurrent assignments to members of the same Assignee Group (which may be effected by a suballocation of an assigned amount among members of such Assignee Group) or two or more concurrent assignments by members of the same Assignee Group to a single Eligible Assignee (or to an Eligible Assignee and members of its Assignee Group), the Assignment Fee will be \$2,500.00 plus the amount set forth below:

Transaction
First four concurrent assignments or suballocations to members of an Assignee Group (or from members of an Assignee Group, as applicable)

Assignment Fee -0-

Each additional concurrent assignment or suballocation to a member of such Assignee Group (or from a member of such Assignee Group, as applicable)

\$500

Date:

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [___], 2009

FORM OF COMMITTED LOAN NOTICE

<i>Duc.</i>
To: Bank of America, N.A., as Agent
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July [], 2009 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement"; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Mistras Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and L/C Issuer.
The undersigned hereby requests (select one):
Borrowing of Revolving Loans
Conversion or continuation of Revolving Loans
1. On(a Business Day).
2. In the amount of \$
3. Comprised of [Type of Loan requested]
4. For Eurodollar Rate Loans: with an Interest Period of months.
The undersigned hereby requests (select one):
Borrowing of the Term Loan
Conversion or continuation of the Term Loan
1. On (a Business Day).
2. In the amount of \$
3. Comprised of [Type of Loan requested]
4. For Eurodollar Rate Loans: with an Interest Period of months.

Borrowing of Canadian Dollar Loans	
Conversion or continuation of Canadian Dollar Loans	
1. On (a Business Day).	
2. In the amount of \$	
3. Comprised of [Type of Loan requested]	
4. For Eurodollar Rate Loans: with an Interest Period of months.	
The Committed Borrowing requested herein complies with the provisions of <u>Section 2.02</u> of the Agreement.	
MISTRAS GROUP, INC.	
By:	-
Title:	
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ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [__], 2009

FORM OF FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED REVOLVING CREDIT LOAN NOTE

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to	or registered assigns ("Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the "Agreement" (as such term is
hereinafter defined), the principal amount of each Revolving Loan from time to time made by the Lender to Bo	rrower under that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July, 2009 (as
amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreemen	t"; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time
to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Co-Lead Arranger and Bank of America, N.A., as Admir	nistrative Agent, Lead Arranger and L/C Issuer.

Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Revolving Loan from the date of such Loans until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Lender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof until the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in the Agreement.

This First Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Loan Note (as it may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented, this "Note") is one of the Revolving Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement. Revolving Loans made by the Lender shall be evidenced by one or more loan accounts or records maintained by the Lender in the ordinary course of business. The Lender may also attach schedules to this Note and endorse thereon the date, amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.

This Note is given in full substitution for and in full replacement of that certain Substitute Revolving Note dated January 7, 2009 by Borrower, as maker, and delivered to Lender, as payee, in the maximum principal amount of up to \$10,000,000.00 (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Note"). The execution and delivery of this Note does not evidence a refinancing, repayment, accord and satisfaction or novation of the indebtedness evidenced by the Original Note.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

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THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ATTEST:			MISTRAS GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation		
By:			By:		
	Paul Peterik	•		Sotirios J. Vahaviolos	
	Chief Financial Officer			President	
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LOANS AND PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Date	Type of Loan Made	Amount of Loan Made	End of Interest Period	Amount of Principal or Interest Paid This Date	Outstanding Principal Balance This Date	Notation Made By

July ____, 2009

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [___], 2009

FORM OF FIRST AMENDED	AND RESTATED TERM LOAN NOTE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to	or registered assigns ("Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the "Agreement" (as such term is
hereinafter defined), the principal amount of the Term Loans made by the Lender to Borrower under that certain	1 Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July, 2009 (as amended, restated, extended,
supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement"; the terms defined therein b	eing used herein as therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time to time party thereto,
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Co-Lead Arranger and Bank of America, N.A., as Agent, Lead Arranger and L	/C Issuer.

Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of the Term Loans from the date of such Loan until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Lender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof until the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in the Agreement.

This First Amended and Restated Term Loan Note (as it may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented, this "Note") is one of the Term Notes referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement.

This Note is given in full substitution for and in full replacement of (a) that certain undated Term Note, by Borrower, as maker, and delivered to Lender, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$12,500,000.00 (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Term Note") and (b) that certain undated Acquisition Note, by Borrower, as maker, and delivered to Lender, as payee, in the original principal amount of \$10,000,000.00 (hereinafter referred to as the "Original Acquisition Note" and hereinafter the Original term Note and the Original Acquisition Note shall be collectively referred to as the "Original Notes"). The execution and delivery of this Note does not evidence a refinancing, repayment, accord and satisfaction or novation of the indebtedness evidenced by the Original Notes.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

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THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ATTEST:			MISTRAS GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation		
By:			By:		
	Paul Peterik	•		Sotirios J. Vahaviolos	
	Chief Financial Officer			President	
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Financial Statement Date: _

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [___], 2009

FORM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

To: Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent
Ladies and Gentlemen:
Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July [], 2009 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the 'Agreement''; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Mistras Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Borrower"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and L/C Issuer.
The undersigned Responsible Officer hereby certifies as of the date hereof that he/she is the of Borrower, and that, as such, he/she is authorized to execute and deliver this Certificate to Agent on the behalf of Borrower, and that:
[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal year-end financial statements]
1. Attached hereto as Schedule 1 are the year-end audited financial statements required by Section 6.01(a) of the Agreement for the fiscal year of Borrower ended as of the above date, together with the report and ppinion of an independent certified public accountant required by such section.
[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal quarter-end financial statements]
1. Attached hereto as Schedule 1 are the unaudited financial statements required by Section 6.01(b) of the Agreement for the fiscal quarter of Borrower ended as of the above date. Such financial statements fairly present the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Borrower and its Consolidated Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP as at such date and for such period, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes.
2. The officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower has reviewed and is familiar with the terms of the Agreement and has made, or has caused to be made under his/her supervision, a detailed review of he transactions and condition (financial or otherwise) of Borrower during the accounting period covered by the attached financial statements.
3. A review of the activities of Borrower during such fiscal period has been made under the supervision of the officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower with a view to determining whether during such fiscal period Borrower performed and observed all its Obligations under the Loan Documents, and
[select one:]

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[to the best knowledge of the officer executing this Certificate on behalf of the Borrower during such fiscal period, Borrower performed and observed each covenant and condition of the Loan Documents applicable to it, and no Default has occurred and is continuing.]
— or —
[the following covenants or conditions have not been performed or observed and the following is a list of each such Default and its nature and status:]
4. The representations and warranties of Borrower contained in Article V of the Agreement, and/or any representations and warranties of Borrower or any other Loan Party that are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection with the Loan Documents, are true and correct on and as of the date hereof, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Compliance Certificate, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 of the Agreement shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01 of the Agreement, including the statements in connection with which this Compliance Certificate is delivered.
5. The financial covenant analyses and information set forth on Schedules 2 and 3 attached hereto are true and accurate on and as of the date of this Certificate.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF , the undersigned has executed this Certificate as of
MISTRAS GROUP, INC.
By:
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For the Quarter/Year ended	("Statement Date")

SCHEDULE 2 to the Compliance Certificate (\$ in 000's)

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I.	Section 6.12(a) — Minimum EBITDA				
	1.	net income:	\$		
	2.	minus income or plus loss from discontinued operations and extraordinary items:	(\$)		
	3.	plus income tax expenses:	\$		
	4.	plus interest expense:	\$ \$ \$		
	5.	plus depreciation, depletion and amortization (including non-cash loss on retirement assets:	\$		
	6.	plus stock option expense:	\$		
	7.	minus cash expense related to stock options:	(\$) \$		
	8.	plus Add Back Amounts, if applicable:	\$		
	9.	plus amounts expended in the settlement of that certain labor class action lawsuit filed in California against Conam Inspection & Engineering Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000.00, if applicable:	\$		
	10.	plus amounts expended by the Borrower in connection with the initial public offering of its common stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933, if applicable:	\$		
	11.	plus amounts expended by the Borrower in connection with the closing of the credit facilities described in this Agreement, if applicable:	\$		
	12.	Total (Line I.1 - I.2 + I.3 + I.4 + I.5 + I.6 - I.7 + I.8 + I.9 + I.10 + I.11):	\$		
	Minin	num Required:	\$		
II.	Sectio	n 6.12(b) — Minimum Debt Service Coverage Ratio.			
	A.	EBITDA (Line I.12):	\$		

C. Current Portion of Long Term Debt:	period following said date of determination), including any conditional payments due	,
 current portion of long-term liabilities (i.e., that portion due and owing in the 12 month under any earn-out agreements, deemed due and owing in such 12 month period, and curre 12 month period following said date of determination): 	ent portion of capitalized lease obligations (i.e., that portion due and owing in the	
	\$_	
plus interest expense on all obligations paid during the 12 month period immediately properties.	receding said date of determination:	
	\$_	
3. Total (Line II.C.1 + Line II.C.2):	\$_	
D. Debt Service Coverage Ratio ((Line II.A — II.B) / Line II.C.3):	_	to- 1.0
Minimum Required:	_	to- 1.0
III. Section 6.12(c) — Maximum Funded Debt Leverage Ratio.		
	bilities, including current and long-term liabilities (but excluding the capital lease between \$_	
Borrower and Sotirios Vahaviolos relating to Borrower's occupancy of the premises locate	ed at 195 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey):	
B. EBITDA (Line I.12)	\$_	
C. Funded Debt Leverage Ratio (Line III.A / Line III.B):	_	to- 1.0
Maximum Permitted:	_	to- 1.0
IV. Free Cash Flow		
1. EBITDA (Line I.12):	\$_	
less all taxes paid or payable in cash:	(\$	5)
less cash interest paid:	(\$	5)
less all capital expenditures made in cash:	(\$	5)

less all scheduled and non-scheduled principal payments on Funded Debt made during the period (excluding free cash flow payments made pursuant to Section 2.05(c) of the Credit Agreement):
 plus any Decrease in Working Capital (or minus any Increase in Working Capital):
 Total Free Cash Flow:

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FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

This Assignment and Assumption (this "Assignment and Assumption") is dated as of the Effective Date set forth below and is entered into by and between [the][each] Assignor identified in item 1 below ([the] [each, an] "Assignor") and [the][each] Assignee identified in item 2 below ([the](each, an] "Assignee"). [It is understood and agreed that the rights and obligations of [the Assignors][the Assignees] hereunder are several and not joint.] Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement identified below (the "Credit Agreement"), receipt of a copy of which is hereby acknowledged by the Assignee. The Standard Terms and Conditions set forth in Annex 1 attached hereto are hereby agreed to and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Assignment and Assumption as if set forth herein in full.

For an agreed consideration, [the][each] Assignor hereby irrevocably sells and assigns to [the Assignees][the respective Assignees], and [the][each] Assignee hereby irrevocably purchases and assumes from [the Assignor][the respective Assignors], subject to and in accordance with the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Credit Agreement, as of the Effective Date inserted by Agent as contemplated below (i) all of [the Assignor's][the respective Assignors] rights and obligations in [its capacity as a Lender][their respective capacities as Lenders] under the Credit Agreement and any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto to the extent related to the amount and percentage interest identified below (including, without limitation, the Letters of Credit included in such facilities) and (ii) to the extent permitted to be assigned under applicable law, all claims, suits, causes of action and any other right of [the Assignor (in its capacity as a Lender)][the respective Assignors (in their respective capacities as Lenders)] against any Person, whether known or unknown, arising under or in connection with the Credit Agreement, any other documents or instruments delivered pursuant thereto or the loan transactions governed thereby or in any way based on or related to any of the foregoing, including, but not limited to, contract claims, tort claims, malpractice claims, statutory claims and all other claims at law or in equity related to the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to [clause (i)] above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned pursuant to [clause (i)] above (the rights and obligations sold and assigned Interest"). Each such sale and assignment is without recourse to [the][any] Assignor and, except as expressly provided in this Assignment and Assumption, without representation or warranty by [the][any] Assignor.

1.	Assignor[s]:
2.	Assignee[s] for each Assignee, indicate Affiliate of [identify Lender]
3.	Borrower(s):
4.	Administrative Agent: Bank of America, N. A., as the administrative agent under the Credit

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5. Credit Agreement: Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July ____, 2009, among Mistras Group, Inc., the Lenders from time to time party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and L/C Issuer

6. Assigned Interest[s]:

Assignor[s]	Assignee[s]	Facility Assigned	Aggregate Amount of Commitment/Loans for all Lenders	Amount of Commitment/Loans Assigned	Percentage Assigned of Commitment/Loans	CUSIP No.
			\$	\$	%	
			\$	\$	%	
			\$	\$	%	

			\$	\$		%
			\$	\$		%
[7. Trade Date:]						
Effective Date:, 20 [TO BE INSERTED BY REGISTER THEREFOR.]	ADMINISTRATIVE AC	GENT AND WHICH	SHALL BE THE	EFFECTIVE DATE OF I	RECORDATION OF TRANS	SFER IN THE
The terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are hereby	agreed to:					
		ASSIGNOR:	:			
		[NAME OF	ASSIGNOR]			
		By:				
		Name: Title:				
		ASSIGNEE:	:			
		[NAME OF	ASSIGNEE]			
		Ву:				
		Name: Title:				
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[Consented to and] Accepted:
Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent
By:
Title:
[Consented to:]
By:
Title:

ANNEX 1 TO ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION

- 1. Representations and Warranties.
- 1.1. <u>Assignor.</u> [The][Each] Assignor (a) represents and warrants that (i) it is the legal and beneficial owner of [the][the relevant] Assigned interest, (ii) [the][such] Assigned interest is free and clear of any lien, encumbrance or other adverse claim and (iii) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents or any collateral thereunder, (iii) the financial condition of Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any other Person of any of their respective obligations under any Loan Document.
- 1.2. Assignee. [The][Each] Assignee (a) represents and warrants that (i) it has full power and authority, and has taken all action necessary, to execute and deliver this Assignment and Assumption and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and to become a Lender under the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, (ii) it meets all the requirements to be an assignee under Section 10.06(b)(iii),(v) and (vi) of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 10.06(b)(iii) of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, and (iv) it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to acquire assets of the type represented by [the][such] Assigned Interest and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to acquire [the][such] Assigned Interest, is experienced in acquiring assets of such type, (v) it has received a copy of the Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 6.01 thereof, as applicable, and such other documents and information as it deems appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest, and (vi) it has independently and without reliance upon Agent or any other Lender and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Assignment and Assumption and to purchase [the][such] Assigned Interest; and (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance upon Agent, [the][any] Assignor or any other Lender, and based on
- 2. <u>Payments</u>. From and after the Effective Date, Agent shall make all payments in respect of **[the][each]** Assigned Interest (including payments of principal, interest, fees and other amounts) to **[the][the relevant]** Assignor for amounts which have accrued to but excluding the Effective Date and to **[the][the relevant]** Assignee for amounts which have accrued from and after the Effective Date.

3. <u>General Provisions</u>. This Assignment and Assumption shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. This Assignment and Assumption may be executed in any number of counterparts, which together shall constitute one instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Assignment and Assumption by telecopy shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumptions. This Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New Jersey.

ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [___], 2009

FREE CASH FLOW CERTIFICATE

MISTRAS GROUP, INC.

DATE:, 20
Reference is made to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July [], 2009 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the " <u>Agreement</u> "; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Mistras Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the " <u>Borrower</u> "), the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and L/C Issuer.
The officer executing this certificate is a Responsible Officer of the Borrower and as such is duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Borrower. By executing this certificate such office hereby certifies to the Agent and the Lenders that:
(a) attached hereto as Annex 1 is a correct calculation of Free Cash Flow for the fiscal year ended, 20and a correct calculation of the required prepayment of \$; and
(b) <u>Annex 1</u> attached hereto is based on the audited financial statements that have been delivered to the Agent in accordance with <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> of the Agreement.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Certificate to be executed by one of its Responsible Officers thisday of, 20
MISTRAS GROUP, INC.
By: Name: Title:
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ANNEX 1 FREE CASH FLOW CERTIFICATE CALCULATION

Free Cash Flow i	is defined as follows:	
	applicable period of measurement:	¢
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LESS:	Dividend and/or distributions paid in cash and permitted by the terms of the Agreement:	\$
	Unfinanced Capital Expenditures paid in cash and permitted by the terms of the Agreement:	\$
	Scheduled payments of interest on Funded Debt paid in cash	\$
	Taxes actually paid in cash:	\$
	Scheduled payments of principal on Funded Debt paid in cash:	\$
	Voluntary prepayments of the Term Loan:	\$
	Increase in Working Capital, if any:	\$
	(See calculation on <u>Annex 2</u> attached hereto)	
PLUS:	Decrease in Working Capital, if any:	\$
	(See calculation on <u>Annex 2</u> attached hereto)	
Free Cash Flow		\$
[25%] of Free Ca	ash Flow	\$
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ANNEX 2 DECREASE (INCREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL CALCULATION

Decrease (Increase) in Working Capital, for the purposes of the calculation of Free Cash Flow, means the following:

		Beg. Of Period	End of Period
Current asse	z:	\$	\$
Less:	Cash		
	Cash Equivalents		
	Amounts due from Affiliates:		
	Deferred taxes		
Adjusted cur	rent assets	\$	\$
Current liab	lities:	\$	\$
Less:	Loans Outstanding		
	Current portion of Indebtedness		
	Amounts due to Affiliates		
	Deferred taxes		
Adjusted cur	rent liabilities	\$	\$
Working cap	ital (adjusted current assets <u>minus</u> adjusted current liabilities)	\$	\$
Decrease (In	crease) in Working Capital (beginning of period <u>minus</u> end of period Working Capital)		\$
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ATTACHED TO AND MADE A PART OF THAT CERTAIN SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG, AMONGST OTHERS, MISTRAS GROUP, INC., AS BORROWER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, DATED JULY [___], 2009

FORM OF CANADIAN DOLLAR LOAN NOTE

U3\$	July, 2009
FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned ("Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to or registered assigns (("Canadian Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the "Agreement" (as such term is hereinafter

Gefined), the principal amount of each Canadian Dollar Loan from time to time made by the Canadian Lender to Borrower under that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated July _____, 2009 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Agreement"; the terms defined therein being used herein as therein defined), among Borrower, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Co-Lead Arranger and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Lead Arranger and L/C Issuer.

Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Canadian Dollar Loan from the date of such Canadian Dollar Loans until such principal amount is paid in full, at such interest rates and at such times as provided in the Agreement. All payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Agent for the account of the Canadian Lender in Canadian Dollars in immediately available funds at the Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder, such unpaid amount shall bear interest, to be paid upon demand, from the due date thereof until the date of actual payment (and before as well as after judgment) computed at the per annum rate set forth in the Agreement.

This Canadian Dollar Loan Note (as it may be from time to time amended, modified, extended, renewed, substituted, and/or supplemented, this "Note") is the Canadian Dollar Loan Note referred to in the Agreement, is entitled to the benefits thereof and may be prepaid in whole or in part subject to the terms and conditions provided therein. This Note is also entitled to the benefits of the Guaranty and is secured by the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Agreement, all amounts then remaining unpaid on this Note shall become, or may be declared to be, immediately due and payable all as provided in the Agreement. Canadian Dollar Loans made by the Canadian Lender shall be evidenced by one or more loan accounts or records maintained by the Canadian Lender in the ordinary course of business. The Canadian Lender may also attach schedules to this Note and endorse thereon the date, amount and maturity of its Loans and payments with respect thereto.

Borrower, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby waives diligence, presentment, protest and demand and notice of protest, demand, dishonor and non-payment of this Note.

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THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ATTEST:	MISTRAS GROUP, INC., a Delaware corporation		
By:	By:		
Paul Peterik	Sotirios J. Vahaviolos		
Chief Financial Officer	President		
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CANADIAN DOLLAR LOANS AND PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT THERETO

Date	Type of Loan Made	Amount of Loan Made	End of Interest Period	Amount of Principal or Interest Paid This Date	Outstanding Principal Balance This Date	Notation Made By
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Mistras Group, Inc. Subsidiaries:

Name Anru Physical ALC TLP Beheer B.V.	Other Names under which Subsidiary Does Business	State of Organization The Netherlands
CISMIS Springfield Corp.		Delaware
DIAPAC Ltd.		Russia
Envirocoustics A.B.E.E.		Greece
Euro-Physical Acoustics S.A.		France
Mistras Canada Inc.		Canada
Nippon Physical Acoustics Ltd.		Japan
Physical Acoustics Argentina S.A.		Argentina
Physical Acoustics Corporation		Delaware
Physical Acoustics India Private Ltd.		India
Physical Acoustics Ltd.		England & Wales
Physical Acoustics South America LTDA		Brazil
Quality Services Laboratories, Inc.		Delaware
ThermTech Services, Inc.		Florida