UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2021

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

> For the transition period from _____ _ to _

> > Commission file number: 001-36062



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

46-2613366 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Five Concourse Parkway Suite 2500

Atlanta, Georgia 30328

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (770) 375-2300 Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: N/A

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common units representing limited partnership interests	CINR	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes 🗵 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes \boxtimes No \square

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer □ Accelerated filer ☑ Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company Π

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes 🗆 No 🖂

The registrant had 19,778,056 common units and 399,000 general partner units outstanding at October 27, 2021, the most recent practicable date.

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References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Report") to the "Partnership," "CINR," "Ciner Resources," "we," "our," "us," or like terms refer to Ciner Resources LP and its consolidated subsidiary, Ciner Wyoming LLC, which is referred to herein as "Ciner Wyoming." References to "our general partner" or "Ciner GP" refer to Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the general partner of Ciner Resources LP and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Enterprises Inc. ("Ciner Holdings"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Enterprises Inc. ("Ciner Enterprises"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KEW Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation ("KEW Soda"). WE Soda is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KEW Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation ("KEW Soda"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Methods by Turgay Ciner, the Chairman of the Ciner Group"), a Turkish conglomerate of companies engaged in energy and mining (including soda ash mining), media and shipping markets. All of our soda ash processed is sold to various domestic and international customers including American Natural Soda Ash Corporation ("ANSAC"), which was an affiliate for export sales in 2020. As a result of terminating Ciner Corp's membership in ANSAC effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020, ANSAC is no longer an affiliate of the Partnership.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CINER RESOURCES LP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

		A	s of	
(In millions)	Sep	otember 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3.0	\$	0.5
Accounts receivable-affiliates		48.1		86.5
Accounts receivable, net		109.3		40.6
Inventory		29.3		33.5
Other current assets		16.6		4.1
Total current assets		206.3		165.2
Property, plant and equipment, net		305.8		307.4
Other non-current assets		29.7		25.4
Total assets	\$	541.8	\$	498.0
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	3.0	\$	3.0
Accounts payable		19.5		16.4
Due to affiliates		1.8		2.9
Accrued expenses		36.0		33.6
Total current liabilities		60.3		55.9
Long-term debt		127.3		128.1
Other non-current liabilities		9.4		8.7
Total liabilities		197.0		192.7
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 9)				
Equity:				
Common unitholders - Public and Ciner Wyoming Holding Co. (19.8 units issue and outstanding at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020		182.7		170.0
General partner unitholders - Ciner Resource Partners LLC (0.4 units issued and outstanding at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020)		4.5		4.2
Accumulated other comprehensive income		7.8		—
Partners' capital attributable to Ciner Resources LP		195.0		174.2
Noncontrolling interest		149.8		131.1
Total equity		344.8	_	305.3
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$	541.8	\$	498.0

See accompanying notes.

CINER RESOURCES LP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

		Three Mo Septen			Ended 30,		
(In millions, except per unit data)		2021	 2020		2021	_	2020
Net Sales:							
Sales—others	\$	135.6	\$ 54.0	\$	384.1	\$	158.6
Sales—affiliates			 44.2				130.2
Net sales		135.6	 98.2		384.1		288.8
Operating costs and expenses:							
Cost of products sold including freight costs (excludes depreciation, depletion and amortization expense set forth separately below)		104.8	78.8		310.5		233.1
Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense		7.4	7.8		23.8		20.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses-affiliates		5.2	4.5		13.0		13.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses-others		1.5	 0.2		4.9		3.5
Total operating costs and expenses		118.9	 91.3		352.2		270.4
Operating income		16.7	6.9		31.9		18.4
Other (expenses) income:							
Interest income		—	—		—		0.1
Interest expense		(1.3)	(1.2)		(4.1)		(4.0)
Other, net			 (0.3)				(0.3)
Total other expense, net		(1.3)	 (1.5)		(4.1)		(4.2)
Net income	\$	15.4	\$ 5.4	\$	27.8	\$	14.2
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest		8.0	 3.1		15.1		8.5
Net income attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	7.4	\$ 2.3	\$	12.7	\$	5.7
Other comprehensive income:							
Income on derivative financial instruments	\$	8.6	\$ 4.9	\$	15.2	\$	5.6
Comprehensive income		24.0	 10.3		43.0		19.8
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest		12.2	 5.5		22.5		11.2
Comprehensive income attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	11.8	\$ 4.8	\$	20.5	\$	8.6
Net income per limited partner unit:							
Net income per limited partner unit (basic)	\$	0.36	\$ 0.11	\$	0.63	\$	0.28
Net income per limited partner unit (diluted)	\$	0.36	\$ 0.11	\$	0.63	\$	0.28
Limited partner units outstanding:							
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding (basic)		19.8	19.7		19.8		19.7
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding (daste)		19.8	19.7		19.8		19.7
weighted average minted partier units outstanding (unuted)		19.0	19.7		19.0		19.7

See accompanying notes.

CINER RESOURCES LP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

<i>a</i>	20		aca sep	<u>tember 30,</u> 2020
<u>(In millions)</u> Cash flows from operating activities:	20	21		2020
Net income	\$	27.8	\$	14.2
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	•	27.0	φ	14.2
Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense		24.2		21.0
Equity-based compensation expenses		0.4		0.9
Other non-cash items		0.3		0.2
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable—affiliates		(3.5)		15.1
Accounts receivable, net		(26.8)		5.7
Inventory		2.9		(2.2)
Other current and non-current assets		(1.2)		0.4
Accounts payable		2.7		(1.6)
Due to affiliates		(0.9)		(0.3)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		2.4		(1.0
Net cash provided by operating activities		28.3		52.4
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(20.7)		(28.4)
Net cash used in investing activities		(20.7)		(28.4)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Borrowings on Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility		67.5		159.0
Borrowings on Ciner Resources Credit Facility		1.0		_
Borrowings on Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement				30.0
Repayments on Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility		(65.0)		(196.0)
Repayments on Ciner Resources Credit Facility		(2.0)		_
Repayments on Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement		(2.3)		(1.5)
Distributions to common unitholders, general partner, and noncontrolling interest		(3.9)		(27.9)
Other		(0.4)		(0.8)
Net cash used in financing activities		(5.1)		(37.2)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2.5		(13.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		0.5		14.9
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	3.0	\$	1.7
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:				
Interest paid during the period	\$	3.5	\$	4.0
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:				
Capital expenditures on account	\$	2.7	\$	9.3

See accompanying notes.

CINER RESOURCES LP CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (Unaudited)

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(In millions)	Common hitholders		General Partner	Co	ccumulated Other mprehensive come (Loss)	Att	Partners' Capital ributable to Ciner sources LP Equity	No	ncontrolling Interest		Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ 171.4	\$	4.3	\$	(3.0)	\$	172.7	\$	127.2	\$	299.9
Net income	6.6		0.1		_		6.7		7.5		14.2
Other comprehensive loss	_		_		(1.0)		(1.0)		(1.1)		(2.1)
Equity-based compensation plan activity	0.1		_		_		0.1		_		0.1
Distributions	(6.7)		(0.1)		_		(6.8)		(7.1)		(13.9)
Balance at March 31, 2020	\$ 171.4	\$	4.3	\$	(4.0)	\$	171.7	\$	126.5	\$	298.2
Net income (loss)	 (3.3)	_					(3.3)	_	(2.1)	_	(5.4)
Other comprehensive income			_		1.4		1.4		1.4		2.8
Equity-based compensation plan activity	0.3		_		_		0.3		_		0.3
Distributions	(6.7)		(0.2)		_		(6.9)		(7.1)		(14.0)
Balance at June 30, 2020	\$ 161.7	\$	4.1	\$	(2.6)	\$	163.2	\$	118.7	\$	281.9
Net income	 2.3	_				_	2.3	_	3.1	_	5.4
Other comprehensive income	—		_		2.5		2.5		2.4		4.9
Equity-based compensation plan activity	0.1		_		_		0.1		_		0.1
Balance at September 30, 2020	\$ 164.1	\$	4.1	\$	(0.1)	\$	168.1	\$	124.2	\$	292.3
Balance at December 31, 2020	\$ 170.0	\$	4.2	\$	_	\$	174.2	\$	131.1	\$	305.3
Net income	2.4		_		_		2.4		3.2		5.6
Other comprehensive income	—		—		0.8		0.8		0.7		1.5
Distributions	 				_				(3.9)		(3.9)
Balance at March 31, 2021	\$ 172.4	\$	4.2	\$	0.8	\$	177.4	\$	131.1	\$	308.5
Net income	 2.8	_	0.1		_		2.9		3.9	_	6.8
Other comprehensive income	—		—		2.6		2.6		2.6		5.2
Equity-based compensation plan activity	0.3		_		_		0.3		_		0.3
Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 175.5	\$	4.3	\$	3.4	\$	183.2	\$	137.6	\$	320.8
Net income	 7.2	-	0.2	-		-	7.4	-	8.0		15.4
Other comprehensive income					4.4		4.4		4.2		8.6
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$ 182.7	\$	4.5	\$	7.8	\$	195.0	\$	149.8	\$	344.8
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See accompanying notes.

CINER RESOURCES LP NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements are composed of Ciner Resources LP (the "Partnership," "CINR," "Ciner Resources," "we," "us," or "our"), a publicly traded Delaware limited partnership, and its consolidated subsidiary, Ciner Wyoming LLC ("Ciner Wyoming"), which is in the business of mining trona ore to produce soda ash. The Partnership's operations consist solely of its investment in Ciner Wyoming. The Partnership was formed in April 2013 by Ciner Wyoming Holding Co. ("Ciner Holdings"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Resources Corporation ("Ciner Corp"). Ciner Corp is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Enterprises Inc. ("Ciner Enterprises"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KEW Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation ("KEW Soda"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Akkan Energi ve Madencilik Anonim Şirketi ("Akkan"). Akkan is directly and wholly owned by Turgay Ciner, the Chairman of the Ciner Group ("Ciner Group"), a Turkish conglomerate of companies engaged in energy and mining (including soda ash mining), media and shipping markets. The Partnership owns a controlling interest comprised of 51.0% membership interest in Ciner Wyoming. All of our soda ash processed is sold to various domestic and international customers, including American Natural Soda Ash Corporation ("ANSAC"), which was an affiliate for export sales in 2020. As a result of terminating Ciner Corp's membership in ANSAC effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020, ANSAC is no longer an affiliate of the Partnership. All mining and processing activities of Ciner Wyoming Lace in one facility located in the Green River Basin of Wyoming.

Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") applicable to interim period financial statements and reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which are necessary for fair presentation of the results of operations, financial position and cash flows for the periods presented. All intercompany transactions, balances, revenue and expenses have been eliminated in consolidation. The results of operations for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the full year.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes to audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 (the "2020 Annual Report") filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 16, 2021. There have been no material changes in the significant accounting policies followed by us during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 from those disclosed in the 2020 Annual Report.

Noncontrolling Interest

NRP Trona LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Natural Resource Partners L.P. ("NRP"), currently owns a 49.0% membership interest in Ciner Wyoming. NRP's membership interest in Ciner Wyoming is reflected as the noncontrolling interest in the Partnership's financial results.

Segment Reporting

As the Partnership earns substantially all of its revenues through the sale of soda ash mined at a single location, we have concluded that we have one operating segment for reporting purposes.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with GAAP, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the dates of the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Furthermore, we considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the use of estimates and assumptions used for financial reporting. While our year-to-date production is recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic negative impact, given we cannot predict the duration or the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our operations, the potential negative financial impact to our results cannot be reasonably estimated but could be material. As a result of these uncertainties, actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions. If the economy or markets in which we operate remain weaker than pre-COVID-19 levels, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be further materially and adversely impacted.

Subsequent Events

We have evaluated subsequent events through the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements and SEC Rules

SEC Rules

On October 31, 2018, the SEC issued a final rule that amends the current disclosure regime for SEC registrants with material mining operations. Among the final rule's amendments is the addition of Subpart 1300 to SEC Regulation S-K. The purpose of the amendments is to provide investors with more comprehensive information while aligning the SEC's disclosure requirements with the global regulatory standards outlined by the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards, which is commonly referred to as "CRIRSCO." When assessing the materiality of mining operations to determine whether disclosures are required, registrants must consider operations in the aggregate (including all mining properties irrespective of the current stage of development or operation) and evaluate both quantitative and qualitative factors. Registrants must comply with the revised requirements for their first fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2021. Further, the disclosures, it must file a technical report summary supporting the disclosure. The Partnership continues to evaluate the impact this guidance will have on its disclosures and will include such disclosures in the Annual Report no Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Recent Accounting Guidance Not Yet Adopted

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting ("ASU 2020-04") providing temporary guidance to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform primarily resulting from the discontinuation of the London Inter-bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR,"), which is currently expected to occur on December 31, 2021. The amendments in ASU 2020-04 are elective and apply to all entities that have contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued. The new guidance provides the following optional expedients: (i) simplifies accounting analyses under current GAAP for contract modifications; (ii) simplifies the assessment of hedge effectiveness and allows hedging relationships affected by reference rate reform. An entity may elect to apply the amendments prospectively from March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022 by accounting topic. The Partnership continues to evaluate ASU 2020-04 but does not expect a material impact to the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

In January 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-01, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Scope ("ASU 2021-01") to clarify that all derivative instruments affected by changes to the interest rates used for discounting, margining or contract price alignment (commonly referred to as the discounting transition) are in the scope of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 848. The amendments also clarify other aspects of the guidance in ASC 848 and addresses the effects of the cash compensation adjustment provided in the discounting transition on certain aspects of hedge accounting. The guidance in ASC 848 also allows entities to make a one-time election to sell and/or transfer to available for sale or trading any held-to-maturity debt securities that refer to an interest rate affected by reference rate reform and were classified as held to maturity before January 1, 2020. The original guidance and the recently issued ASU are effective as of their issuance dates. The relief provided is temporary and generally cannot be applied to contract modifications that occur after December 31, 2022 or hedging relationships entered into or evaluated after that date. However, the FASB has indicated that it will revisit the sunset date in ASC 848 after the LIBOR administrator makes a final decision on a phaseout date. The LIBOR administrator recently extended the publication of the overnight and the one-, three-, six- and 12-month USD LIBOR settings through June 30, 2023, when many existing contracts that reference LIBOR will have expired. The Partnership continues to evaluate ASU 2021-01 but does not expect a material impact to the Partnership's consolidated financial statements.

2. NET INCOME PER UNIT AND CASH DISTRIBUTION

Allocation of Net Income

Net income per unit applicable to limited partners is computed by dividing limited partners' interest in net income attributable to Ciner Corp, after deducting the general partner's interest and any incentive distributions, by the weighted average number of outstanding common units. Our net income is allocated to the general partner and limited partners in accordance with their respective partnership percentages, after giving effect to priority income allocations for incentive distributions, if any, to our general partner, pursuant to our partnership agreement. Earnings in excess of distributions are allocated to the general partner and limited partners based on their respective ownership interests. Payments made to our unitholders are determined in relation to actual distributions declared and are not based on the net income allocations used in the calculation of net income per unit.

In addition to the common units, we have also identified the general partner interest and incentive distribution rights ("IDRs") as participating securities and use the two-class method when calculating the net income per unit applicable to limited partners, which is



based on the weighted-average number of common units outstanding during the period. Anti-dilutive units outstanding were immaterial for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

The net income attributable to limited partner unitholders and the weighted average units for calculating basic and diluted net income per limited partner units were as follows:

		ee Months E	d September	Ni	eptember			
<u>(In millions, except per unit data)</u>		2021		2020	020 2021			2020
Numerator:								
Net income attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	7.4	\$	2.3	\$	12.7	\$	5.7
Less: General partner's interest in net income		0.2				0.3		0.1
Total limited partners' interest in net income	\$	7.2	\$	2.3	\$	12.4	\$	5.6
Denominator:								
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding:		40.0		40.5		40.0		40.5
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding (basic)		19.8		19.7		19.8		19.7
Weighted average limited partner units outstanding (diluted)		19.8	_	19.7		19.8		19.7
Net income per limited partner unit:								
Net income per limited partner unit (basic)	\$	0.36	\$	0.11	\$	0.63	\$	0.28
Net income per limited partner unit (diluted)	\$	0.36	\$	0.11	\$	0.63	\$	0.28

The calculation of limited partners' interest in net income is as follows:

		ee Months E 3	l September	Ni	September		
<u>(In millions)</u>		2021	2020		2021		2020
Net income attributable to common unitholders:						-	
Distributions ⁽¹⁾	\$	6.7	\$ —	\$	6.7	\$	6.7
Undistributed earnings (Distributions in excess) of net income		0.5	2.3		5.7		(1.1)
Common unitholders' interest in net income	\$	7.2	\$ 2.3	\$	12.4	\$	5.6
⁽¹⁾ Distributions declared per limited partner unit for the period	\$	0.340	\$ —	\$	0.340	\$	0.340

Quarterly Distribution

Our general partner has considerable discretion in determining the amount of available cash, the amount of distributions and the decision to make any distribution. Although our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly, there is no guarantee that we will make quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders, and we have no legal obligation to do so.

In an effort to achieve greater financial and liquidity flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic, on August 3, 2020, each of the members of the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a suspension of quarterly distributions to its members. In addition, effective August 3, 2020, in connection with the quarterly distribution for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, each of the members of the board of directors of our general partner approved a suspension of quarterly distributions to our unitholders that continued for each of the quarters ended September 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, March 31, 2021, and June 30, 2021.

In March 2021, the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a special \$8.0 million distribution to, amongst other things, provide the Partnership with funds to retire the Ciner Resources Credit Facility.

In October 2021, the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a \$15.0 million distribution to the members of Ciner Wyoming.

On October 29, 2021, the Partnership declared its third quarter 2021 quarterly cash distribution of \$0.340 per unit. The quarterly cash distribution is payable on November 19, 2021 to unitholders of record on November 9, 2021.

General Partner Interest and Incentive Distribution Rights

Our partnership agreement provides that our general partner initially will be entitled to 2.0% of all distributions that we make prior to our liquidation. Our general partner has the right, but not the obligation, to contribute up to a proportionate amount of capital to us in order to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest if we issue additional units. Our general partner's approximate 2.0% interest, and

the percentage of our cash distributions to which our general partner is entitled from such approximate 2.0% interest, will be proportionately reduced if we issue additional units in the future (other than the issuance of common units upon a reset of the IDRs), and our general partner does not contribute a proportionate amount of capital to us in order to maintain its approximate 2.0% general partner interest. Our partnership agreement does not require that our general partner fund its capital contribution with cash. It may, instead, fund its capital contribution by contributing to us common units or other property.

IDRs represent the right to receive increasing percentages (13.0%, 23.0% and 48.0%) of quarterly distributions from operating surplus after we have achieved the minimum quarterly distribution and the target distribution levels. Our general partner currently holds the IDRs, but may transfer these rights separately from its general partner interest, subject to certain restrictions in our partnership agreement.

Percentage Allocations of Distributions from Operating Surplus

The following table illustrates the percentage allocations of distributions from operating surplus between the unitholders and our general partner based on the specified target distribution levels. The amounts set forth under the column heading "Marginal Percentage Interest in Distributions" are the percentage interests of our general partner and the unitholders in any distributions from operating surplus we distribute up to and including the corresponding amount in the column "Total Quarterly Distribution per Unit Target Amount." The percentage interests shown for our unitholders and our general partner for the minimum quarterly distribution also apply to quarterly distribution amounts that are less than the minimum quarterly distribution including for the declared quarterly distributions of \$0.340 per unit for the third quarter of 2021. Under our partnership agreement, our general partner has considerable discretion to determine the amount of available cash (as defined therein) for distribution each quarter to the Partnership's unitholders, including discretion to establish cash reserves that would limit the amount of available cash eligible for distributions) on its units in any quarter. The percentage interests set forth below for our general partner (1) include a 2.0% general partner interest, (2) assume that our general partner has contributed any additional capital necessary to maintain its 2.0% general partner interest, (4) assume that we do not issue additional classes of equity securities.

		Marginal Perc Interest i Distributio	n
	Total Quarterly Distribution per Unit Target Amount	Unitholders	General Partner
Minimum Quarterly Distribution	\$0.5000	98.0 %	2.0 %
First Target Distribution	above \$0.5000 up to \$0.5750	98.0 %	2.0 %
Second Target Distribution	above \$0.5750 up to \$0.6250	85.0 %	15.0 %
Third Target Distribution	above \$0.6250 up to \$0.7500	75.0 %	25.0 %
Thereafter	above \$0.7500	50.0 %	50.0 %

3. INVENTORY

Inventory consisted of the following:

	 As	of	
<u>(In millions)</u>	September 30, 2021	D	ecember 31, 2020
Raw materials	\$ 8.8	\$	9.9
Finished goods	9.8		13.4
Stores inventory	10.7		10.2
Total	\$ 29.3	\$	33.5

4. DEBT

Long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs, consisted of the following:

	As of			
(In millions)	s	eptember 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, secured principal expiring on August 1, 2022, variable interest rate as a weighted average rate of 2.50% and 2.25% at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively	\$	105.0	\$	102.5
Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement with maturity date of March 26, 2028, fixed interest rate of 2.479%		25.3		27.6
Ciner Resources Credit Facility, secured principal expiring on August 1, 2022, variable interest rate as a weighted average rate of 2.25% at December 31, 2020		_		1.0
Total debt		130.3		131.1
Current portion of long-term debt		3.0		3.0
Total long-term debt	\$	127.3	\$	128.1

Aggregate maturities required on long-term debt as of September 30, 2021 are due in future years as follows:

(In millions)	Amount	
2021	\$	0.8
2022		3.1
2023		3.2
2024		3.3
2025		3.3
Thereafter		116.8
Total	\$	130.5

Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement

On March 26, 2020, Ciner Wyoming and Banc of America Leasing & Capital, LLC, as lender (the "Equipment Financing Lender"), entered into an equipment financing arrangement (the "Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement") including a Master Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of March 25, 2020 (as amended, the "Master Agreement") and an Equipment Security Note Number 001, dated as of March 25, 2020 (the "Initial Secured Note"), which provides the terms and conditions for the debt financing of certain equipment related to Ciner Wyoming's new natural gas-fired turbine co-generation facility that became operational in March 2020. Each equipment financing under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement will be evidenced by the execution of one or more equipment notes (including the Initial Secured Note) that incorporate the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement (each, an "Equipment Note"). In order to secure the payment and performance of Ciner Wyoming's obligations under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement Financing Lender, Ciner Wyoming granted to the Equipment Financing Lender, and certain related collateral.

The Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement (1) prior to the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement (as defined below), incorporated all covenants in the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, now or hereinafter existing, or in any applicable replacement credit facility accepted in writing by the Equipment Financing Lender, that are based upon a specified level or ratio relating to assets, liabilities, indebtedness, rentals, net worth, cash flow, earnings, profitability, or any other accounting-based measurement or test, and after the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement incorporates all covenants in the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility (as defined below) now or hereinafter existing, or in any applicable replacement credit facility accepted in writing by the Equipment Financing Lender, that are based upon a specified level or ratio relating to assets, liabilities, indebtedness, rentals, net worth, cash flow, earnings, profitability, or any other accounting-based measurement or test, and (2) includes customary events of default subject to applicable grace periods, including, among others, (i) payment defaults, (ii) certain mergers or the occurrence of a change of control as a result of which Ciner Wyoming is directly or indirectly controlled by persons or entities not currently directly or indirectly controlling Ciner Wyoming, (iii) cross defaults with certain other indebtedness (a) to which the Equipment Financing Lender is a party or (b) to third parties in excess of \$10 million, and (iv) the commencement of certain insolvency proceedings or related events identified in the Master Agreement. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, in its discretion, the Equipment Financing Lender may exercise certain remedies, including, among others, the ability to accelerate the maturity of any Equipment Note, and to charge Ciner Wyoming a default rate of interest on all then outstanding or thereafter incurred obligations under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment.

Among other things, the Initial Secured Note:

- has a principal amount of \$30,000,000;
- has a maturity date of March 26, 2028;
- shall be payable by Ciner Wyoming to the Equipment Financing Lender in 96 consecutive monthly installments of principal and interest commencing on April 26, 2020 and continuing
 thereafter until the maturity date of the Initial Secured Note, which shall be in the amount of approximately \$307,000 for the first 95 monthly installments and approximately \$4,307,000 for
 the final monthly installment; and
- entitles Ciner Wyoming to prepay all (but not less than all) of the outstanding principal balance of the Initial Secured Note (together with all accrued interest and other charges and amounts owed thereunder) at any time after one (1) year from the date of the Initial Secured Note, subject to Ciner Wyoming paying to the Equipment Financing Lender an additional prepayment amount determined by the amount of principal balance prepaid and the date such prepayment is made.

In connection with the Second Amendment to the Master Agreement (as defined below), the Master Agreement was amended to incorporate, among other things, the modified covenants set forth in the Second Amendment to the Master Agreement related to consolidated leverage ratios of Ciner Wyoming.

Ciner Wyoming's balance under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement as of September 30, 2021 was \$25.5 million (\$25.3 million net of financing costs).

In connection with the event of default (the "Facilities Agreement Default") under the Facilities Agreement (as defined below) that arose in February 2021 (as defined and described below in the WE Soda and Ciner Enterprises Facilities Agreement section), Ciner Wyoming entered into a second amendment to the Master Agreement (the "Second Amendment to the Master Agreement") on March 5, 2021. Such amendment modified the definition of change of control under the Master Agreement in order to prevent an event of default thereunder that could have otherwise resulted from the Facilities Agreement lenders foreclosing on certain equity interests in Ciner Holdings (the "Equity Default Remedy") as a remedy for the Facilities Agreement Default, or as a remedy for future events of

default under the Facilities Agreement. As of September 30, 2021, Ciner Wyoming was in compliance with all financial covenants of the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement, as amended.

On October 28, 2021, in connection with the entry into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility (which replaced the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility), Ciner Wyoming and the Equipment Financing Lender entered into the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement, dated as of March 25, 2020 (the "Third Amendment to the Master Agreement"), in order to amend and restate all covenants that are based upon a specified level or ratio relating to assets, liabilities, indebtedness, rentals, net worth, cash flow, earnings, profitability, or any other accounting-based measurement or test to conform with the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility.

Management is not aware of any current circumstances that would result in an event of default under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement in the next twelve months.

Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility

On August 1, 2017, Ciner Wyoming entered into a Credit Agreement (as amended, the "Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility") with each of the lenders listed on the respective signature pages thereof and PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC Bank"), as administrative agent, swing line lender and a Letter of Credit ("L/C") issuer. The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility was a \$225.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders, which would have matured on the fifth anniversary of the closing date of such credit facility. The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility provided for revolving loans to fund working capital requirements, and capital expenditures, to consummate permitted acquisitions and for all other lawful partnership purposes. The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility had an accordion feature that allowed Ciner Wyoming to increase the available revolving borrowings under the facility by up to an additional \$75.0 million, subject to Ciner Wyoming receiving increased commitments from existing lenders or new commitments from new lenders and the satisfaction of certain other conditions. In addition, the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility included a sublimit up to \$20.0 million for same-day swing line advances and a sublimit up to \$40.0 million for letters of credit.

In addition, the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility contained various covenants and restrictive provisions that limited (subject to certain exceptions) Ciner Wyoming's ability to:

- make distributions on or redeem or repurchase units;
- · incur or guarantee additional debt;
- · make certain investments and acquisitions;
- incur certain liens or permit them to exist;
- · enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates of Ciner Wyoming;
- · merge or consolidate with another company; and
- · transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of assets.

The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility contained events of default customary for transactions of this nature, including (i) failure to make payments required under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, (ii) failure to comply with covenants and financial ratios in the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, (iii) the occurrence of a change of control, (iv) the institution of insolvency or similar proceedings against Ciner Wyoming and (v) the occurrence of a default under any other material indebtedness Ciner Wyoming may have.

Loans under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility bear interest at Ciner Wyoming's option at either:

- a Base Rate, which equals the highest of (i) the federal funds rate in effect on such day plus 0.50%, (ii) the administrative agent's prime rate in effect on such day or (iii) one-month LIBOR plus 1.0%, in each case, plus an applicable margin; or
- the Eurodollar Rate plus an applicable margin; provided, that with respect to an applicable loan, if the Eurodollar Rate has ceased or will cease to be provided, if the regulatory supervisor for the
 administrator of the Eurodollar Rate or a governmental authority having jurisdiction over the administrative agent determine that the Eurodollar Rate is no longer representative or if the
 administrative agent determines that similar U.S. dollar-denominated credit facilities are being executed or modified to incorporate or adopt a new benchmark interest rate to replace the
 Eurodollar Rate, the administrative agent and Ciner Wyoming may establish an alternative interest rate for the applicable loan.

The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility had an interest rate floor of 0.50%.

The unused portion of the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility was subject to a per annum commitment fee and the applicable margin of the interest rate under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility was determined as follows:

Pricing Tier	Leverage Ratio	Eurodollar Rate Loans	Base Rate Loans	Commitment Fee
1	< 1.25:1.0	1.500%	0.500%	0.250%
2	\geq 1.25:1.0 but < 1.75:1.0	1.750%	0.750%	0.275%
3	\geq 1.75:1.0 but < 2.25:1.0	2.000%	1.000%	0.300%
4	\geq 2.25:1.0 but < 3.00:1.0	2.250%	1.250%	0.375%
5	\geq 3.00:1.0 but < 3.50:1.0	2.500%	1.500%	0.375%
6	\geq 3.50:1.0 but < 4.00:1.0	2.750%	1.750%	0.425%
7	\geq 4.00:1.0	3.000%	2.000%	0.475%

In connection with the Facilities Agreement Default (defined below), Ciner Wyoming entered into a Third Amendment to the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility (the "Third Amendment") in order to prevent an event of default thereunder that could have otherwise resulted from the Facilities Agreement lenders exercising the Equity Default Remedy as a remedy for the Facilities Agreement Default, or a future event of default under the Facilities Agreement. Such amendment (i) modified the definition of change of control to exclude any change in control that could arise from lender actions under the Facilities Agreement relating to any events of default under the Facilities Agreement; (ii) reduced the leverage ratio to 3.00 to 1.00 for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 and each fiscal quarter thereafter (from amendments prior to the Third Amendment, a leverage ratio of 4.50 to 1.0 or lower was required for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 3.00 to 1.0 is required); and (iii) added a covenant that any borrowings under the Wyoming Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of Ciner Wyoming's personal property, subject to certain exclusions. As of September 30, 2021, Ciner Wyoming was in compliance with all financial covenants of the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility.

On October 28, 2021, Ciner Wyoming terminated the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility and entered into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility as described below.

2021 Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility

On October 28, 2021, Ciner Wyoming entered into a new \$225.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility (the "Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility") with each of the lenders listed on the respective signature pages thereof and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and letter of credit issuer. The Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility matures on October 28, 2026. On closing, the amount drawn under this new Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility approximated the amount outstanding under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility as September 30, 2021.

The Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility provides, among other things:

- a sublimit up to \$40.0 million for the issuance of standby letters of credit and a sublimit up to \$20.0 million for swingline loans;
- an accordion feature that enables Ciner Wyoming to increase the revolving borrowings under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility by up to an additional \$250.0 million (subject to certain conditions);
- in addition to the aforementioned revolving borrowings, an ability to incur up to \$225 million of additional term loan facility indebtedness to finance Ciner Wyoming's capacity expansion capital expenditures; (subject to certain conditions);
- a pledge by Ciner Wyoming of substantially all of Ciner Wyoming's assets (subject to certain exceptions), including: (i) all present and future shares of any subsidiaries of Ciner Wyoming (whether now existing or hereafter created) and (ii) all personal property of Ciner Wyoming (subject to certain conditions);
- contains various covenants and restrictive provisions that limit (subject to certain exceptions) Ciner Wyoming's ability to: (i) incur certain liens or permit them to exist; (ii) incur or guarantee additional indebtedness; (iii) make certain investments and acquisitions related to Ciner Wyoming's operations in Wyoming); (iv) merge or consolidate with another company; (v) transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of assets, (vi) make distributions; (vii) change the nature of Ciner Wyoming's business; and (viii) enter into certain transactions with affiliates;
- a requirement to maintain a quarterly consolidated leverage ratio of not more than 3.25:1:00; provided, however, subject to certain conditions, Ciner Wyoming shall have the ability to increase the maximum consolidated leverage ratio to 3.75:1.00 for a year while Ciner Wyoming is undertaking capacity expansion capital expenditures;



- a requirement to maintain a quarterly consolidated interest coverage ratio of not less than 3.00:1.00; and
- customary events of default including (i) failure to make payments required under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, (ii) events of default resulting from failure to comply with covenants and financial ratios, (iii) the occurrence of a voluntary change of control, as a result of which Ciner Wyoming is directly or indirectly controlled by persons or entities not currently directly or indirectly controlling Ciner Wyoming, (iv) the institution of insolvency or similar proceedings against Ciner Wyoming, and (v) the occurrence of a cross default under any other material indebtedness Ciner Wyoming may have. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, in their discretion, the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility lenders may exercise certain remedies, including, among others, accelerating the maturity of any outstanding loans, accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts owing and payable such that all amounts thereunder will become immediately due and payable, and if not timely paid upon such acceleration, to charge Ciner Wyoming a default rate of interest on all amounts outstanding under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility. However, upon the occurrence of an involuntary change of control of Ciner Wyoming, including the Facilities Agreement lenders exercising their Equity Default Remedy in case of a default of the Facilities Agreement, and after the passage of time as specified in the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, Ciner Wyoming's debt thereunder would be accelerated.

In addition, loans under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility (other than any swingline loans) will bear interest at Ciner Wyoming's option at either:

- a base rate, which equals the highest of (i) Bank of America's prime rate, (ii) the federal funds rate then in effect on such day, plus 0.50%; (iii) one-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index ("BSBY") adjusted daily rate, plus 1.0%; and (iv) 1.0%, plus, in each case, an applicable margin range from 0.50% to 1.75% based on the consolidated leverage ratio of Ciner Wyoming; or
- a BSBY rate for interest periods of one, three or six months, plus, in each case, an applicable margin range from 1.50% to 2.75% based on the consolidated leverage ratio of Ciner Wyoming.

In addition, if a BSBY rate ceases to exist for any period, loans under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility will bear interest based on alternative indexes (including the secured overnight financing rate), plus an applicable margin. The unused portion of the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility is subject to a quarterly fee ranging from 0.225% to 0.350% based on the consolidated leverage ratio of Ciner Wyoming.

Management is not aware of any current circumstances that would result in an event of default under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility in the next twelve months.

Ciner Resources Credit Facility

On August 1, 2017, the Partnership entered into a Credit Agreement (as amended, the "Ciner Resources Credit Facility") with each of the lenders listed on the respective signature pages thereof and PNC Bank, as administrative agent, swing line lender and an L/C issuer. The Ciner Resources Credit Facility was a \$10.0 million senior secured revolving credit facility with a syndicate of lenders, that would have matured on the fifth anniversary of the closing date of such credit facility. The Ciner Resources Credit Facility provided for revolving loans to be available to fund distributions on the Partnership's units and working capital requirements and capital expenditures, to consummate permitted acquisitions and for all other lawful partnership purposes. The Partnership's obligations under the Ciner Resources Credit Facility were guaranteed by each of the Partnership's material domestic subsidiaries other than Ciner Wyoming. In addition, the Partnership's obligations under the Ciner Resources Credit Facility were secured by a pledge of substantially all of the Partnership's assets (subject to certain exceptions), including the membership interests held in Ciner Wyoming by the Partnership.

On March 8, 2021, the Partnership terminated the Ciner Resources Credit Facility and repaid in full its obligations thereunder.

WE Soda and Ciner Enterprises Facilities Agreement

Ciner Enterprises, the entity that indirectly owns and controls the Partnership, has a credit agreement and certain related finance documents, to which WE Soda and Ciner Enterprises (as borrowers), and KEW Soda, WE Soda, WE Soda, WE Soda Kimya Yatırımları Anonim Şirketi, Ciner Kimya Yatırımları Sanayi ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi, Ciner Enterprises, Ciner Holdings and Ciner Corp (as original guarantors and together with the borrowers, the "Ciner Obligors"), are parties (as amended and restated or otherwise modified, the "Facilities Agreement"). The Facilities Agreement expires on August 1, 2025.

Even though neither we nor Ciner Wyoming are a party or a guarantor under the Facilities Agreement while any amounts are outstanding under the Facilities Agreement we will be indirectly affected by certain affirmative and restrictive covenants that apply to WE Soda and its subsidiaries (which include us). Besides the customary covenants and restrictions, the Facilities Agreement includes provisions that, without a waiver or amendment approved by lenders, whose commitments are more than 66-2/3% of the total commitments under the Facilities Agreement to undertake such action, would (i) prevent certain transactions (including loans) with our affiliates, including such transactions that could reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the interests of certain finance parties, (ii) restrict the ability to amend our limited partnership agreement or the general partner's limited liability company agreement or our other constituency documents if such amendment could reasonably be expected to materially and adversely affect the interests of the lenders to the Facilities Agreement, (iii) restrict the amount of certain of our capital expenditures if certain ratios are not achieved by the Ciner Obligors thereunder and (iv) prevent actions that enable certain restrictions or prohibitions on our ability to upstream cash (including via distributions) to the borrowers under the Facilities Agreement. The restrictions to the Partnership's expansion capital expenditures, which existed at December 31, 2020, March 31, 2021, and June 30, 2021, no longer exists as of September 30, 2021 as the Ciner Obligors' applicable ratios met the specified levels pursuant to the Facilities Agreement.

In addition, Ciner Enterprises' ownership in Ciner Holdings is subject to a lien under the Facilities Agreement, which enables the lenders under the Facilities Agreement to foreclose on such collateral and take control of Ciner Holdings, which controls the general partner of the Partnership, if any of the borrowers or guarantors under the Facilities Agreement are unable to satisfy its respective obligations under the Facilities Agreement.

In February 2021, Ciner Wyoming was informed that an event of default under the Facilities Agreement had arisen and that the Ciner Obligors were working with the Facilities Agreement lenders to resolve this Facilities Agreement Default. In order to prevent an event of default under each of the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement and Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, which could have otherwise resulted from the Facilities Agreement lenders exercising their Equity Default Remedy, Ciner Wyoming entered into the Second Amendment to the Master Agreement and the Third Amendment to the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility to modify the related definitions of change of control as described above. Furthermore, we terminated the Ciner Resources Credit Facility and repaid in full our obligations thereunder. On April 19, 2021 and June 18, 2021, WE Soda and Ciner Enterprises obtained waivers that waived all identified events of default under the Facilities Agreement have been waived and management is not aware of any current circumstances that would result in an event of default under the Facilities Agreement as of September 30, 2021.

5. OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other non-current liabilities consisted of the following:

	As of					
(In millions)		September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020		
Reclamation reserve	\$	7.6	\$	7.3		
Derivative instruments and hedges, fair value liabilities and other		1.8		1.4		
Total	\$	9.4	\$	8.7		

A reconciliation of the Partnership's reclamation reserve liability is as follows:

	 For the p	eriod	ended
(In millions)	September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
Beginning reclamation reserve balance	\$ 7.3	\$	5.7
Accretion expense	0.3		0.3
Reclamation adjustments ⁽¹⁾	_		1.3
Ending reclamation reserve balance	\$ 7.6	\$	7.3

(1) The reclamation costs are periodically evaluated for adjustments by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. See Note 9 "Commitments and Contingencies," "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements" for additional information on our reclamation reserve, including changes to the underlying reclamation obligation that resulted in the asset retirement obligation reclamation adjustment.



6. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

The Partnership participates in various benefit plans offered and administered by Ciner Corp and is allocated its portions of the annual costs related thereto. The specific plans are as follows:

Retirement Plans - Benefits provided under the Pension Plan (the "Retirement Plan") are based upon years of service and average compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of the employee's last 120 months of service, as defined. The Retirement Plan covers substantially all full-time employees hired before May 1, 2001. Ciner Corp's Retirement Plan had a net liability balance of \$51.9 million and \$55.1 million as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively. Ciner Corp's current funding policy is to contribute an amount within the range of the minimum required and the maximum tax-deductible contribution. The Partnership's allocated portions of the Retirement Plan's net periodic pension benefit were \$0.6 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and were \$2.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 was driven by asset changes from the prior period.

Savings Plan - The 401(k) retirement plan (the "401(k) Plan") covers all eligible hourly and salaried employees. Eligibility is limited to all domestic residents and any foreign expatriates who are in the United States indefinitely. The 401(k) Plan permits employees to contribute specified percentages of their compensation, while the Partnership makes contributions based upon specified percentages of employee contributions. Participants hired on or subsequent to May 1, 2001, will receive an additional contribution from the Partnership based on a percentage of the participant's base pay. Contributions made to the 401(k) Plan were \$0.5 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and were \$2.8 million for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2021

Postretirement Benefits - Most of the Partnership's employees hired prior to May 1, 2017 are eligible for postretirement benefits other than pensions if they reach retirement age while still employed.

The postretirement benefits are accounted for by Ciner Corp on an accrual basis over an employee's period of service. The postretirement plan, excluding pensions, are not funded, and Ciner Corp has the right to modify or terminate the plan. The Ciner Corp post-retirement plan had a net unfunded liability of \$12.9 million and \$13.1 million as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

The Partnership's allocated portions of postretirement costs were \$0.2 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and were \$0.7 million and \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

7. EQUITY - BASED COMPENSATION

In July 2013, our general partner established the Ciner Resource Partners LLC 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan (as amended to date, the "Plan" or "LTIP"). Historically, the Plan was intended to provide incentives that will attract and retain valued employees, officers, consultants and non-employee directors by offering them a greater stake in our success and a closer identity with us, and to encourage ownership of our common units by such individuals. The Plan provides for awards in the form of common units, phantom units, distribution equivalent rights ("DERs"), cash awards and other unit-based awards.

All employees, officers, consultants and non-employee directors of us and our parents and subsidiaries are eligible to be selected to participate in the Plan. As of September 30, 2021, subject to further adjustment as provided in the Plan, a total of 0.7 million common units were available for awards under the Plan. Any common units tendered by a participant in payment of the tax liability with respect to an award, including common units withheld from any such award, will not be available for future awards under the Plan. Common units awarded under the Plan may be reserved or made available from our authorized and unissued common units or from common units reacquired (through open market transactions or otherwise). Any common units subject to an award under the Plan through the assumption or substitution of outstanding grants from an acquired company will not reduce the number of common units available for issuance pursuant to the Plan with respect to an award will again be available for awards under the Plan. The Partnership has made a policy election to recognize forfeitures as they occur in lieu of estimating future forfeiture activity under the Plan.

Non-employee Director Awards

During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, a total of 17,511 common units were granted and fully vested to non-employee directors compared to 21,720 common units were granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The grant date average fair value per unit of these awards was \$13.20 and \$9.88 for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The total fair value of these awards was approximately \$0.2 million during each of the nine months ended September 30, 2021.



Time Restricted Unit Awards

We grant restricted unit awards in the form of common units to certain employees that vest over a specified period of time, usually between one to three years, with vesting based on continued employment as of each applicable vesting date. Award recipients are entitled to distributions subject to the same restrictions as the underlying common unit. The awards are classified as equity awards and are accounted for at fair value at grant date.

The following table presents a summary of activity on the Time Restricted Unit Awards:

	Nine Mont September		Nine Mont September		
(Units in whole numbers)	Number of Common Units	ant-Date Average Fair Value per Unit (1)	Number of Common Units	Gi	rant-Date Average Fair Value per Unit (1)
Unvested at the beginning of period	21,937	\$ 17.57	55,454	\$	20.33
Vested	(12,247)	18.46	(27,802)		22.94
Forfeited	(1,332)	16.45	(1,142)		18.29
Unvested at the end of the period	8,358	\$ 16.45	26,510	\$	17.54

(1) Determined by dividing the aggregate grant date fair value of awards by the number of common units.

Total Return Performance Unit Awards

Historically, we have granted TR Performance Unit Awards to certain employees. The TR Performance Unit Awards represent the right to receive a number of common units at a future date based on the achievement of market-based performance requirements in accordance with the TR Unit Performance Award agreement, and also include Distribution Equivalent Rights ("DERs"). DERs are the right to receive an amount equal to the accumulated cash distributions made during the period with respect to each common unit issued upon vesting. The TR Performance Unit Awards vest at the end of the performance period, usually between two to three years from the date of the grant. Performance is measured on the achievement of a specified level of total return, or TR, relative to the TR of a peer group. For purposes of the table below the number of units are included at target quantity.

We utilized a Monte Carlo simulation model to estimate the grant date fair value of TR Performance Unit Awards granted to employees, adjusted for market conditions. This type of award requires the input of highly subjective assumptions, including expected volatility and expected distribution yield. Historical and implied volatilities were used in estimating the fair value of these awards.

The following table presents a summary of activity on the TR Performance Unit Awards:

	Nine Month September		Nine Montl September	
(Units in whole numbers)	Number of Common Units	Grant-Date Average Fair Value per Unit ₍₁₎	Number of Common Units	Grant-Date Average Fair Value per Unit (1)
Unvested at the beginning of period	7,678	\$ 41.53	20,173	\$ 41.79
Vested	(7,678)	41.53	(9,058)	42.21
Forfeited	_	_	(655)	26.05
Unvested at the end of the period		\$	10,460	\$ 42.41

(1) Determined by dividing the aggregate grant date fair value of awards by the number of common units.

2019 Performance Unit Awards

On September 23, 2019, the board of directors of our general partner approved a new form of performance unit award to be granted based upon the achievement of certain financial, operating and safetyrelated performance metrics ("2019 Performance Unit Awards") pursuant to our LTIP, and the vesting of the 2019 Performance Unit Awards is linked to a weighted average consisting of internal performance metrics defined in the 2019 Performance Unit Award agreement (the "Performance Metrics") during a three-year performance period (the "Measurement Period"). The vesting of the 2019 Performance Unit Awards, and number of common units of the Partnership distributable pursuant to such vesting, is dependent on our performance relative to a pre-established budget over the Measurement Period; provided, that the awardee remains continuously employed with our general partner or its affiliates or satisfies other service-related criteria through the end of the Measurement Period, except in certain cases of Changes in Control (as defined in our LTIP) or the awardee's death or disability.



Vested 2019 Performance Unit Awards will be settled in our common units, with the number of such common units payable under the award for a given year in the Measurement Period to be calculated by multiplying the target number provided in the corresponding 2019 Performance Unit Award agreement by a payout multiplier, which may range from 0%-200% in each case, as determined by aggregating the corresponding weighted average assigned to the Performance Metrics. The 2019 Performance Unit Awards also contain DERs and entitle the recipient the right to receive an amount equal to the accumulated cash distributions made during the period with respect to each common unit issued. Upon vesting of the 2019 Performance Unit Awards attribution equivalents accumulated with respect to vested 2019 Performance Unit Awards during the period beginning on January 1, 2019 and ending on the applicable vesting date. The 2019 Performance Unit Awards granted to award recipients during 2019 have a performance cycle that began on January 1, 2019 and will end on December 31, 2021.

The following table presents a summary of activity on the 2019 Performance Unit Awards for the period:

	Nine Mont September		Nine Mont September		
(Units in whole numbers)	Number of Common Units Grant-Date Average Fair Value per Unit(1)			Number of Common Units	nt-Date Average Value per Unit (1)
Unvested at the beginning of period	29,057	\$	16.45	35,908	\$ 16.45
Forfeited	(3,995)	_	16.45	(1,384)	16.45
Unvested at the end of the period	25,062	\$	16.45	34,524	\$ 16.45

⁽¹⁾Determined by dividing the weighted average price per common unit on the date of grant.

Unrecognized Compensation Expense

A summary of the Partnership's unrecognized compensation expense for its unvested restricted time and performance-based units, and the weighted-average periods over which the compensation expense is expected to be recognized are as follows:

		nths Ended er 30, 2021		nths Ended er 30, 2020
	Unrecognized Compensation Expense (In millions)	Weighted Average to be Recognized (In years)	Unrecognized Compensation Expense (In millions)	Weighted Average to be Recognized (In years)
Time Restricted Unit Awards	\$ 0.1	0.45	\$ 0.4	1.46
TR Performance Unit Awards	_	_	0.1	0.50
2019 Performance Unit Awards	_	0.34	0.1	1.50
Total	\$ 0.1		\$ 0.6	

8. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Accumulated other comprehensive income, attributable to Ciner Resources, includes unrealized gains and losses on derivative financial instruments. Amounts recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, and changes within the period, consisted of the following:

(In millions)	Gains and (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges
Balance at December 31, 2020	
Other comprehensive income before reclassification	9.5
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1.7)
Net current period other comprehensive income	7.8
Balance at September 30, 2021	\$ 7.8

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Other comprehensive income/(loss), including the portion attributable to noncontrolling interest, is derived from adjustments to reflect the unrealized gain/(loss) on derivative financial instruments and the impact of discontinuation of any hedge accounting. The components of other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following:

	Three	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ende			ptember 30,			
<u>(In millions)</u>	2021 2020 2021		2021 2020 2021		2021 2020		2021 2020 2021		2020 2021		2020
Unrealized gain/(loss) on derivatives:											
Mark to market and other adjustment on interest rate swap contracts	\$	0.1	\$	0.3	\$	0.5	\$	(0.6)			
Mark to market adjustment on natural gas forward contracts		8.5		4.6		14.7		6.2			
Gain on derivative financial instruments	\$	8.6	\$	4.9	\$	15.2	\$	5.6			

Reclassifications for the Period

The components of other comprehensive (loss) income, attributable to Ciner Resources LP, that have been reclassified consisted of the following:

	Three Months Ended September Nine 30,					ne Months En 30		ber	Affected Line Items on the Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and
<u>(In millions)</u>	2	021		2020		2021	2020		Comprehensive (Loss) income
Details about other comprehensive (loss) income components:									
Gains and losses on cash flow hedges:									
Interest rate swap contracts	\$	—	\$	0.1	\$	0.2	\$	0.3	Interest expense
Natural gas forward contracts		(1.4)		0.4		(1.9)		1.4	Cost of products sold
Total reclassifications for the period	\$	(1.4)	\$	0.5	\$	(1.7)	\$	1.7	

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Except as described below, there have been no significant changes to commitments and contingencies since December 31, 2021, which are described in the Partnerships Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 within Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statement and Supplementary Data—Note 14—Commitments and Contingencies." During the three months ended September 30, 2021, we entered into certain logistic services commitments with various third parties that expire during 2022 and have a minimum contractual obligation for purchases by Ciner Wyoming of approximately \$19.1 million for such logistic services. From time to time we are party to various claims and legal proceedings related to our business. Although the outcome of these proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not currently expect any of the legal proceedings we are involved in to have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We cannot predict the nature of any future claims or proceedings, nor the ultimate size or outcome of such proceedings and whether any damages resulting from them will be covered by insurance.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have historically been subject to a self-bond agreement (the "Self-Bond Agreement") with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality ("WDEQ") under which we committed to pay directly for reclamation costs. In May 2019, the State of Wyoming enacted legislation that limits our and other mine operators' ability to self-bond and required us to seek other acceptable financial instruments to provide alternate assurances for our reclamation obligations by November 2020. We provided such alternate assurances by timely securing a third-party surety bond effective October 15, 2020 (the "Surety Bond") for the then-applicable full self-bond amount \$36.2 million, which was also the amount of our obligation as of December 31, 2020. After we secured the Surety Bond, the previous Self-Bond Agreement was terminated. As of the date of this Report, the impact on our net income and liquidity due to securing the Surety Bond has been immaterial and we anticipate that to continue to be the case. The amount of such assurances that we are required to \$41.8 million effective March 1, 2021.

10. AGREEMENTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Agreements and transactions with affiliates collectively have a significant impact on the Partnership's financial statements because the Partnership is a subsidiary in a global group structure. Agreements directly between the Partnership and other affiliates, or indirectly between affiliates that the Partnership does not control, can have a significant impact on recorded amounts or disclosures in the Partnership's financial statements, including any commitments and contingencies between the Partnership and affiliates, or potentially, third parties.

Ciner Corp was the exclusive sales agent for the Partnership and through its membership in ANSAC, through December 31, 2020, Ciner Corp has responsibility for promoting and increasing the use and sale of soda ash and other refined or processed sodium products produced. Through December 31, 2020, ANSAC served as the primary international distribution channel for the Partnership and two other U.S. manufacturers of trona-based soda ash. ANSAC operated on a cooperative service-at-cost basis to its members such that typically any annual profit or loss is passed through to the members. As previously disclosed as part of its strategic initiative to gain better direct access and control of international customers and logistics and the ability to leverage the expertise of Ciner Group, the world's largest natural soda ash producer, effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020, Ciner Corp exited ANSAC (the "ANSAC termination date"). In connection with the exit settlement agreement with ANSAC (the "ANSAC for export sales purposes, with a fixed rate per ton selling, general and administrative expense, and also purchases a limited amount of export logistics services in 2021. Through in part the Partnership's affiliates, the Partnership has amongst other things: (i) obtained its own international customer sales arrangements for 2021, (ii) obtained third-party export port services, and (iii) chartered and executed its own international product delivery. For the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2021, the total logistic services, which are included in cost of products sold, from other Ciner affiliates, were approximately \$0.8 million and \$3.0 million, respectively.

Historically, by design and prior to Ciner Corp's exit from ANSAC, ANSAC managed most of our international sales, marketing and logistics, and as a result, was our largest customer for the year ended December 31, 2020, accounting for 45.4%, of our net sales. Although ANSAC has historically been our largest customer, the impact of Ciner Corp's exit from ANSAC on our net sales, net income and liquidity was limited. With a low-cost position combined with more direct access and better control of our international customers and logistics and the ability to leverage Ciner Group's expertise in these areas, through a combination of ANSAC sales commitments for 2021 and 2022 as part of the transition from ANSAC and new customers, we have been able to adequately replace these net sales made under the former agreement with ANSAC. Since January 1, 2021, Ciner Corp has been managing the Partnership's sales and marketing activities for exports. Ciner Corp has leveraged the distribution network established by Ciner Group and independent third-party distribution partners to optimize our reach into each market.

In accordance with the ANSAC Early Exit Agreement, Ciner Corp began marketing soda ash on the Partnership's behalf directly into international markets and building its international sales, marketing and supply chain infrastructure. The Partnership has access to utilize the distribution network that has already been established by the Ciner Group. Having the option of combining our volumes



with Ciner Group's soda ash exports from Turkey, Ciner Corp's strategic exit from ANSAC has helped the Partnership leverage Ciner Group's, the world's largest natural soda ash producer, soda ash operations which has improved our ability to optimize our market share both domestically and internationally. Being able to work with the Ciner Group provides the Partnership with the opportunity to better attract and more efficiently serve larger global customers. In addition, the Partnership is working to enhance its international logistics infrastructure that includes, among other things, a domestic port for export capabilities. These export capabilities are being developed by an affiliated company and options being evaluated range from continued outsourcing in the near term to developing its own port capabilities in the longer term.

Selling, general and administrative expenses also include amounts charged to the Partnership by its affiliates principally consisting of salaries, benefits, office supplies, professional fees, travel, rent and other costs of certain assets used by the Partnership. On October 23, 2015, the Partnership entered into a Services Agreement (the "Services Agreement") with our general partner and Ciner Corp. Pursuant to the Services Agreement, Ciner Corp has agreed to provide the Partnership with certain corporate, selling, marketing, and general and administrative services, in return for which the Partnership has agreed to pay Ciner Corp an annual management fee and reimburse Ciner Corp for certain third-party costs incurred in connection with providing such services. In addition, under the limited liability company agreement governing Ciner Wyoming, Ciner Wyoming reimburses us for employees who operate our assets and for support provided to Ciner Wyomig. These transactions do not necessarily represent arm's length transactions and may not represent all costs if Ciner Wyoming operated on a standalone basis.

As a result of terminating Ciner Corp's membership in ANSAC, ANSAC is no longer an affiliate of the Partnership as of the ANSAC termination date. The following tables include transactions with ANSAC as an affiliate prior to the ANSAC termination date on December 31, 2020. The transactions with ANSAC as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 are reported as non-affiliate transactions.

The total selling, general and administrative costs charged to the Partnership by affiliates were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				 Nine Mon Septem		
<u>(In millions)</u>		2021		2020	2021	2	020
Ciner Corp	\$	5.2	\$	4.1	\$ 13.0	\$	11.6
ANSAC ⁽¹⁾		N/A		0.4	N/A		1.4
Total selling, general and administrative expenses - affiliates	\$	5.2	\$	4.5	\$ 13.0	\$	13.0

(1) ANSAC allocated its expenses to its members using a pro-rata calculation based on sales.

Net sales to affiliates were as follows:

	Three Mont Septeml		Nine Mont Septem		
<u>(In millions)</u>	2021	2020	2021	2020	
ANSAC	N/A	\$ 44.2	N/A	\$ 130.2	
Total	N/A	\$ 44.2	N/A	\$ 130.2	

The Partnership had accounts receivable from affiliates and due to affiliates as follows:

		AS OF							
	5	September 30, December 31, 2021 2020		September 30, 2021	December 31, 2020				
(In millions)		Accounts receiva	ble from affiliates	Due to	affiliates				
ANSAC		N/A	\$ 41.9	N/A	\$ 0.2				
Ciner Corp	\$	48.1	44.6	\$ 1.8	2.6				
Other		_	_	_	0.1				
Total	\$	48.1	\$ 86.5	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.9				

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The increase in due from Ciner Corp from December 31, 2020 to September 30, 2021 is due to funding of pension and postretirement plans offered and administered by Ciner Corp. The amounts due from Ciner Corp are primarily related to the funding, that the Partnership provides for pension and postretirement plans as contributions on behalf of Ciner Corp, in excess of the amounts that have been allocated to the Partnership related to its participation in the plans.

11. REVENUE

We have one major international customer which accounts for over 10% of total net sales for both the quarter ended and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. Revenues from this international customer were approximately \$27.7 million and \$44.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and were \$82.3 million and \$130.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The net sales by geographic area are as follows:

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	Т	hree Months En	ded Septer	mber 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
<u>(In millions)</u>		2021		2020		2021		2020	
Domestic	\$	71.1	\$	53.7	\$	207.9	\$	153.1	
International		64.5		44.5		176.2		135.7	
Total net sales	\$	135.6	\$	98.2	\$	384.1	\$	288.8	

12. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, derivative financial instruments and long-term debt. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximate their fair values because of the nature of such instruments. Our long-term debt and derivative financial instruments are measured at their fair value based on quoted market values for similar but not identical financial instruments.

Financial Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Derivative Financial Instruments

We have interest rate swap contracts to mitigate our exposure to possible increases in interest rates. The swap contracts had an aggregate notional value of \$37.5 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020. The swaps have various maturities through 2024. Because the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility had an interest rate floor of 0.5%, the correlations between the interest on that arrangement and the corresponding interest rate swaps are not highly effective for accounting purposes. The impact of discontinued hedge accounting was de minimis.

We enter into natural gas forward contracts, designated as cash flow hedges, to mitigate volatility in the price of natural gas related to a portion of the natural gas we consume. These contracts generally have various maturities through 2024. These contracts had an aggregate notional value of \$25.5 million and \$25.9 million at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

The following table presents the fair value of derivative assets and derivative liabilities and the respective locations as of September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020:

			As	sets				Liab	ilitie	s
		s	eptember 30, 2021					September 30, 2021		December 31, 2020
(In millions)	Balance Sheet Location		Fair Value		Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location		Fair Value		Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedges:									_	
Interest rate swap contracts - current		\$	—	\$	—	Accrued Expenses	\$	0.4	\$	0.2
Natural gas forward contracts - current	Other current assets		13.7		1.4	Accrued Expenses		_		0.7
Interest rate swap contracts - non-current			_		_	Other non-current liabilities		0.4		1.1
Natural gas forward contracts - non-current	Other non-current assets		3.7		0.9	Other non-current liabilities		1.3		0.2
Total fair value of derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$	17.4	\$	2.3		\$	2.1	\$	2.2
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Financial Assets and Liabilities Not Measured at Fair Value

The carrying value of our long-term debt materially reflects the fair value of our long-term debt as its key terms are similar to indebtedness with similar amounts, durations and credit risks. See Note 4 "Debt" for additional information on our debt arrangements.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Reinstatement of Distributions

Effective as of October 25, 2021, the members of the Board of Managers of Ciner Wyoming, approved a cash distribution to the members of Ciner Wyoming in the aggregate amount of \$15.0 million. This distribution is payable on November 17, 2021.

On October 29, 2021, the Partnership declared a cash distribution approved by the board of directors of our general partner. The cash distribution for the third quarter of 2021 of \$0.340 per unit will be paid on November 19, 2021 to unitholders of record on November 9, 2021.

Developments with Respect to Ciner Wyoming Credit Facilities

On October 28, 2021, Ciner Wyoming entered into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility and terminated the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility. In addition, on October 28, 2021, in connection with the entry into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, Ciner Wyoming and the Equipment Financing Lender entered into the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement in order to amend and restate all covenants that are based upon a specified level or ratio relating to assets, liabilities, indebtedness, rentals, net worth, cash flow, earnings, profitability, or any other accounting-based measurement or test to conform with the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the historical unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, and notes thereto, included elsewhere in this Report.

Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Report contains, and our other public filings and oral and written statements by us and our management may include, statements that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States securities laws. Forward-looking statements include the information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations, reserve estimates, business strategies, financing plans, competitive position, potential growth opportunities, potential operating performance, the effects of competition and the effects of future legislation or regulations. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical facts and may be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as the words "believe," "expect," "plan," "intend," "anticipate," "estimate," "predict," "forecast," "project," "potential," "continue," "may," "will," "could," "should" or the negative of these terms or similar expressions. Examples of forward-looking statements and future distributions, if any, and such distributions are subject to the approval of the board of directors of our general partner and will be based upon circumstances then existing. We have based our forward-looking statements on management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to us.

Forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Actual results may vary materially. You should also understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and should not consider the following list to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the results contemplated by such forward-looking statements and, therefore, affect our ability to distribute cash to unitholders, include:

- the market prices for soda ash in the markets in which we sell;
- the volume of natural and synthetic soda ash produced worldwide;
- domestic and international demand for soda ash in the flat glass, container glass, detergent, chemical and paper industries in which our customers operate or serve;
- · the freight costs we pay to transport our soda ash to customers or various delivery points and recent disruptions in the global supply chain and overall port congestion;
- the cost of electricity and natural gas used to power our operations;
- · the amount of royalty payments we are required to pay to our lessors and licensor and the duration of our leases and license;
- · political disruptions in the markets we or our customers serve, including any changes in trade barriers;
- · our relationships with our customers and our sales agent's ability to renew contracts on favorable terms to us;
- the creditworthiness of our customers;
- · a cybersecurity event;
- the short and long term impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the impact of government orders on our employees, suppliers, customers and operations and the ultimate
 effectiveness of vaccines and related programs on new variants of the virus, including the Delta variant;
- the impact of the ANSAC exit and our transition to the utilization of Ciner Group's global distribution network for some of our export operations beginning on January 1, 2021;
- · regulatory action affecting the supply of, or demand for, soda ash, our ability to mine trona ore, our transportation logistics, our operating costs or our operating flexibility;
- · new or modified statutes, regulations, governmental policies and taxes or their interpretations; and
- prevailing U.S. and international economic conditions and foreign exchange rates.

In addition, the actual amount of cash we will have available for distribution will depend on other factors, some of which are beyond our control, including, among other things:

· the level and timing of capital expenditures we make;

- · the level of our operating, maintenance and general and administrative expenses, including reimbursements to our general partner for services provided to us;
- the cost of acquisitions, if any;
- · our debt service requirements and other liabilities;
- · fluctuations in our working capital needs;
- · our ability to borrow funds and access capital markets;
- restrictions on distributions contained in debt agreements to which we, Ciner Wyoming or our affiliates are a party;
- the amount of cash reserves established by our general partner; and our ability to reinstate distributions in the future; and
- · other business risks affecting our cash levels.

These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and we urge you to carefully consider the risks described in this Report, our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, and subsequent reports filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You may obtain these reports from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. All forward-looking statements included in this Report are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. Unless required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

References

References in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q ("Report") to the "Partnership," "CINR," "Ciner Resources," "we," "our," "us," or like terms refer to Ciner Resources LP and its consolidated subsidiary, Ciner Wyoming LLC, which is referred to herein as "Ciner Wyoming." References to "our general partner" or "Ciner GP" refer to Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the general partner of Ciner Resources LP and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Enterprises Inc. ("Ciner Enterprises"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Ciner Enterprises Inc. ("Ciner Enterprises"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KEW Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation ("KEW Soda"). WE Soda is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of KEW Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation ("KEW Soda"), which is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Akkan Energi ve Madencilik Anonim Şirketi ("Akkan"). Akkan is directly and wholly owned by Turgay Ciner, the Chairman of the Ciner Group ("Ciner Group"), a Turkish conglomerate of companies engaged in energy and mining (including soda ash mining), media and shipping markets. All of our soda ash processed is sold to various domestic and international customers, including American Natural Soda Ash Corporation ("ANSAC"), which was an affiliate for export sales in 2020. As a result of terminating Ciner Corp's membership in ANSAC, effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020, ANSAC is no longer an affiliate of the Partnership.

Overview

We are a Delaware limited partnership formed by Ciner Holdings to own a 51.0% membership interest in, and to operate the trona ore mining and soda ash production business of Ciner Wyoming. Ciner Wyoming is currently one of the world's largest producers of soda ash, serving a global market from its facility in the Green River Basin of Wyoming. Our facility has been in operation for more than 50 years.

NRP Trona LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Natural Resource Partners L.P. ("NRP") currently owns an indirect 49.0% membership interest in Ciner Wyoming.

Recent Developments

COVID-19

COVID-19 and its variants ("COVID-19), including the Delta variant, continue to cause certain disruptions to the economy throughout the world, including the United States and markets to which our products have historically been exported. There have been extraordinary actions taken by international, federal, state, and local public health and governmental authorities to contain and combat the outbreak and spread of COVID-19 in regions throughout the world, including travel bans, many vaccine mandate policies, quarantines, "stay-at-home" orders, and similar mandates for many individuals to substantially restrict daily activities and for many businesses to curtail or cease normal operations. Vaccines for COVID-19 became first available on a limited basis in late December 2020. They are becoming more widely available globally and the age limit in the U.S. continues to decline so that more individuals are eligible for the vaccine.

Our Response to COVID-19



We continue to closely monitor the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and all governmental actions in response thereto on all aspects of our business, including how it impacts our customers, employees, supply chain, distribution network and cash flows. As COVID-19 vaccines become more broadly available, we have encouraged employees to get vaccinated. We continue to use guidance from local health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to make decisions about our return to the workplace policies. Our focus has been the safety of our teams and this will continue to be our priority as we use data to progressively return back to normal operations. We continue to actively monitor and adhere to applicable local, state, federal, and international governmental guideline actions to better ensure the safety of our employees.

The Impact of COVID-19

In the first half of 2020 and primarily in the beginning of the second quarter of 2020, we saw a decline in demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic adversely impacting our sales and production volume, and price per ton; but, in the second half of 2020 and thereafter, we saw the signs of recovery on our operations domestically as well as internationally in the form of increased global demand, notwithstanding certain pricing pressure. We experienced fluctuations in quarter over quarter soda ash volume sold of 4.4% decline, 35.7% decline, 26.7% increase, and 9.5% increase in the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2020, compared to the immediately preceding quarter respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, we saw continued recovery in both domestic and international business. The soda ash volume sold in the first, second, and third quarters for 2021 increased 21.7%, decreased 9.7%, and increased 7.8%, respectively, compared to the immediately preceding quarter of 2021 compared to the first quarter of 2021 is primarily due to the first quarter of 2021 including significant international sales volumes associated with the initial impact of selling directly to international customers as part of our December 31, 2020 ANSAC exit. Sales volumes for the three months ended September 30, 2021 are at pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, which we consider to be sales levels prior to the second quarter 2020. Sales volumes for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were 2.1 million short tons and 0.5 million short tons, respectively. Sales volumes for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were 2.1 million short tons and 1.6 million short tons, respectively.

The COVID-19 Delta variant among other variants, is spreading rapidly in a number of countries including the U.S and new COVID-19 confirmed cases increased significantly during the summer. As the number of individuals who have been vaccinated has increased, a downward daily trend of new COVID-19 confirmed cases was observed recently. At this time, we still cannot predict the duration or the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our operations, and the potential negative financial impact to our results cannot be reasonably estimated but could be material. We are actively managing the business to maintain cash flow, and we believe we have enough liquidity to meet our anticipated liquidity requirements.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2021, we have incurred \$1.4 million in costs directly related to COVID-19 primarily in the form of costs related to employee safety and retention and additional inventory storage and logistics costs. For the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, we incurred \$0.4 million and \$0.7 million in costs directly related to COVID-19, respectively.

Termination of Membership in ANSAC

As previously disclosed as part of its strategic initiative to gain better direct access and control of international customers and logistics and the ability to leverage the expertise of Ciner Group, the world's largest natural soda ash producer, effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020, Ciner Corp exited ANSAC. In connection with the settlement agreement with ANSAC, there are sales commitments to ANSAC in 2021 and 2022 where Ciner Corp will continue to sell, at substantially lower volumes, product to ANSAC for export sales purposes, with a fixed rate per ton selling, general and administrative expense, and will also purchase a limited amount of export logistics services in 2021. The Partnership has made the necessary arrangements to manage the sale of its export tons in 2022 through existing distribution channels.

Although ANSAC has historically been our largest customer, the impact of Ciner Corp's exit from ANSAC on our net sales, net income and liquidity was limited. With a low-cost position combined with more direct access and better control of our international customers and logistics and the ability to leverage Ciner Group's expertise in these areas, through a combination of ANSAC sales commitments for 2021 and 2022 as part of the transition from ANSAC and new customers, we have been able to adequately replace these net sales made under the former agreement with ANSAC.

Reinstatement of Distributions

Our general partner has considerable discretion in determining the amount of available cash, the amount of distributions and the decision to make any distribution. Although our partnership agreement requires that we distribute all of our available cash quarterly, there is no guarantee that we will make quarterly cash distributions to our unitholders, and we have no legal obligation to do so.

In an effort to achieve greater financial and liquidity flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic, on August 3, 2020, each of the members of the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a suspension of quarterly distributions to its members. In addition, effective August 3, 2020, in connection with the quarterly distribution for the quarter ended June 30, 2020, each of the members of the board of directors of our general partner approved a suspension of quarterly distributions to our unitholders that continued for each of the quarters ended September 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, March 31, 2021, and June 30, 2021.



In March 2021, the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a special \$8.0 million distribution to, amongst other things, provide the Partnership with funds to retire the Ciner Resources Credit Facility.

In October 2021, the board of managers of Ciner Wyoming approved a \$15.0 million distribution to the members of Ciner Wyoming.

On October 29, 2021, the Partnership declared its third quarter 2021 quarterly cash distribution of \$0.340 per unit. The quarterly cash distribution is payable on November 19, 2021 to unitholders of record on November 9, 2021.

Factors Affecting Our Results of Operations

Soda Ash Supply and Demand

Our net sales, earnings and cash flow from operations are primarily affected by the global supply of, and demand for, soda ash, which, in turn, directly impacts the prices that we and other producers charge for our products.

Historically, long-term demand for soda ash in the United States has been driven in large part by general economic growth and activity levels in the end-markets that the glass-making industry serves, such as the automotive and construction industries. Long-term soda ash demand in international markets has grown in conjunction with Gross Domestic Product. We expect that over the long-term, future global economic growth will positively influence global demand, which will likely result in increased exports, primarily from the United States, Turkey and to a limited extent, from China, the largest suppliers of soda ash to international markets. Currently, and in the near- and mid-term, we expect that COVID-19 will continue to have an impact on the supply chain of our customers and customer segments which may have a negative impact on demand for our products. Our international demand was impacted the most as different countries continue to deal with different levels of the outbreak and shutdowns, but showed signs of recovery internationally during the second half of 2020. The soda ash volume sold to both domestic and international customers increased 13.5% in the first, second, and third quarters of 2021 compared to the immediately preceding quarter, respectively. The soda ash volume sold to domestic customers increased 19.2%, 4.5%, and 2.2% in the first, second, and third quarters of 2021 including significant international sales volumes and international customers was 68.7% higher and 38.7% higher, respectively, than that of the second quarter of 2021, the soda ash volume sold to domestic customers was 68.7% higher and 38.7% higher, respectively, than that of the third quarter of 2021, the soda ash volume sold to domestic customers was 88.3% higher and 22.6% higher, respectively, than that of the third quarter of 2020, as a further sign of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sales Mix

We will adjust our sales mix based upon what is the best margin opportunity for the business between domestic and international. Our operations have been and continue to be sensitive to fluctuations in freight and shipping costs and changes in international prices, which have historically been more volatile than domestic prices. Our gross profit will be impacted by the mix of domestic and international sales as a result of changes in logistics costs and our average selling prices.

International Export Capabilities

As previously disclosed, Ciner Corp exited ANSAC, effective as of the end of day on December 31, 2020 as part of its strategic initiative to gain more direct access to and better control of international customers and logistics, and to leverage the expertise of Ciner Group, the world's largest natural soda ash producer. In connection with the settlement agreement with ANSAC, Ciner Corp will continue to sell in 2021 and 2022, at substantially lower volumes, product to ANSAC for export sales purposes, with a fixed rate per ton selling, general and administrative expense, and will also purchase a limited amount of export logistics services in 2021. The Partnership has made the necessary arrangements to manage the sale of its export tons in 2022 through existing distribution channels.

Although ANSAC has historically been our largest customer, the impact of Ciner Corp's exit from ANSAC on our net sales, net income and liquidity was limited. We made this determination primarily based upon the belief that we will continue to be one of the lowest cost producers of soda ash in the global market. With a low-cost position combined with more direct access and better control of our international customers and logistics and the ability to leverage Ciner Group's expertise in these areas, through a combination of ANSAC sales commitments for 2021 and 2022 as part of the transition from ANSAC and new customers, we have been able to adequately replace these net sales made under the former agreement with ANSAC. Since January 1, 2021, Ciner Corp has managed the Partnership's sales and marketing activities for exports with the ANSAC exit being complete. Ciner Corp has leveraged the distributor network established by Ciner Group and independent third-party distribution partners to optimize our reach into each market.



Energy Costs

One of the primary impacts to our profitability is our energy costs. Because we depend upon natural gas and electricity to power our trona ore mining and soda ash processing operations, our net sales, earnings and cash flow from operations are sensitive to changes in the prices we pay for these energy sources. Our cost of energy had been relatively low in recent years, primarily as a result of low natural gas prices but those have been rising in 2021. The average monthly Northwest Pipeline Rocky Mountain Index natural gas settlement prices for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$3.97 and \$1.74 MMBtu, respectively; and for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$3.23 and \$1.54 per MMBtu, respectively. Due to historic volatility of natural gas prices, we expect to continue to hedge a portion of our forecasted natural gas purchases to mitigate volatility.

How We Evaluate Our Business

Productivity of Operations

Our soda ash production volume is primarily dependent on the following three factors: (1) operating rate, (2) quality of our mined trona ore and (3) recovery rates. Operating rate is a measure of utilization of the effective production capacity of our facility and is determined in large part by productivity rates and mechanical on-stream times, which is the percentage of actual run times over the total time scheduled. We implement two planned outages of our mining and surface operations each year, typically in the second and third quarters. During these outages, which are scheduled to last approximately one week each, we repair and replace equipment and parts. Periodically, we may experience minor unplanned outages or unplanned outages caused by various factors, including equipment failures, power outages or service interruptions. The quality of our mine ore is determined by measuring the trona ore recovered as a percentage of the deposit, which includes both trona ore and insolubles. Plant recovery rates are generally determined by calculating the soda ash produced divided by the sum of the soda ash produced plus soda ash that is not recovered from the process. All of these factors determine the amount of trona ore we require to produce one short ton of soda ash and liquor, which we refer to as our "ore to ash ratio." Our ore to ash ratio was 1.55: 1.0 and 1.57: 1.0 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, respectively, and 1.67: 1.0 and 1.62: 1.0 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively.

Freight and Logistics

The soda ash industry is logistics intensive and involves careful management of freight and logistics costs. These freight costs make up a large portion of the total delivered cost to the customer. Delivery costs to most domestic customers and ANSAC primarily relate to rail freight services. Some domestic customers may elect to arrange their own freight and logistic services. Delivered costs to non-ANSAC international customers primarily consists of both rail freight services to the port of embarkation and the additional ocean freight to the port of disembarkation.

Ciner Corp enters into contracts with one railroad company for the majority of the domestic rail freight services that the Partnership receives and the related freight and logistics costs are allocated to the Partnership. For the nine months ended September 30, 2021, the Partnership shipped over 90% of our soda ash to our customers initially via a single rail line owned and controlled by the railroad company. The Partnership's plant receives rail service exclusively from the railroad company and shipments by rail accounted for over 60% and over 80% of our total freight costs for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and over 60% and over 80% of our total freight costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. The decrease in the percentage of freight that is related to the railroad company is due primarily to the increased ocean freight in the nine months ended September 30, 2021 of direct international sales and their respective delivery locations.

If Ciner Corp does not ship at least a significant portion of our soda ash production on the railroad company's rail line during a twelve-month period, it must pay the railroad company a shortfall payment under the terms of our transportation agreement. The Partnership assists the majority of its domestic customers in arranging their freight services. During 2020 and the nine months ended September 30, 2021, Ciner Corp had no shortfall payments and does not expect to make any such payments in the future. Ciner Corp renewed its agreement with the railroad company in October 2021, which now expires on December 31, 2025.

Net Sales

Net sales include the amounts we earn on sales of soda ash. We recognize revenue from our sales when we satisfy the performance obligation defined in the contract with the customer. The performance obligation for domestic sales is typically met when goods are delivered to the carrier for shipment, which is the point at which the customer has the ability to direct the use of and obtain substantially all remaining benefits from the asset. The time at which delivery and transfer of title occurs, for the majority of our contracts with customers, is the point when the product leaves our facilities, thereby rendering our performance obligation fulfilled. Since January 1, 2021, sales to ANSAC have been fulfilled when delivered to ANSAC facilities. The performance obligation for international sales is typically satisfied when goods are loaded onto the vessel for shipment at the port of loading. Substantially all of our sales of soda ash, which we sell through our exclusive sales agent, Ciner Corp. A small amount of our sales is derived from sales of production purge, which is a by-product liquor solution containing soda ash that is produced during the processing of trona ore. For the purposes of our discussion below, we include these transactions in domestic sales of soda ash and in the volume of domestic soda ash sold.

Sales prices for sales through ANSAC include the cost of freight to the ports of embarkation for overseas export or to Laredo, Texas for sales to Mexico. Sales prices for other international sales may include the cost of rail freight to the port of embarkation, the cost of ocean freight to the port of disembarkation for import by the customer and the cost of inland freight required for delivery to the customer.

Cost of Products Sold

Expenses relating to employee compensation, energy, including natural gas and electricity, royalties and maintenance materials constitute the greatest components of cost of products sold. These costs generally increase in line with increases in sales volume.

Energy. A major item in our cost of products sold is energy, comprised primarily of natural gas and electricity. We primarily use natural gas to fuel our above-ground processing operations, including the heating of calciners, and we use electricity to power our underground mining operations, including our continuous mining machines, or continuous miners, and shuttle cars. The monthly Northwest Pipeline Rocky Mountain Index natural gas settlement prices, over the past five years, have ranged between \$1.29 and \$5.70. The average monthly Northwest Pipeline Rocky Mountain Index natural gas settlement prices for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$3.97 and \$1.74 MMBtu, respectively; and for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 were \$3.23 and \$1.54 per MMBtu, respectively. However, we expect to continue to hedge a portion of our forecasted natural gas purchases to mitigate volatility. In order to mitigate the risk of gas price fluctuations, we hedge a portion of our forecasted natural gas hedges generally ranging between 20% and 80% of our expected monthly gas requirements, on a sliding scale, for approximately the next three years.

Employee Compensation. See Part I, Item 1. Financial Statements - Note 6, "Employee Compensation" for information on the various benefit plans offered and administered by Ciner Corp.

Royalties. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, we paid royalties to the State of Wyoming, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Sweetwater Royalties LLC. The royalties are calculated based upon a percentage of the value of soda ash and related products sold at a certain stage in the mining process. These royalty payments may be subject to a minimum domestic production volume from our Green River Basin facility. We are also obligated to pay annual rentals to our lessors and licensor regardless of actual sales. In addition, we pay a production tax to Sweetwater County, and trona severance tax to the State of Wyoming that is calculated based on a formula that utilizes the volume of trona ore mined and the value of the soda ash produced.

The royalty rates we pay to our lessors and licensor may change upon our renewal or renegotiation of such leases and license. On June 28, 2018, Ciner Wyoming amended its License Agreement, dated July 18, 1961 (the "License Agreement"), with a predecessor in interest to Sweetwater Royalties LLC, to, among other things, (i) extend the term of the License Agreement to July 18, 2061 and for so long thereafter as Ciner Wyoming continuously conducts operations to mine and remove sodium minerals from the licensed premises in commercial quantities; and (ii) set the production royalty rate for each sale of sodium mineral products produced from ore extracted from the licensed premises at eight percent (%) of the net sales of such sodium mineral products. Any increase in the royalty rates we are required to pay to our lessors and licensor, or any failure by us to renew any of our leases and license, could have a material adverse impact on our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity, and, therefore, may affect our ability to distribute cash to unitholders. On December 11, 2020, the Secretary of the Interior authorized an industry-wide royalty reduction from currently set rates by establishing a 2% federal royalty rate for a period of ten years for all lexisting and future federal soda ash or sodium bicarbonate leases. This change by the Secretary of the Interior reduces the rates on our mineral leases with the U.S. Government from 6% to 2% as of January 1, 2021 and for the following to readitional information on leases.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses incurred by our affiliates on our behalf are allocated to us based on the time the employees of those companies spend on our business and the actual direct costs they incur on our behalf.

Until December 31, 2020, selling, general and administrative expenses incurred by ANSAC on our behalf were allocated to us based on the proportion of ANSAC's total volumes sold for a given period attributable to the soda ash sold by us to ANSAC and were included in selling, general and administrative expense – affiliates in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. Pursuant to the ANSAC Exit agreement, beginning in 2021, we incur a fixed rate of selling, general, and administrative expense for each ton we sell to ANSAC, which is included in selling, general and administrative expense in the condensed consolidated statement of operations.

The Partnership has a Services Agreement (the "Services Agreement"), with our general partner and Ciner Corp. Pursuant to the Services Agreement, Ciner Corp provides the Partnership with certain corporate, selling, marketing, and general and administrative services. In return the Partnership pays Ciner Corp an annual management fee, subject to quarterly adjustments, and reimburses Ciner Corp for certain third-party costs incurred in connection with providing such services. In addition, under the joint venture agreement governing Ciner Wyoming, Ciner Wyoming reimburses us for employees who operate our assets and for support provided to Ciner Wyoming.

Ciner Group also owns and operates port facilities in Turkey, and, since 2017, one of its other North American subsidiaries has an arrangement to exclusively import soda ash into a port on the U.S east coast. Ciner Corp, which is the exclusive sales agent for the Partnership, also serves as the exclusive sales agent of that material and receives a commission on those sales. We believe by having access to that material, Ciner Corp is able to offer its customers an improved level of service, greater certainty of supply to the Partnership's end customers, and, as a result, lower its overall costs to serve, which are subsequently charged to the Partnership.

Third Quarter 2021 Financial Highlights:

- Net sales of \$135.6 million increased 38.1% from the prior-year third quarter; year-to-date of \$384.1 million increased 33.0% over the prior year. During the third quarter of 2020, the Partnership experienced a slight increase in sales volumes, production and pricing after the significant decline in the previous quarter during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the third quarter of 2021, the sales volume level has returned back to a more normalized level.
- Soda ash volume produced increased 56.3% from the prior-year third quarter, and soda ash volume sold increased 29.7% from the prior-year third quarter; year-to-date soda ash volume produced increased 27.0% from the prior-year. During the third quarter of 2020, the Partnership experienced a slight increase in sales volumes, production and pricing after the significant decline in the previous quarter during the COVID-19. During the third quarter of 2021, the sales volume level has returned back to a more normalized level.
- Net income of \$15.4 million increased \$10.0 million from the prior-year third quarter; year-to-date net income of \$27.8 million increased \$13.6 million over the prior year. This increase
 is primarily attributable to the operating income increase resulting from overall sales and production volume recovery to pre-COVID-19 levels with relatively consistent selling, general
 and administrative expenses in the quarter ended September 30, 2021 compared to the quarter ended September 30, 2020.
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$24.1 million increased 65.1% from the prior-year third quarter; year-to-date adjusted EBITDA of \$56.1 million increased 41.0% over the prior year. This increase is primarily attributable to the operating income increase.
- Basic earnings per unit of \$0.36 for the quarter increased 227.3% over the prior-year third quarter of \$0.11; year-to-date basic earnings per unit of \$0.63 increased 125.0% over the prior-year.
- Net cash provided by operating activities of \$9.9 million decreased 53.3% over prior-year third quarter; year-to-date net cash provided by operating activities of \$28.3 million decreased 46.0% over the prior year.
- Distributable cash flow of \$8.2 million increased 115.8% compared to the prior-year third quarter; year-to-date distributable cash flow of \$15.8 million increased 38.6% over the prior year.



Results of Operations

A discussion and analysis of the factors contributing to our results of operations is presented below for the periods and as of the dates indicated. The financial statements, together with the following information, are intended to provide investors with a reasonable basis for assessing our historical operations, but should not serve as the only criteria for predicting our future performance.

The following table sets forth our results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	Three Months En	ded Sej	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
(In millions, except for operating and other data section)	 2021		2020	2021		-	2020
Net sales:							
Sales-others	\$ 135.6	\$	54.0	\$	384.1	\$	158.6
Sales—affiliates	 		44.2				130.2
Net sales	\$ 135.6	\$	98.2	\$	384.1	\$	288.8
Operating costs and expenses:							
Cost of products sold	104.8		78.8		310.5		233.1
Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense	7.4		7.8		23.8		20.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses-affiliates	5.2		4.5		13.0		13.0
Selling, general and administrative expenses-others	 1.5		0.2		4.9		3.5
Total operating costs and expenses	118.9		91.3	_	352.2		270.4
Operating income	16.7		6.9		31.9		18.4
Interest income	—		—		—		0.1
Interest expense	(1.3)		(1.2)		(4.1)		(4.0)
Other, net	_		(0.3)	_			(0.3)
Total other expense, net	 (1.3)		(1.5)		(4.1)		(4.2)
Net income	15.4		5.4		27.8		14.2
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	8.0		3.1		15.1		8.5
Net income attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$ 7.4	\$	2.3	\$	12.7	\$	5.7
Operating and Other Data:							
Trona ore consumed (thousands of short tons)	1,115.0		770.5		3,180.4		2,584.9
Ore to ash ratio ⁽¹⁾	1.55: 1.0		1.67: 1.0		1.57: 1.0		1.62: 1.0
Ore grade ⁽²⁾	87.3%		86.9%		86.0%		86.8%
Soda ash volume produced (thousands of short tons)	719.2		460.1		2,023.9		1,593.4
Soda ash volume sold (thousands of short tons)	700.5		540.3		2,070.6		1,630.4
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽³⁾	\$ 24.1	\$	14.6	\$	56.1	\$	39.8

(1) Ore to ash ratio expresses the number of short tons of trona ore needed to produce one short ton of soda ash and liquor and includes our deca rehydration recovery process. In general, a lower ore to ash ratio results in lower costs and improved efficiency.

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Ore grade is the percentage of raw trona ore that is recoverable as soda ash free of impurities. A higher ore grade will produce more soda ash than a lower ore grade.
 For a discussion of the non-GAAP financial measure Adjusted EBITDA, please read "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" of this Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Analysis of Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of net sales, sales volumes and average sales price, and the percentage change between the periods.

		Three Mo Septe			Nine Mo Septe	nths Er mber 3		Percent Increase/(Decrease)			
(Dollars in millions, except for average sales price data)		2021		2020		2021		2020	QTD	YTD	
Net sales:											
Domestic	\$	71.1	\$	53.7	\$	207.9	\$	153.1	32.4%	35.8%	
International		64.5		44.5		176.2		135.7	44.9%	29.8%	
Total net sales	\$	135.6	\$	98.2	\$	384.1	\$	288.8	38.1%	33.0%	
Sales volumes (thousands of short tons):					-						
Domestic		336.7		243.5		981.6		676.2	38.3%	45.2%	
International		363.8		296.8		1,089.0		954.2	22.6%	14.1%	
Total soda ash volume sold		700.5		540.3		2,070.6		1,630.4	29.7%	27.0%	
Average sales price (per short ton) ⁽¹⁾											
Domestic	\$	211.17	\$	220.53	\$	211.80	\$	226.41	(4.2)%	(6.5)%	
International	\$	177.30	\$	149.93	\$	161.80	\$	142.21	18.3%	13.8%	
Average	\$	193.58	\$	181.75	\$	185.50	\$	177.13	6.5%	4.7%	
Percent of net sales:											
Domestic net sales		52.4 %)	54.7 %		54.1 %)	53.0 %	(4.2)%	2.1%	
International net sales		47.6 %		45.3 %		45.9 %		47.0 %	5.1%	(2.3)%	
Total percent of net sales		100.0 %		100.0 %		100.0 %		100.0 %			
Percent of sales volumes:											
Domestic volume		48.1 %)	45.1 %		47.4 %)	41.5 %	6.7%	14.2%	
International volume		51.9 %		54.9 %		52.6 %		58.5 %	(5.5)%	(10.1)%	
Total percent of volume sold		100.0 %	<u> </u>	100.0 %		100.0 %		100.0 %			

(1) Average sales price per short ton is computed as net sales divided by volumes sold.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2021 compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2020

Consolidated Results

Net sales. Net sales increased by 38.1% to \$135.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021 from \$98.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, primarily driven by an increase in soda ash volumes sold of 29.7% due to continuing recovery of domestic and international demand from the significant negative impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. We operated a normal production capacity in the three months ended September 30, 2021 compared to levels that were suppressed due to COVID-19 pandemic during the three months ended September 30, 2020. Domestic average price was lower than the prior year same period due to customer mix, factoring in the overall volume growth as well as lower annual market prices which were impacted by the slow economy in late 2020 affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. International average price was higher than the prior year same period because the prices are set on a quarterly basis with improving supply and demand fundamentals recognized for soda ash in the global market and particularly in Asia. Increases in net sales, average international sales prices and cost of product sold from 2020 to 2021 are also attributable to an increase in non-ANSAC international sales which include ocean freight in both net sales and cost of product sold. See "How We Evaluate Our Business - *Net Sales*" section for further information.

Cost of products sold. Cost of products sold, including depreciation, depletion and amortization expense and freight costs, increased by 29.6% to \$112.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021 from \$86.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020, which were primarily due to significant increases in overall soda ash sales volumes. The increase in cost of products sold is also due to significant ocean freight cost primarily from a volatile vessel market impacted by recent global supply chain constraints as well as price increases in natural gas.

Selling, general and administrative expenses. Our selling, general and administrative expenses increased 42.6% to \$6.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, compared to \$4.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020. The increase was primarily due to more administrative work for export business for the three months ended September 30, 2021 than for the three months ended September 30, 2020 as we continue our transition from related support from ANSAC.

Operating income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased by 142.0% to \$16.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021 from \$6.9 million operating loss for the three months ended September 30, 2020. The increase was due to a continuing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic negative impact. In addition, a significant amount of fixed plant costs were proportionally higher than sales and production volume which lowered margins for the three months ended September 30, 2020.

Net income. As a result of the foregoing, net income increased by 185.2% to \$15.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2021, from \$5.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020. During the three months ended September 30, 2021, production and sales increased significantly due to a continuing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, a significant amount of fixed plant costs were proportionally higher than sales and production volume which lowered margins for the three months ended September 30, 2020.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2021 compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020

Consolidated Results

Net sales. Net sales increased by 33.0% to \$384.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 from \$288.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, primarily driven by an increase in soda ash volumes sold of 27.0% due to the continuing recovery of domestic and international demand from the significant negative impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. We operated close to normal production capacity in the nine months ended September 30, 2021. Sales prices in the nine months ended September 30, 2021 had not fully recovered to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels. Increase in net sales and cost of product sold from 2020 to 2021 is also impacted by an increase in non-ANSAC international sales which include ocean freight in both net sales and cost of product sold. See How "We Evaluate Our Business - *Net Sales*" section for further information.

Cost of products sold. Cost of products sold, including depreciation, depletion and amortization expense and freight costs, increased by 31.7% to \$334.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 from \$253.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020, which was primarily due to significant increases in overall soda ash sales volumes. The increase in cost of products sold is also due to significant increases in ocean freight rates primarily from a volatile vessel market impacted by recent global supply chain constraints as well as price increases in natural gas.

Selling, general and administrative expenses. Our selling, general and administrative expenses increased 8.5% to \$17.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, compared to \$16.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The increase was primarily due to more administrative work for the export business.

Operating income. As a result of the foregoing, operating income increased by 73.4% to \$31.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 from \$18.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, production and sales increased significantly due to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, a significant amount of fixed plant costs were proportionally higher than sales and production volume which lowered margins for the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Net income. As a result of the foregoing, net income increased by 95.8% to \$27.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2021, from \$14.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, production and sales increased significantly due to recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, a significant amount of fixed plant costs were proportionally higher than sales and production volume which lowered margins for the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources of liquidity include cash generated from operations and borrowings under credit facilities and capital calls from partners. We use cash and require liquidity primarily to finance and maintain our operations, fund capital expenditures for our property, plant and equipment, make cash distributions to holders of our partnership interests, pay the expenses of our general partner and satisfy obligations arising from our indebtedness. Our ability to meet these liquidity requirements will depend primarily on our ability to generate cash flow from operations.

Our sources of liquidity include:

- cash generated from our operations of which we had cash on hand of \$3.0 million at September 30, 2021; and
- approximately \$120.0 million (\$225.0 million, less \$105.0 million outstanding), was available for borrowing and undrawn under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility (as defined herein) as of September 30, 2021 (during the nine months ended September 30, 2021, we made repayments on the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility of \$65.0 million, offset by borrowings of \$67.5 million). The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility was terminated and replaced by the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility on October 28, 2021, which had similar amounts drawn and available for borrowing at closing

on October 28, 2021 compared to the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility at September 30, 2021. Please read Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements - Note 4, "Debt," for details.

We continue to analyze all aspects of our spending in order to maintain liquidity at levels we believe are necessary. The Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility's outstanding balance was classified as a current liability as the facilities term was set to expire in August 2022. After replacement and termination of the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility, and entering into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility on October 28, 2021, the Partnership reclassified the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility. We are closely reviewing maintenance capital expenditures at our Wyoming facility to adequately maintain the physical assets at the Wyoming facility. In addition, we are subject to business and operational risks that could adversely affect our cash flow, access to borrowings under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility to make monthly installment payments under the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement. Our ability to satisfy debt service obligations, to fund planned capital expenditures, to make acquisitions and to make distributions will depend upon our future operating performance, which, in turn, will be affected by prevailing economic conditions, our business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control.

We expect our ongoing working capital and capital expenditures to be funded by cash generated from operations and borrowings under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility. The amount, timing and classification of any such capital expenditures could affect the amount of cash that is available to be distributed to our unitholders.

In addition, we are subject to business and operational risks that could adversely affect our cash flow and access to borrowings under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility and the Ciner Wyoming Equipment Financing Arrangement.

We intend to pay a quarterly distribution to unitholders of record, to the extent we have sufficient cash from our operations after establishment of cash reserves, funding of any acquisitions and expansion capital expenditures, paying debt obligations and payment of fees and expenses, including payments to our general partner and its affiliates. See Part I, Item 2, Overview, "Recent Developments," for more information.

Working Capital Requirements

Working capital is the amount by which current assets exceed current liabilities. Our working capital requirements have been, and will continue to be, primarily driven by changes in accounts receivable and accounts payable, which generally fluctuate with changes in volumes, contract terms and market prices of soda ash in the normal course of our business. Other factors impacting changes in accounts receivable and accounts payable could include the timing of collections from customers and payments to suppliers, as well as the level of spending for maintenance and growth capital expenditures. A material adverse change in operations or available financing under the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility could impact our ability to fund our requirements for liquidity and capital resources. Historically, we have not made working capital borrowings to finance our operations. As of September 30, 2021, we had a working capital balance of \$146.0 million as of December 31, 2020. The primary driver for the increase in our working capital balance was due to a higher accounts receivable balance as of September 30, 2021 than December 31, 2020.

Financial Assurance Regulatory Updates by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality

We have historically been subject to a self-bond agreement (the "Self-Bond Agreement") with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality ("WDEQ") under which we committed to pay directly for reclamation costs. In May 2019, the State of Wyoming enacted legislation that limits our and other mine operators' ability to self-bond and required us to seek other acceptable financial instruments to provide alternate assurances for our reclamation obligations by November 2020. We provided such alternate assurances by timely securing a third-party surety bond effective October 15, 2020 (the "Surety Bond") for the then-applicable full self-bond amount \$36.2 million, which was also the amount of our obligation as of December 31, 2020. After we secured the Surety Bond, the previous Self-Bond Agreement was terminated. As of the date of this Report, the impact on our net income and liquidity due to securing the Surety Bond has been immaterial and we anticipate that to continue to be the case. The amount of such assurances that we are required to provide is subject to change upon periodic re-evaluation by the WDEQ's Land Quality Division. As a result of the most recent such periodic re-evaluation, the Surety Bond amount was increased to \$41.8 million effective March 1, 2021. For a discussion of risks in connection with future legislation relating to such financial assurances that could affect our business, financial condition and liquidity, please read Item IA, "Risk Factors-Risks Inherent in our Business and Industry-*Our inability to acquire, maintain or renew financial assurances related to the reclamation and resource of mining property could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2021.*

Capital Expenditures

Our operations require investments to expand, upgrade or enhance existing operations and to meet evolving environmental and safety regulations. We distinguish between maintenance and expansion capital expenditures. Maintenance capital expenditures (including expenditures for the construction or development of new capital assets or the replacement, improvement or expansion of existing capital assets) are made to maintain, over the long-term, our operating income or operating capacity. Examples of maintenance capital expenditures are expenditures to upgrade and replace mining equipment and to address equipment integrity, safety and environmental laws and regulations. Our maintenance capital expenditures do not include actual or estimated capital expenditures for replacement of our trona reserves. Expansion capital expenditures are incurred for acquisitions or capital improvements made to increase, over the long-term, our operating capacity. Examples of expansion capital expenditures include the acquisition and/or construction of complementary assets to grow our business and to expand existing facilities, such as projects that increase production from existing facilities or reduce costs, to the extent such capital expenditures are expected to increase our long-term operating capacity or operating income.

The table below summarizes our capital expenditures, on an accrual basis:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months End	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
<u>(In millions)</u>	 2021	2020	2021	2020	
Capital Expenditures:					
Maintenance	\$ 4.8	\$ 6.5	\$ 20.8	\$ 16.7	
Expansion	0.1	3.1	0.6	14.3	
Total	\$ 4.9	\$ 9.6	\$ 21.4	\$ 31.0	

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2021, capital expenditures decreased \$4.7 million and \$9.6 million as compared to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, respectively. The decrease was primarily driven by decreases in expansion capital expenditures because of the completion of our new co-generation facility, which became operational in March 2020.

Green River Expansion Project

We continue to develop plans and execute the early phases for a potential new Green River Expansion Project that we believe will increase production levels up to approximately 3.5 million short tons of soda ash per year or up to approximately 135% of the last five-year average of soda ash produced per year. We have conducted the initial basic design and are currently evaluating and pursuing the related permits and detailed cost and market analysis pursuant to the basic design. This project will require capital expenditures materially higher than have been recently incurred by Ciner Wyoming. To maintain a disciplined financial policy and what we consider a conservative financial structure, we intend to pay for the investment in part through cash generated by the business and in part through debt. The timing of the new Green River Expansion Project as well as any other expansion capital expenditures may be impacted by the Partnership's financial results including further negative volatility caused by the COVID-19 or subsequent variants as well as by certain performance ratios requirements of the Ciner Obligors' Facilities Agreement. See Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements - Note 4, "Debt," for details.

Cash Flows Discussion

The following is a summary of cash provided by or used in each of the indicated types of activities:

	 Nine Months Ended Septemb	oer 30,	
<u>(In millions)</u>	2021	2020	Percent Increase/(Decrease)
Cash provided by (used in):			
Operating activities	\$ 28.3 \$	52.4	(46.0) %
Investing activities	\$ (20.7) \$	(28.4)	(27.1) %
Financing activities	\$ (5.1) \$	(37.2)	86.3 %

Operating Activities

Our operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 provided cash of \$28.3 million, a decrease of 46.0% from the \$52.4 million cash provided during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, primarily as a result of the following:

- an increase of 95.8% in net income of \$27.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2021, compared to \$14.2 million for the prior-year period; and
- \$24.4 million of working capital used in operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2021, compared to \$16.2 million of working capital provided by operating activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The

\$40.4 million decrease in working capital relating to operating activities year over year was primarily due to a higher accounts receivable balance at September 30, 2021 primarily due to higher net sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to the same period ended September 30, 2020. It is partly offset by the higher balances of accounts payable and accrued expenses as of September 30, 2021.

Investing Activities

We used cash flows of \$20.7 million in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2021, compared to \$28.4 million used during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, for capital projects as described in "Capital Expenditures" above.

Financing Activities

Cash used in financing activities of \$5.1 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 decreased by 86.3% over the prior-year cash used in financing activities, largely due to larger distributions to noncontrolling interest during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

Borrowings under the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility were at variable interest rates.

(Dollars in millions)	As of and for th Septem 20	
Short-term borrowings from banks:		
Outstanding amount at period end	\$	105.0
Weighted average interest rate at period end ⁽¹⁾		3.09 %
Average daily amount outstanding for the period	\$	111.3
Weighted average daily interest rate for the period ⁽¹⁾		3.15 %
Maximum month-end amount outstanding during the period	\$	115.0

⁽¹⁾ Weighted average interest rates set forth in the table above include the impacts of our interest rate swap contracts designated as cash flow hedges. As of September 30, 2021, the interest rate swap contracts had an aggregate notional value of \$37.5 million.



Debt

See Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements - Note 4, "Debt" for more information regarding the Partnership's debt obligations and related disclosures.

Contractual Obligations

During the nine months ended September 30, 2021, there were no material changes with respect to the contractual obligations disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2021 (the "2020 Annual Report") other than as described in the bullets immediately below.

- · As discussed in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements Note 4, "Debt," on March 8, 2021, we terminated the Ciner Resources Credit Facility and fully repaid the outstanding borrowing amount.
- During the three months ended September 30, 2021, we entered into certain logistic services commitments with various third parties that expire during 2022 and have a minimum contractual obligation for purchases by Ciner Wyoming of approximately \$19.1 million for such logistic services.

In addition, on October 28, 2021, Ciner Wyoming entered into the Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility and terminated the Prior Ciner Wyoming Credit Facility. Please read Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements - Note 4, "Debt."

Critical Accounting Policies

There have been no material changes in critical accounting policies followed by us during the nine months ended September 30, 2021 from those disclosed in the 2020 Annual Report.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

Accounting standards recently issued are discussed in Item 1. Financial Statements - Note 1, "Corporate Structure and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in the notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report our financial results in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"). We also present the non-GAAP financial measures of:

- Adjusted EBITDA;
- distributable cash flow; and
- distribution coverage ratio.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) plus net interest expense, income tax, depreciation, depletion and amortization, equity-based compensation expense and certain other expenses that are non-cash charges or that we consider not to be indicative of ongoing operations. Distributable cash flow is defined as Adjusted EBITDA less net cash paid for interest, maintenance capital expenditures and income taxes, each as attributable to Ciner Resources LP. The Partnership may fund expansion-related capital expenditures with borrowings under existing credit facilities such that expansion-related capital expenditures will have no impact on cash on hand or the calculation of cash available for distribution. In certain instances, the timing of the Partnership's borrowings and/or its cash management practices will result in a mismatch between the period of the borrowing and the period of the capital expenditures have been excluded from the presentation of cash available for distribution. Distributable cash flow will not reflect changes in working capital balances. We define distribution coverage ratio as the ratio of distributable cash flow as of the end of the period to cash distributions payable with respect to such period.

Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio are non-GAAP supplemental financial measures that management and external users of our consolidated financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors, lenders and rating agencies, may use to assess:

- our operating performance as compared to other publicly traded partnerships in our industry, without regard to historical cost basis or, in the case of Adjusted EBITDA, financing methods;
- · the ability of our assets to generate sufficient cash flow to make distributions to our unitholders;
- · our ability to incur and service debt and fund capital expenditures; and
- · the viability of capital expenditure projects and the returns on investment of various investment opportunities.



We believe that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio provide useful information to investors in assessing our financial condition and results of operations. The GAAP measures most directly comparable to Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are net income and net cash provided by operating activities. Our non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio should not be considered as alternatives to GAAP net income, operating income, net cash provided by operating activities, or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow have important limitations as analytical tools because they exclude some, but not all items that affect net income and net cash provided by operating activities. Investors should not consider Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio may be defined differently by other companies, including those in our industry, our definition of Adjusted EBITDA, distributable cash flow and distribution coverage ratio may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies, thereby diminishing its utility.

The table below presents a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measures of Adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow to the GAAP financial measures of net income and net cash provided by operating activities:

		Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,		
(In millions, except per unit data)		2021		2020		2021		2020
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income:								
Net income	\$	15.4	\$	5.4	\$	27.8	\$	14.2
Add backs:								
Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense		7.4		7.8		23.8		20.8
Interest expense, net		1.3		1.2		4.1		3.9
Equity-based compensation expense, net of forfeitures				0.2		0.4		0.9
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	24.1	\$	14.6	\$	56.1	\$	39.8
Less: Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interest		12.1		7.4		28.4		20.3
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	12.0	\$	7.2	\$	27.7	\$	19.5
Reconciliation of distributable cash flow to Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Ciner Resources LP:								
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	12.0	\$	7.2	\$	27.7	\$	19.5
Less: Cash interest expense, net attributable to Ciner Resources LP		0.6		0.6		1.8		0.7
Less: Maintenance capital expenditures attributable to Ciner Resources LP		3.2		2.8		10.1		7.4
Distributable cash flow attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	8.2	\$	3.8	\$	15.8	\$	11.4
Cash distribution declared per unit	\$	0.340	\$	_	\$	0.340	\$	0.340
Total distributions to unitholders and general partner	\$	6.9	\$	_	\$	6.9	\$	6.8
Distribution coverage ratio		1.19		N/A		2.29		1.68
Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net cash from operating activities:								
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	9,9	\$	21.2	\$	28.3	\$	52.4
Add/(less):								
Amortization of long-term loan financing		(0.1)		(0.1)		(0.4)		(0.1
Net change in working capital		13.1		(7.7)		24.4		(16.2
Interest expense, net		1.3		1.2		4.1		3.9
Other non-cash items		(0.1)		_		(0.3)		(0.2
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	24.1	\$	14.6	\$	56.1	\$	39.8
Less: Adjusted EBITDA attributable to noncontrolling interest		12.1		7.4		28.4		20.3
Adjusted EBITDA attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	12.0	\$	7.2	\$	27.7	\$	19.5
Less: Cash interest expense, net attributable to Ciner Resources LP		0.6		0.6		1.8		0.7
Less: Maintenance capital expenditures attributable to Ciner Resources LP		3.2		2.8		10.1		7.4
Distributable cash flow attributable to Ciner Resources LP	\$	8.2	\$	3.8	\$	15.8	\$	11.4

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our exposure to the financial markets consists of changes in interest rates relative to the balance of our outstanding debt obligations and derivatives that we have employed from time to time to manage our exposure to changes in market interest rates, and commodity prices. We do not use financial instruments or derivatives for trading or other speculative purposes. Our exposure to interest rate risks and commodity price risks is discussed in Part II, Item 7A of our 2020 Annual Report. The uncertainty that exists with respect to the economic impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic has introduced significant volatility in the financial markets. The impacts of such volatility on the Partnership cannot be predicted with confidence or reasonably estimated at this time.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of disclosure controls and procedures, under the supervision and with the participation of the Partnership's management, the Partnership's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act were effective as of September 30, 2021 to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Partnership in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Partnership's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have not been any changes in the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2021 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time we are party to various claims and legal proceedings related to our business. Although the outcome of these proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not currently expect any of the legal proceedings we are involved in to have a material effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We cannot predict the nature of any future claims or proceedings, nor the ultimate size or outcome of existing claims and legal proceedings and whether any damages resulting from them will be covered by insurance. Our legal proceedings are discussed in Part I, Item 3 of our 2020 Annual Report. There have been no material changes in that information.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Certain risks and events that could adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results are described in Part I, Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of our 2020 Annual Report. There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in the "Risk Factors" sections of our 2020 Annual Report.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Information regarding mine safety violations and other regulatory matters required by Section 1503(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Item 104 of Regulation S-K is included in Exhibit 95.1 to this Report.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.



	Item	6.	Exhibits	
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Exhibit Number	Description
<u>3.1</u>	Certificate of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP) dated April 22, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-189838) filed with the SEC on July 8, 2013)
<u>3.2</u>	Certificate of Amendment of the Certificate of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP) effective November 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2015)
<u>3.3</u>	First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP) dated as of September 18, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on September 18, 2013)
<u>3.4</u>	Amendment No. 1 to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP) dated as of May 2, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 7, 2014)
<u>3.5</u>	Amendment No. 2 to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP) dated as of November 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2015)
<u>3.6</u>	Amendment No. 3 to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Ciner Resources LP, dated April 28, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 2, 2017)
<u>3.7</u>	Certificate of Formation of OCI Resource Partners LLC dated April 22, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-189838) filed with the SEC on July 8, 2013)
<u>3.8</u>	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Formation of Ciner Resource Partners LLC (formerly known as OCI Resource Partners LLC) effective November 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2015)
<u>3.9</u>	Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Ciner Resource Partners LLC (formerly known as OCI Resource Partners LLC) dated as of September 18, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on September 18, 2013)
<u>3.10</u>	Amendment No. 1 to the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Ciner Resource Partners LLC (formerly known as OCI Resource Partners LLC) dated November 5, 2015 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 5, 2015)
<u>10.1</u>	Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among Ciner Wyoming LLC, the lenders listed on the respective signature pages thereof and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, swing line lender and a letter of credit issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 3, 2021)
<u>10.2</u>	Amendment Number 003 to Master Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021 by and between Banc of America Leasing & Capital, LLC, as lender, and Ciner Wyoming LLC, as borrower (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on November 3, 2021)
<u>31.1*</u>	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<u>31.2*</u>	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a), as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<u>32.1**</u>	Chief Executive Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as Adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<u>32.2**</u>	Chief Financial Officer Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code, as Adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
<u>95.1*</u>	Mine Safety Disclosures
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document – the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document
101.SCH*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104*	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)



* Filed herewith ** Furnished herewith. Not considered to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and are not deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

		CINER RESOURCES LP		
		By:	Ciner Resource Partners LLC, its General Partner	
Date:	November 3, 2021	By:	/s/ Oğuz Erkan	
Date:	November 3, 2021		Oğuz Erkan President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the registrant's General Partner (Principal Executive Officer)	
Date.	November 5, 2021	By:	/s/ Ahmet Tohma Ahmet Tohma Chief Financial Officer of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the registrant's General Partner	
Date:	November 3, 2021	By:	(Principal Financial Officer) /s/ Christopher L. DeBerry	
		Бу.	Christopher L. DeBerry Christopher L. DeBerry Chief Accounting Officer of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the registrant's General Partner (Principal Accounting Officer)	

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

Dated as of October 28, 2021

among

CINER WYOMING LLC, as the Borrower,

CERTAIN SUBSIDIARIES OF THE BORROWER IDENTIFIED HEREIN, as the Guarantors,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and an L/C Issuer,

and

THE OTHER LENDERS PARTY HERETO

Arranged By:

BOFA SECURITIES, INC. and PNC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC, as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Bookrunners

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

This CREDIT AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 28, 2021 among CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors (defined herein), the Lenders (defined herein) and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and an L/C Issuer.

The Borrower has requested that the Lenders provide a revolving credit facility for the purposes set forth herein, and the 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

1.01 Defined Terms.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"2020 Financial Statements" means the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and the related consolidated statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal year, including the notes thereto.

"Accepting Lenders" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(g).

"Acquisition" means, with respect to any Person, the acquisition by such Person, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of either (a) all or substantially all of the property of, or a line of business, division or operating group of, another Person or (b) at least a majority of the Voting Equity Interests of another Person, in each case whether or not involving a merger or consolidation with such other Person.

"<u>Administrative Agent</u>" means Bank of America in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor administrative agent.

"<u>Administrative Agent's Office</u>" means the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on <u>Schedule 11.02</u> or such other address or account as the Administrative Agent may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Lenders.

"<u>Administrative Questionnaire</u>" means an Administrative Questionnaire in a form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Affected Financial Institution</u>" means (a) any EEA Financial Institution or (b) any UK Financial Institution.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to a specified 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.

"<u>Aggregate Revolving Commitments</u>" means the Revolving Commitments of all the Lenders. The amount of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments in effect on the Closing Date is Two Hundred Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$225,000,000).

"Agreement" means this Credit Agreement.

"Applicable Percentage" means with respect to any Lender at any time, with respect to such Lender's Revolving Commitment at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments represented by such Lender's Revolving Commitment at such time; provided that 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 9.02 or if the Aggregate Revolving Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Percentage of each Lender 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. The Applicable Percentages shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.15.

"<u>Applicable Rate</u>" means the following percentages per annum, based upon the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(a)</u>:

Pricing Tier	Consolidated Leverage Ratio	BSBY Rate Loans	Base Rate Loans	Commitment Fee
1	< 1.25:1.00	1.50%	0.50%	0.225%
2	≥ 1.25:1.00 but < 1.75:1.00	1.75%	0.75%	0.250%
3	≥ 1.75:1.00 but < 2.25:1.00	2.00%	1.00%	0.275%
4	> 2.25:1.00 but < 3.00:1.00	2.25%	1.25%	0.300%
5	≥ 3.00:1.00 but < 3.50:1.00	2.50%	1.50%	0.325%
6	<u>></u> 3.50:1.00	2.75%	1.75%	0.350%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Rate resulting from a change in the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall become effective as of the first Business Day immediately following the earlier of (i) the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered, or (ii) the date a Compliance Certificate is required to be delivered, in each case pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(a)</u>; provided, however, that if a Compliance Certificate is not delivered when due in accordance with such Section, then, upon the request of the Required Lenders, Pricing Tier 4 shall apply as of the first Business Day after the date on which such Compliance Certificate was required to have been delivered and shall remain in effect until the first Business Day immediately following the date on which such Compliance Certificate is delivered in accordance with <u>Section 7.02(a)</u> whereupon the Applicable Rate shall be adjusted based upon the calculation of the Consolidated Leverage Ratio contained in such Compliance Certificate. The Applicable Rate in effect from the Closing Date through the first Business Day immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(a)</u> for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2021 shall be determined based upon Pricing Tier 2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this definition, the determination of the Applicable Rate for any period shall be subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.10(b)</u>.

"<u>Approved Fund</u>" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"<u>Arranger</u>" means BofA Securities, Inc. and PNC Capital Markets LLC, in their capacities as joint lead arrangers and joint bookrunners.

"Assignment and Assumption" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by <u>Section 11.06(b)</u>), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit 11.06</u> or any other form (including electronic documentation generated by MarkitClear or other electronic platform) approved by the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Attributable Indebtedness</u>" means, with respect to any Person on any date, (a) in respect of any capital lease, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (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, (c) in respect of any Securitization Transaction, the outstanding principal amount of such financing, after taking into account reserve accounts and making appropriate adjustments, determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable judgment and (d) in respect of any Sale and Leaseback Transaction, the present value (discounted in accordance with GAAP at the debt rate implied in the applicable lease) of the obligations of the lessee for rental payments during the term of such lease.

"<u>Availability Period</u>" means, with respect to the Revolving Commitments, 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 Commitments pursuant to <u>Section 2.06</u>, 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 <u>Section 9.02</u>.

"<u>Bail-In Action</u>" means the exercise of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority in respect of any liability of an Affected Financial Institution.

"Bail-In Legislation" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law, rule, regulation or requirement for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, Part I of the United Kingdom Banking Act 2009 (as amended from time to time) and any other law, regulation or rule applicable in the United Kingdom relating to the resolution of unsound or failing banks, investment firms or other financial institutions or their affiliates (other than through liquidation, administration or other insolvency proceedings).

"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 highest of (a) the Federal Funds Rate plus 1/2 of 1% (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", (c) the BSBY Rate plus 1.00% and (d) 1.00%. 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 prime 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. If the Base Rate is being used as an alternate rate of interest pursuant to Section 3.03 hereof, then the Base Rate shall be the greater of clauses (a), (b) and (d) above and shall be determined without reference to clause (c) above.

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

"<u>Beneficial Ownership Certification</u>" means a certification regarding beneficial ownership required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.

"Beneficial Ownership Regulation" means 31 C.F.R. § 1010.230.

"Benefit Plan" means any of (a) an "employee benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA) that is subject to Title I of ERISA, (b) a "plan" as defined in and subject to Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code or (c) any Person whose assets include (for purposes of ERISA Section 3(42) or otherwise for purposes of Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code) the assets of any such "employee benefit plan" or "plan".

"Bloomberg" means Bloomberg Index Services Limited.

"Borrower" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

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

"BSBY" means the Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rate.

"BSBY Rate" means:

(a) for any Interest Period with respect to a BSBY Rate Loan, the rate per annum equal to the BSBY Screen Rate two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period with a term equivalent to such Interest Period; <u>provided</u> that if the rate is not published on such determination date then BSBY Rate means the BSBY Screen Rate on the first Business Day immediately prior thereto; and

(b) for any interest calculation with respect to a Base Rate Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to the BSBY Screen Rate with a term of one month commencing that day;

provided that if the BSBY Rate determined in accordance with either of the foregoing <u>clauses (a)</u> or (b) of this definition would otherwise be less than zero (0), the BSBY Rate shall be deemed zero (0) for purposes of this Agreement.

"BSBY Rate Loan" means a Loan that bears interest at a rate based on <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of BSBY Rate.

"BSBY Screen Rate" means the Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rate administered by Bloomberg (or any successor administrator satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) and published on the applicable Reuters screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time).

"Business" has the meaning specified in Section 6.09.

"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

Administrative Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any BSBY Rate Loan, in New York City.

"Cash Collateralize" means to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of one or more of the L/C Issuer or the Lenders, as collateral for L/C Obligations or obligations of the Lenders to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall agree in their reasonable discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer. "Cash Collateral" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"Cash Equivalents" means, as at any date, (a) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than twenty-four (24) months from the date of acquisition, (b) Dollar denominated time deposits and certificates of deposit of (i) any Lender, (ii) any domestic commercial bank of recognized standing having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 or (iii) any bank whose short-term commercial paper rating from S&P is at least A-1 or the equivalent thereof or from Moody's is at least P-1 or the equivalent thereof (any such bank being an "Approved Bank"), in each case with maturities of not more than two hundred seventy (270) days from the date of acquisition, (c) commercial paper and variable or fixed rate notes issued by any Approved Bank (or by the parent company thereof) or any variable rate notes issued by, or guaranteed by, any domestic entity rated A-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by S&P or P-1 (or the equivalent thereof) or better by Moody's and maturing within six (6) months of the date of acquisition, (d) repurchase agreements entered into by any Person with a bank or trust company (including any Lender) or recognized securities dealer having capital and surplus in excess of \$500,000,000 for direct obligations issued by or fully guaranteed by the United States in which such Person shall have a perfected first priority security interest (subject to no other Liens) and having, on the date of purchase thereof, a fair market value of at least 100% of the amount of the repurchase obligations and (e) investments, classified in accordance with GAAP as current assets, in money market investment programs registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 which are administered by reputable financial institutions having capital of at least \$500,000,000 and the portfolios of which are limited to Investments of the character described in the foregoing clauses (a) through (d).

"Cash Management Agreement" means any agreement that is not prohibited by the terms hereof to provide treasury or cash management services, including deposit accounts, overnight draft, credit cards, debit cards, p cards (including, purchasing cards and commercial cards), funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, zero balance accounts, returned check concentration, controlled disbursement, lockbox, account reconciliation and reporting and trade finance services and other cash management services.

"Cash Management Bank" means any Person that (a) at the time it enters into a Cash Management Agreement, is a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, (b) in the case of any Cash Management Agreement in effect on or prior to the Closing Date, is, as of the Closing Date or within thirty (30) days thereafter, a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent and a party to a Cash Management Agreement or (c) within thirty (30) days after the time it enters into the applicable Cash Management Agreement, becomes a Lender, the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or the Administrative Agent, in each case, in its capacity as a party to such Cash Management Agreement.

"<u>Change in Law</u>" means the occurrence, after the Closing Date, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any Law, (b) any change in any Law or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of

any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (ii) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case (of <u>clause (i)</u> and <u>clause (ii)</u>) be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"<u>Change of Control</u>" means an event or series of events by which, except as a result of a Foreclosure Event, the Specified Owners cease at any time to (a) own and control, of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Equity Interests in the Borrower or (b) have the ability to elect a majority of the board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing body of the Borrower.

"Closing Date" means the date hereof.

"<u>Collateral</u>" means all of the property and assets indicated in the Collateral Documents as being subject to Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"<u>Collateral Documents</u>" means a collective reference to the Security Agreement, each of the collateral assignments, pledge agreements, account control agreements or other similar agreements delivered by any Loan Party pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 7.14</u> or any of the other Loan Documents.

"Commitment Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.09(a).

"Commodity Exchange Act" means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. Section 1 et seq.).

"<u>Competitor</u>" means each Person listed in <u>Schedule 11.06</u>, as such Schedule may be updated from time to time with the approval of the Administrative Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u> that (i) no such updates may be made during the continuance of an Event of Default and (ii) the addition of any Person to <u>Schedule 11.06</u> shall not apply retroactively to disqualify a Person from being a Lender or participant if such Person had acquired an assignment or participation interest in the Revolving Loans or Revolving Commitments prior to the addition of such Person to <u>Schedule 11.06</u>.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 7.02.

"Conforming Changes" means, with respect to the use, administration of or any conventions associated with BSBY or any proposed Successor Rate, as applicable, any conforming changes to the definitions of Base Rate, BSBY and Interest Period, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other technical, administrative or operational matters (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the definition of Business Day, timing of borrowing requests or prepayment, conversion or continuation notices and length of lookback periods) as may be appropriate, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, to reflect the adoption and implementation of such applicable rate, and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Jeasible or that no market practice for the administration of such arate exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent determines is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and any other Loan Document).

"<u>Connection Income Taxes</u>" means Other Connection Taxes that are imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) or that are franchise Taxes or branch profits Taxes.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, an amount equal to Consolidated Net Income for such period plus the following to the extent deducted (and not previously added-back) in calculating such Consolidated Net Income: (a) Consolidated Interest Charges for such period, (b) the provision for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes payable for such period, (c) depreciation and amortization expense for such period, (d) all transaction, fees, costs and expenses (including reasonable fees, expenses and disbursement of counsel and professional advisors) incurred through the Closing Date in connection with the financings evidenced by this Agreement, (e) non-cash mark-to-market adjustments to carrying values of derivative instruments. (f) non-recurring non-cash restructuring charges, (g) any losses realized from the disposal, abandonment or discontinuance of operations (exclusive of its operating loss); minus (h) any (i) non-cash gain items corresponding to clauses (e) and (f) above and (ii) any gain items corresponding to clause (g) above (exclusive of its operating income), in each case to the extent included in calculating Consolidated Net Income; provided that in the event that the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries makes any cash payment in respect of any non-cash item corresponding to clause (e) or (f) above, such cash payment shall be deducted from Consolidated EBITDA in the period in which such cash payment is made. Notwithstanding anything herein or in the application of GAAP to the contrary, Consolidated EBITDA shall include the full amount of EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, regardless of whether any such Subsidiary is required to be consolidated under GAAP. The historical Consolidated EBITDA for any entities (A) that are acquired by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (whether before or after the Closing Date) as permitted under the Loan Documents will be included in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA for any period ending on or after the effective date of such acquisition and (B) that are disposed of by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (whether before or after the Closing Date) will be excluded in the calculation of EBITDA for any period ending on or after the effective date of such disposition, in each case in accordance with the definition of "Pro Forma Basis".

"<u>Consolidated Funded Indebtedness</u>" means, as of any date of determination, Funded Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

"Consolidated Interest Charges" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the sum of (a) all interest, premium payments, debt discount, fees, charges and related expenses in connection with borrowed money (including capitalized interest) or in connection with the deferred purchase price of assets (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business), in each case to the extent treated as interest in accordance with GAAP, <u>plus</u> (b) the portion of rent expense with respect to such period under capital leases that is treated as interest in accordance with GAAP <u>plus</u> (c) the implied interest component of Synthetic Lease Obligations with respect to such period.

"<u>Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio</u>" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the four fiscal quarters most recently ended to (b) Consolidated Interest Charges for the period of the four fiscal quarters most recently ended.

"<u>Consolidated Leverage Ratio</u>" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness as of such date to (b) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of the four fiscal quarters most recently ended.

"<u>Consolidated Net Income</u>" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, net income for such period; <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income shall exclude (a) extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses for such period, (b) the net income of any Subsidiary during such period to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by

such Subsidiary of such income is not permitted by operation of the terms of its Organization Documents, any agreement or instrument to which any Loan Party is party or Law applicable to such Subsidiary during such period (unless any such terms are waived by the applicable parties), except that the Borrower's equity in any net loss of any such Subsidiary for such period shall be included in determining Consolidated Net Income and (c) any income (or loss) for such period of any Person if such Person is not a Subsidiary, except that the Borrower's equity in the net income of any such Person for such period shall be included in Consolidated Net Income up to the aggregate amount of cash actually distributed by such Person during such period to the Borrower or a Subsidiary as a dividend or other distribution (and in the case of a dividend or other distribution to a Subsidiary, such Subsidiary is not precluded from further distributing such amount to the Borrower as described in <u>clause (b)</u> of this proviso).

"<u>Contractual Obligation</u>" means, as to any Person, any provision of any obligation of such Person under any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"<u>Control</u>" 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. "<u>Controlling</u>" and "<u>Controlled</u>" have meanings correlative thereto. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a Person shall be deemed to be Controlled by another Person if such other Person possesses, directly or indirectly, power to vote 10% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors, managing general partners or the equivalent of such Person.

"<u>Covered Entity</u>" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b).

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

"Daily Simple SOFR" with respect to any applicable determination date means the secured overnight financing rate ("SOFR") published on such date by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's website (or any successor source).

"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.

"<u>Default</u>" 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.

"Default Rate" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than Letter of Credit 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) 2% per annum; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to a BSBY 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 Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate for Revolving Loans that are BSBY Rate Loans plus 2% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to Section 2.15(d), any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two (2) Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's good faith determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding under Section 5.02 (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified with supporting facts in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Swing Line Lender or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit or Swing Line Loans) within two (2) Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's good faith determination that a condition precedent to funding under Section 5.02 (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified with supporting facts in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) has failed, within three (3) Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-In Action; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Equity Interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Administrative Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of clauses (a) through (d) above, and of the effective date of such status, shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.15(d)) as of the date established therefor by the Administrative Agent in a written notice of such determination, which shall be delivered by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, the L/C Issuer, the Swing Line Lender and each other Lender promptly following such determination.

"<u>Designated Jurisdiction</u>" means any country or territory to the extent that such country or territory itself is the subject of any Sanction.

"Disposition" or "Dispose" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition of any property by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, including any Sale and Leaseback Transaction and any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith, but excluding (a) the sale, lease, license, transfer or other disposition of inventory in the ordinary course of business; (b) the sale, lease, license, transfer or other disposition of any property that is obsolete, worn-out, replaced, excess or no longer used or useful in the conduct of business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; (c) the sale, lease, license, transfer or other disposition of property to the Borrower or any Subsidiary; provided, that if the transferor of such property is a Loan Party then the transferee thereof must be a Loan Party; (d) the sale, lease, license, transfer or other disposition (including providing any discount) of accounts receivable in connection with the collection or compromise thereof; (e) licenses, sublicenses, leases or subleases granted to others not

interfering in any material respect with the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; (f) the sale, transfer or other disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents for fair market value; (g) any Recovery Event; (h) the abandonment of intellectual property or other proprietary rights of such Person that are, in the reasonable business judgment of such Person, of no material value and no longer practicable to maintain or useful in the conduct of the business of such Person; (i) dispositions of property to the extent that (1) such property is substantially simultaneously exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar or replacement property or (2) the proceeds of such disposition are promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property in any event within one hundred eighty (180) days, (j) lease or sublease of real property in the ordinary course of business to any third party in an arm's length commercial transaction that does not interfere in any material respect with the business of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries; and (k) the surrender or waiver of contractual rights or settlement, release or surrender of any contract, test or other litigation claims in the ordinary course of business.

"Disqualified Equity Interests" means any Equity Interest that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security or other Equity Interest into which it is convertible or for which it is exchangeable), or upon the happening of any event or condition, (a) matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date which is ninety-one (91) days after the Maturity Date, (b) is convertible into or exchangeable for (i) debt securities or (ii) any Equity Interests referred to in clause (a) above, in each case at any time prior to the date which is ninety-one (91) days after the Maturity Date, (c) contains any repurchase obligation that may come into effect either (i) prior to payment in full of all Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount) or (ii) prior to the date that is ninetyone (91) days after the Maturity Date or (d) provides for scheduled payments of cash dividends or distributions prior to the date that is ninety-one (91) days after the Maturity Date.

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

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia.

"EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in <u>clause (a)</u> or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.

"<u>EEA Member Country</u>" means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.

"<u>EEA Resolution Authority</u>" means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.

"<u>Eligible Assignee</u>" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under <u>Section 11.06(b)(iii)</u> and (v) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under <u>Section 11.06(b)(iii)</u>).

"Enterprises" means Ciner Enterprises, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

"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 of potential environmental concern into the environment, including those related to releases of hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public sewer systems.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower or any Subsidiary 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.

"<u>ERISA</u>" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

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

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) the withdrawal of a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which such entity 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 a Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a Pension Plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA; (e) the institution by the PBGC of proceedings to terminate a Pension Plan; (f) any 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; (g) the determination by the actuary of a Loan Party that any Pension Plan is considered an at-risk plan or a plan in endangered or critical status within the meaning of Sections 430, 431 and 432 of the Internal Revenue Code or Sections 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA; (h) 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 any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate or (i) a failure by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate to meet all applicable requirements under the Pension Funding Rules in respect of a Pension Plan or the failure by any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate to make any required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

"<u>EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule</u>" means the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule published by the Loan Market Association (or any successor person), as in effect from time to time.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 9.01.

"Excluded Property" means, with respect to any Loan Party, (a) any owned or leased real property, (b) unless reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders, any IP Rights for which a perfected Lien thereon is not effected either by filing of a Uniform Commercial Code financing statement or by appropriate evidence of such Lien being filed in either the United States Copyright Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office, (c) unless reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders, any personal property (other than personal property described in clause (b) above) for which the attachment or perfection of a Lien thereon is not governed by the Uniform Commercial Code, (d) the Equity Interests of any Foreign Subsidiary to the extent not required to be pledged to secure the Obligations pursuant to Section 7.14(a), (e) any property which, subject to the terms of Section 8.03(e), is subject to a Lien of the type described in Section 8.01(i) to the extent the document providing such Lien prohibits such Loan Party from granting any other Liens in such property, (f) any lease, license, contract, property right or agreement to which any Loan Party is a party or any of its rights or interests thereunder if and only for so long as the grant of a Lien in any such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement will (i) violate any law, rule or regulation applicable to such Loan Party, (ii) result in or will constitute a breach, termination, or default under any such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement, (iii) result in or will constitute the abandonment, invalidation or enforceability of any right, title or interest of such Loan Party in any such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement, or (iv) requires any third-party consent not obtained by such Loan Party under any such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement except (A) in the case of clauses (i) through (iv), other than to the extent that any such term would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Section 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the applicable UCC or any other applicable Law or principles of equity and (B) the foregoing exclusions with respect to this clause (f) shall not apply to (1) monies due or to become due to a Loan Party in respect of such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement, or (2) any and all proceeds from the sale, transfer, assignment, license, lease or other dispositions of such lease, license, contract, property right or agreement; (g) deposit accounts maintained solely for the purpose of funding payroll, payroll taxes, withholding tax, employee wage and benefit payments and other tax and employee fiduciary accounts. (h) trust accounts maintained solely on behalf of a Loan Party's customers in the ordinary course of business; (i) any trademark application of a Loan Party filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on an "intent-to-use" basis, until such time as a statement of use is filed with and duly accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (only to the extent that, and solely during the period in which, the grant of a security interest therein would impair the validity or enforceability of such intent-to-use trademark applications under applicable federal law); and (j) any assets for which the Administrative Agent determines that (i) the costs of obtaining a security interest is excessive in relation to the value of the security to be afforded thereby or (ii) obtaining such security interest is not commercially practicable.

"<u>Excluded Subsidiaries</u>" means, collectively, (a) any non-Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower (until such time as such Subsidiary becomes a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower), (b) any Foreign Subsidiary and (c) any Domestic Subsidiary that is not a Material Domestic Subsidiary.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Guarantor, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the Guaranty of such Guarantor of, or the grant under a Loan Document by such Guarantor of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any Guarantee thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of such Guarantor's failure for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act (determined after giving effect to <u>Section 4.08</u> and any and all guarantees of such Guarantor of a security interest, becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation. If a Swap Obligation arises under a Master Agreement governing more than one Swap Contract, such exclusion shall apply to only the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to Swap Contracts for which such Guaranty or security interest is or becomes illegal.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Revolving Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Revolving Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under <u>Section 11.13</u>) or (ii) such Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to <u>Section 3.01(a)(ii)</u>, (a)(iii) or (c), amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with <u>Section 3.01(e)</u> and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

"Existing Indebtedness" has the meaning specified in Section 5.01(f).

"<u>Existing Letters of Credit</u>" means those Letters of Credit outstanding on the Closing Date and identified on <u>Schedule 2.03</u>.

"Existing WE Soda Facility" means that certain Facilities Agreement originally dated as of August 1, 2018 by and among Ciner Enterprises Inc., a Delaware corporation, and WE Soda Ltd., a U.K. corporation, as borrowers, Lucid Agency Services Limited, as agent, and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended pursuant to that certain Amendment Letter dated as of August 6, 2018, as further amended and restated pursuant to the 2020 Amendment and Restatement Agreement, as further amended and restated pursuant to the 2020 Amendment 10, 2020, as further amended and restated pursuant to the 2021 Amendment and Restatement Agreement, and as m ay be further amended, modified or restated from time to time.

"FASB ASC" means the Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Internal Revenue Code, as of the Closing Date (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Federal Funds Open Rate" for any day shall mean the rate per annum (based on a year of three hundred sixty (360) days and actual days elapsed) which is the daily federal funds open rate as quoted by ICAP North America, Inc. (or any successor) as set forth on the Bloomberg Screen BTMM for that day opposite the caption "OPEN" (or on such other substitute Bloomberg Screen that displays such rate), or as set forth on such other recognized electronic source used for the purpose of displaying such rate as selected by the Administrative Agent (for purposes of this definition, an "Alternate Source") (or if such rate for such day does not appear on the Bloomberg Screen BTMM (or any substitute screen) or on any Alternate Source, or if there shall at any time, for any reason, no longer exist a Bloomberg Screen BTMM (or any substitute screen) or on any Alternate Source, a comparable replacement rate determined by the Administrative Agent at such time (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error)); provided however, that if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Open Rate for such day shall be the "open" rate on the immediately preceding Business Day. If and when the Federal Funds Open Rate applies will change automatically without notice to the Borrower, effective on the date of any such applies.

"Federal Funds Rate" for any day shall mean the rate per annum (based on a year of three hundred sixty (360) days and actual days elapsed and rounded upward to the nearest 1/100 of 1%) announced by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or any successor) on such day as being the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions, as computed and announced by such Federal Reserve Bank (or any successor) in substantially the same manner as such Federal Reserve Bank computes and announces the weighted average it refers to as the "Federal Funds Rate" as of the date of this Agreement; provided, if such Federal Reserve Bank (or its successor) does not announce such rate on any day, the "Federal Funds Rate" for such day shall be the Federal Funds Rate for the last day on which such rate was announced.

"<u>Fee Letter</u>" means (a) the fee letter agreement dated October 27, 2021 among the Borrower, Bank of America and BofA Securities, Inc. and (b) the fee letter agreement dated October 27, 2021 among the Borrower, PNC Bank, National Association and PNC Capital Markets LLC.

"Foreclosure Event" means any foreclosure upon, and or involuntary sale or other transfer of direct or indirect ownership in the Borrower that causes the Specified Owners to cease to (a) own and control, of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the Voting Equity Interests in the Borrower or (b) have the ability to elect a majority of the board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing body of the Borrower.

"Foreign Lender" means (a) if the Borrower is a U.S. Person, a Lender that is not a U.S. Person, and (b) if the Borrower is not a U.S. Person, a Lender that is resident or organized under the Laws of a jurisdiction other than that in which the Borrower is resident for tax purposes. For purposes of this definition, the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia shall be deemed to constitute a single jurisdiction.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

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

"Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to the L/C Issuer, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof, and (b) with respect to the Swing Line Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Percentage of Swing Line Loans other than

Swing Line Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders in accordance with the terms hereof.

"<u>Fund</u>" means any Person (other than a natural Person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

"Funded Indebtedness" of any Person means all Indebtedness of such Person other than Indebtedness described in <u>clause (f)</u> of the definition thereof; provided, that, any Indebtedness that arises under a revolving credit agreement or revolving credit line shall only constitute "Funded Indebtedness" to the extent of (a) any amount actually drawn and outstanding under such agreement or credit line plus (b) the aggregate maximum face amount of letters of credit issued thereunder or in connection therewith.

"<u>GAAP</u>" 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 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 supranational bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Guarantee" means, as to any Person, (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 primary purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment or performance 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 primary 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); provided that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business or customary and reasonable indemnity obligations. The amount of any Guarantee shall be the lesser of (x) 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 and (y) the value of the property subject to a lien, to the extent that such obligation is nonrecourse other than to such property. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantor Joinder Agreement" means a joinder agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit 7.12 executed and delivered by a Domestic Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.12 or any similar other documents as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably deem appropriate for such purpose.

"<u>Guarantors</u>" means, collectively, (a) each Domestic Subsidiary identified as a "Guarantor" on the signature pages hereto, (b) each Person that joins as a Guarantor pursuant to <u>Section 7.12</u>, (c) with respect to (i) Obligations under any Secured Hedge Agreement, (ii) Obligations under any Secured Cash Management Agreement and (iii) any Swap Obligation of a Specified Loan Party (determined before giving effect to <u>Sections 4.01</u> and <u>4.08</u>) under the Guaranty, the Borrower, and (d) the successors and permitted assigns of the foregoing; <u>provided</u>, that no Excluded Subsidiary will be required to be a Guarantor hereunder.

"<u>Guaranty</u>" means the Guaranty made by the Guarantors in favor of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Lenders and the other holders of the Obligations pursuant to <u>Article IV</u>.

"<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" 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, infectious or medical wastes and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"<u>Hedge Bank</u>" means any Person in its capacity as a party to a Swap Contract with the Borrower or any Subsidiary provided that (a) at the time such Person enters into such Swap Contract, such Person is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or (b) such Swap Contract exists on the Closing Date and such Person is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender on the Closing Date.

"Honor Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.03(c).

"<u>IFRS</u>" means international accounting standards within the meaning of IAS Regulation 1606/2002 to the extent applicable to the relevant financial statements delivered under or referred to herein.

"<u>Indebtedness</u>" 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, whether current or long-term, for borrowed money (including Obligations hereunder) and all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;

(b) all purchase money indebtedness;

(c) the maximum amount available to be drawn under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;

 (d) all obligations (including earn-out obligations) in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business);

(e) the Attributable Indebtedness of capital leases, Synthetic Lease Obligations, Sale and Leaseback Transactions and Securitization Transactions;

(f) the Swap Termination Value of any Swap Contract;

(g) 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 (with the amount thereof being measured as the lesser of the amount of such Indebtedness or that fair market value of such property);

(h) all obligations to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment prior to the Maturity Date in respect of any Equity Interests or any warrant, right or option to acquire such Equity Interests, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends; provided that in no event shall obligations in respect of any of the following constitute Indebtedness: (i) any of the foregoing obligations with respect to any Equity Interests of the Borrower set forth in the respective Organization Documents of the Borrower; (ii) Permitted Tax Distributions; and (iii) the declaration or approval by, or consent of, a board of directors, partnership committee or general partner (or similar governing body or Person) of, and the corresponding making or payment of, any such purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance or payment permitted hereunder;

(i) without duplication, all Guarantees in respect of any of the foregoing; and

(j) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (i) above 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, except to the extent that such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term Indebtedness shall not include (1) Intercompany Indebtedness, (2) deferred or prepaid revenue or (3) any earn-out obligation or other contingent obligation in respect of Indebtedness under <u>clause (d)</u> of this definition until such obligation becomes a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP.

"Indemnified Taxes" means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in (a), Other Taxes.

"Indemnitee" has the meaning specified in Section 11.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 11.07.

"Intercompany Indebtedness" means (a) Indebtedness owing by a Loan Party or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party to another Loan Party or a Subsidiary of a Loan Party if the corresponding Investment is permitted under <u>Section 8.02</u>, (b) Indebtedness owing by a Loan Party to a Loan Party and (c) Indebtedness owing by a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party to a Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party.

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) as to any BSBY Rate Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Loan and the Maturity Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Interest Period for a BSBY Rate Loan exceeds three (3) months, the respective dates that fall every three (3) months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan (including a Swing Line Loan), the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December and the Maturity Date.

"Interest Period" means, as to each BSBY Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such BSBY Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a BSBY Rate Loan and ending on the date

one, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to availability), as selected by the Borrower in its 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, in the case of a BSBY Rate Loan, 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 pertaining to a BSBY Rate Loan 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.

"Interim Financial Statements" means the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2021, including balance sheets and statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows.

"Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

"Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, pursuant to (a) the purchase or other acquisition of Equity Interests 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, or (c) an Acquisition. 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.

"IP Rights" has the meaning specified in Section 6.17.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"<u>ISP</u>" 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 Letter of Credit Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by the L/C Issuer and the 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, binding guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or judicial precedents or authorities, including the binding interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, binding requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case having the force of law.

"<u>L/C Advance</u>" means, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Percentage.

"<u>L/C Borrowing</u>" 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 Borrowing of Revolving Loans.

"<u>L/C Credit Extension</u>" 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.

"<u>L/C Issuer</u>" means each of (a) Bank of America in its capacity as issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder or (b) any successor issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder. The term "<u>L/C Issuer</u>" when used with respect to a Letter of Credit or the L/C Obligations relating to a Letter of Credit shall refer to the L/C Issuer that issued such Letter of Credit.

"L/C Obligations" means, as at any date of determination, without duplication, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> 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 <u>Section 1.06</u>. 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 determined in amount so remaining available to be drawn.

"Lenders" means each of the Persons identified as a "Lender" on the signature pages hereto, each other Person that becomes a "Lender" in accordance with this Agreement and their successors and assigns and, unless the context requires otherwise, includes the Swing Line Lender.

"Lender Party" and "Lender Recipient Party" means collectively, the Lenders, the Swing Line Lender and the L/C Issuer.

"<u>Lending Office</u>" 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 the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

"Letter of Credit" means (a) any letter of credit issued hereunder providing for the payment of cash upon the honoring of a presentation thereunder, (b) the Existing Letters of Credit and (c) any replacements of any of the foregoing. A Letter of Credit may be a commercial letter of credit or a standby letter of credit.

"Letter of Credit 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.

"<u>Letter of Credit Expiration Date</u>" means the day that is seven (7) days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).

"Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(h).

"<u>Letter of Credit Sublimit</u>" means an amount equal to Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000). The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Commitments.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, 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 assignment, deposit arrangement, financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Loan" means an extension of credit by a Lender to the Borrower under <u>Article II</u> in the form of a Revolving Loan or Swing Line Loan.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, each Note, each Issuer Document, each Guarantor Joinder Agreement, the Fee Letter, the Collateral Documents, and any agreement creating or perfecting rights in Cash Collateral pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 2.14</u> (but specifically excluding Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements).

"Loan Modification Agreement" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(g).

"Loan Modification Offer" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(g).

"Loan Notice" means a notice of (a) a Borrowing of Revolving Loans, (b) a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of BSBY Rate Loans, in each case pursuant to <u>Section</u> 2.02(a), which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 2.02</u> or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

"Loan Parties" means, collectively, the Borrower and each Guarantor.

"Master Agreement" has the meaning specified in the definition of "Swap Contract."

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, assets, properties, liabilities (actual or contingent) or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the ability of any Loan Party to perform its obligations under any Loan Document to which it is a party; 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.

"Material Domestic Subsidiary" means any Material Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary.

"<u>Material Indebtedness</u>" means any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness arising under the Loan Documents and Indebtedness arising under Swap Contracts) of the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Subsidiaries having an aggregate principal amount (including undrawn committed or available amounts and including amounts owing to all creditors under any combined or syndicated credit arrangement) of more than the Threshold Amount.

"<u>Material Subsidiary</u>" means, at any date of determination, any (a) Subsidiary of the Borrower that individually has or (b) Subsidiary of the Borrower that, when taken together with all other Subsidiaries that are not Material Subsidiaries, in the aggregate has, in either case, revenues, assets or earnings in an amount equal to at least 5% of (i) the consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or (b), or (iii) the consolidated net earnings of

the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the most recently completed fiscal quarter for which the Administrative Agent has received financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or (b), in each case determined in accordance with GAAP for such period.

"<u>Maturity Date</u>" means October 28, 2026; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.

"<u>Minimum Collateral Amount</u>" means, at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided to reduce or eliminate Fronting Exposure during the existence of a Defaulting Lender, an amount equal to 102% of the Fronting Exposure of the L/C Issuer with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time and (ii) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.14(a)(i)</u>, (a)(ii) or (a)(iii), an amount equal to 102% of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto.

"<u>Multiemployer Plan</u>" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the preceding five (5) plan years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"<u>Multiple Employer Plan</u>" means a Plan which has two or more contributing sponsors (including any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.

"<u>Non-Consenting Lender</u>" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all Lenders or all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 11.01</u> and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

"<u>Non-Defaulting Lender</u>" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Note" has the meaning specified in Section 2.11(a).

"Notice of Loan Prepayment" means a notice of prepayment with respect to a Loan, which shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 2.05</u> or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer.

"Obligations" means, with respect to each Loan Party, (a) 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 and (b) all obligations of the Borrower or any Subsidiary owing to a Cash Management Bank or a Hedge Bank in respect of Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements, in each case 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; provided that the "Obligations" of a Guarantor shall exclude any Excluded Swap Obligations with respect to such Guarantor.

"<u>OFAC</u>" means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"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 and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

"<u>Other Taxes</u>" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to <u>Section 3.06</u>).

"Outstanding Amount" means (a) with respect to any Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of any Loans 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 the Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.

"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"<u>Pension Funding Rules</u>" means the rules of the Internal Revenue Code and ERISA regarding minimum funding standards with respect to Pension Plans and set forth in Sections 412, 430, 431, 432 and 436 of the Internal Revenue Code and Sections 302, 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA.

"Pension Plan" means any employee pension benefit plan (including a Multiple Employer Plan or a Multiemployer Plan) that is maintained or is contributed to by any Loan Party and any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate has any liability and is either covered by Title IV of ERISA or is subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code.

"<u>Permitted Acquisition</u>" means an Investment consisting of an Acquisition by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, <u>provided</u> that (a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or

would result from such Acquisition, (b) the property acquired (or the property of the Person acquired) in such Acquisition is used or useful in the same or a similar line of business as the Borrower and its Subsidiaries were engaged in on the Closing Date (or any reasonable extensions or expansions thereof), (c) in the case of an Acquisition of the Equity Interests of another Person, the board of directors (or other comparable governing body) of such other Person shall have duly approved such Acquisition, (d) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a Pro Forma Compliance Certificate demonstrating that the Loan Parties would be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in Section 8.11 recomputed as of the end of the period of the four fiscal guarters most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered financial statements pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) after giving effect to such Acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis, (e) the representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in each Loan Document shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as if made as of the date of such Acquisition (after giving effect thereto) and (f) there shall be no cash and non-cash consideration limitation with respect to any such Acquisition so long as the financial covenant set forth in Section 8.11(a) (as set forth in a Pro Forma Compliance Certificate with calculations recomputed as of the end of the period of the four fiscal quarters most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered financial statements pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) after giving effect to such Acquisition on a Pro Forma Basis) is less than 3.25:1.0; otherwise, the aggregate cash and non-cash consideration (including assumed Indebtedness (in the case of an asset (as opposed to Equity Interest) acquisition), the good faith estimate by the Borrower of the maximum amount of any deferred purchase price obligations (including earn-out payments), but excluding the fair market value of Equity Interests issued or transferred to the sellers of such Person or assets, and provided that any portion of any deferred purchase price or assumed obligations that at any time after the consummation of such Acquisition that have been determined by the parties to the Acquisition to no longer be required to be paid in accordance with the underlying acquisition documents shall not be included for purposes of this calculation) for any such Acquisition shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

"Permitted Amendments" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(g).

"<u>Permitted Liens</u>" means, at any time, Liens in respect of property of the Borrower or any Subsidiary permitted to exist at such time pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 8.01</u>.

"Permitted Tax Distributions" shall mean, with respect to any fiscal year or portion thereof that the Borrower (a) is treated as a partnership, S corporation or other or disregarded entity under the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) files a consolidated, combined, unitary or similar Tax return with its direct or indirect parent, cash distributions paid by the Borrower to its equityholder(s) in respect of federal, state and local income tax liabilities (including estimates thereof and any tax deficiencies or other subsequent adjustments to tax liabilities) attributable to the ultimate taxpayers' ownership interests.

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

"<u>Plan</u>" means any employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA (including a Pension Plan), maintained for employees of any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate or any such Plan to which any Loan Party or any ERISA Affiliate is required to contribute on behalf of any of its employees.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

"<u>Pro Forma Basis</u>" means, with respect to any transaction, that for purposes of calculating the financial covenants set forth in <u>Section 8.11</u>, such transaction shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the most recent four fiscal quarter period preceding the date of such transaction for which the Borrower was required to deliver financial statements pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or (b). In connection

with the foregoing, (a) with respect to any Disposition or Recovery Event, (i) income statement and cash flow statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property disposed of shall be excluded to the extent relating to any period occurring prior to the date of such transaction and (ii) Indebtedness which is retired shall be excluded and deemed to have been retired as of the first day of the applicable period and (b) with respect to any Acquisition, (i) income statement and cash flow statement items attributable to the Person or property acquired shall be included to the extent relating to any period applicable in such calculations to the extent (A) such items are not otherwise included in such income statement and cash flow statement items for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP or in accordance with any defined terms set forth in Section 1.01 and (B) such items are supported by financial statements or other information reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. (ii) any Indebtedness incurred or assumed by the Borrower or any Subsidiary (including the Person or property acquired) in connection with such transaction and any Indebtedness of the Person or property acquired which is not retired in connection with such transaction (A) shall be deemed to have been incurred as of the first day of the applicable period and (B) if such Indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate which is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination and (iii) the Pro Forma Cost Savings with respect to any period shall be included in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA.

"Pro Forma Compliance Certificate" means a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower containing reasonably detailed calculations of the financial covenants set forth in <u>Section 8.11</u> recomputed as of the end of the period of the four fiscal quarters most recently ended for which the Borrower has delivered financial statements pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or (b) after giving effect to the applicable transaction on a Pro Forma Basis.

"Pro Forma Cost Savings" means, with respect to any period, the reduction in net costs and related adjustments that, without duplication, were directly attributable to any Acquisition, merger, reorganization or consolidation permitted hereunder that occurred during such period; <u>provided</u> that any such reductions in net costs and related adjustments are set forth in an officers' certificate signed by the Borrower's (or its general partner's) chief financial officer which states (a) the amount of such reduction in net costs and related adjustments are based on the reasonable good faith beliefs of the officers executing such officers' certificate at the time of such execution.

"Public Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 7.02.

"Qualified ECP Guarantor" means, in respect of any Swap Obligation, each Loan Party that has total assets exceeding 10,000,000 at the time the relevant Guarantee or grant of the relevant security interest becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation or such other Person that constitutes an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act or any regulations promulgated thereunder and can cause another Person to qualify as an "eligible contract participant" at such time by entering into a keepwell under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"<u>Recipient</u>" means the Administrative 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 any Loan Party hereunder.

"<u>Recovery Event</u>" means any loss of, damage to or destruction of, or any condemnation or other taking for public use of, any property of the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(c).

"<u>Related Parties</u>" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors, consultants, service providers and representatives of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"<u>Relevant Governmental Body</u>" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto.

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

"<u>Request for Credit Extension</u>" means (a) with respect to a Borrowing, conversion or continuation of Loans, a Loan Notice, (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application, and (c) with respect to a Swing Line Loan, a Swing Line Loan Notice.

"Required Approval" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(g).

"Required Lenders" means, at any time, at least two (2) Lenders having Total Credit Exposures representing more than 50% of the Total Credit Exposures of all Lenders (provided that if (i) there is only one Lender, then such Lender shall constitute the Required Lenders and (ii) for purposes of this definition, a Lender, its Affiliates and its Approved Funds shall collectively be deemed to constitute a single Lender). The Total Credit Exposure of any Defaulting Lender shall be disregarded in determining Required Lenders at any time; provided that the amount of any participation in any Swing Line Loan and Unreimbursed Amounts that such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund that have not been reallocated to and funded by another Lender shall be deemed to be held by the Lender that is the Swing Line Lender or L/C Issuer, as the case may be, in making such determination.

"Rescindable Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.12(b)(ii).

"<u>Resolution Authority</u>" means an EEA Resolution Authority or, with respect to any UK Financial Institution, a UK Resolution Authority.

"Responsible Officer" means (a) the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of a Loan Party, (b) solely for purposes of the delivery of incumbency certificates pursuant to Section 5.01 or 7.12, the secretary or any assistant secretary of a Loan Party and any other officer or employee of the applicable Loan Party so designated by any of the foregoing officers in a notice to the Administrative Agent (including, without limitation, a designation of any such officer or employee as an attorney in fact) and (c) 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 the Administrative Agent or any other officer or employee of the applicable Loan Party designated in or pursuant to an agreement between the applicable Loan Party and the Administrative 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. To the extent requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower will provide an incumbency certificate and appropriate authorization documentation, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent with respect to any Responsible Officer.

"<u>Restricted Payment</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any Equity Interests of such Person, or any

payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such Equity Interests or on account of any return of capital to such Person's stockholders, partners or members (or the equivalent Person thereof); provided, for clarity, neither the conversion of convertible debt into capital stock nor the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of convertible debt in exchange for the issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) shall be a Restricted Payment hereunder.

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

"<u>Revolving Credit Exposure</u>" means, as to any Lender at any time, without duplication, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Loans and such Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans at such time.

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

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of S&P Global Inc., and any successor thereto.

"<u>Sale and Leaseback Transaction</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any arrangement, directly or indirectly, whereby such Person shall sell or transfer any property used or useful in its business, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, and thereafter rent or lease such property or other property that it intends to use for substantially the same purpose or purposes as the property being sold or transferred.

"<u>Sanction(s)</u>" means any international economic sanction administered or enforced by the United States Government, including OFAC, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or other relevant sanctions authority.

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

"Secured Cash Management Agreement" means any Cash Management Agreement that is entered into by and between the Borrower or any Subsidiary and any Cash Management Bank with respect to such Cash Management Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, a holder of Obligations in respect of Secured Cash Management Agreements shall be subject to the last paragraph of <u>Section 9.03</u> and <u>Section 10.11</u>.

"Secured Hedge Agreement" means any Swap Contract that is entered into by and between the Borrower or any Subsidiary and any Hedge Bank with respect to such Swap Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, a holder of Obligations in respect of Secured Hedge Agreements shall be subject to the last paragraph of Section 9.03 and Section 10.11.

"<u>Secured Parties</u>" means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the L/C Issuer, the Hedge Banks, the Cash Management Banks, the Indemnitees and each co-agent or sub-agent appointed by the Administrative Agent from time to time pursuant to <u>Section 10.05</u>.

"Secured Party Designation Notice" shall mean a notice from any Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender substantially in the form of Exhibit 9.03.

"Securitization Transaction" means, with respect to any Person, any financing transaction or series of financing transactions (including factoring arrangements) pursuant to which such Person or any Subsidiary of such Person may sell, convey or otherwise transfer, or grant a security interest in, accounts, payments, receivables, rights to future lease payments or residuals or similar rights to payment to a special purpose subsidiary or affiliate of such Person.

"<u>Security Agreement</u>" means the security and pledge agreement executed by each of the Loan Parties in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the holders of the Obligations.

"SOFR Adjustment" with respect to Daily Simple SOFR means 0.26161% (26.161 basis points); and with respect to Term SOFR means 0.11448% (11.448 basis points) for an interest period of onemonth's duration, 0.26161% (26.161 basis points;) for an interest period of three-month's duration, 0.42826% (42.826 basis points) for an interest period of six-months' duration, and 0.71513% (71.513 basis points) for an interest period of twelve-months' duration.

"Solvent" or "Solvency" means, with respect to any Person as of a particular date, that on such date (a) such Person is able to pay its debts and other liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the ordinary course of business, (b) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature in the ordinary course of business, (c) such Person is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in a business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute unreasonably small capital under applicable Laws and after giving due consideration to the prevailing practice in the industry in which such Person is engaged or is to engage, (d) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person and (e) the present fair salable value of the property of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured. In computing the amount of contingent liabilities at any time, it is intended that such liabilities will be computed at the amount which, in light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

"Specified Capital Expansion Holiday" means the period consisting of four (4) full fiscal quarters after the Borrower has (i) made capital expenditures related to the Specified Capital Expansion (or other capital expansion project approved by the board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing body of the Borrower) of at least \$200,000,000 and (ii) provided written notice to the Administrative Agent that the Borrower is electing to initiate such Specified Capital Expansion Holiday.

"<u>Specified Capital Expansion</u>" means expansion activities related to the Borrower's soda ash operations in Wyoming which have been approved in writing by the Borrower's board of directors, board of managers or equivalent governing body.

"Specified Loan Party" has the meaning specified in Section 4.08.

"<u>Specified Owners</u>" means, collectively, any or all of the following: (a) Turgay Ciner, (b) any trust or other estate-planning vehicle established for the benefit of Turgay Ciner, or (c) the estate of Turgay Ciner.

"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 Voting Equity Interests is 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 the 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 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 Obligation" means with respect to any Guarantor any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"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 <u>clause (a)</u>, 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).

"Swing Line Lender" means Bank of America in its capacity as provider of Swing Line Loans, or any successor swing line lender hereunder.

"Swing Line Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.04(a).

"Swing Line Loan Notice" means a notice of a Borrowing of Swing Line Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.04(b)</u>, which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit 2.04</u> or such other form as approved by the Administrative Agent (including any form on an electronic platform or electronic transmission system as shall be approved by the Administrative Agent), appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower.

"<u>Swing Line Sublimit</u>" means an amount equal to Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000). The Swing Line Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Aggregate Revolving Commitments.

"Syndication Agent" means Bank of America, in its capacity as Syndication Agent.

"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).

"<u>Taxes</u>" 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 SOFR" means, for the applicable corresponding Interest Period of BSBY (or if any Interest Period does not correspond to an interest period applicable to SOFR, the closest corresponding interest period of SOFR, and if such interest period of SOFR corresponds equally to two Interest Periods of BSBY, the corresponding interest period of the shorter duration shall be applied) the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

"Threshold Amount" means, with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, \$5,000,000.

"<u>Total Credit Exposure</u>" means, as to any Lender at any time, without duplication, the unused Revolving Commitments of such Lender at such time, the outstanding Loans of such Lender at such time and such Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans at such time.

"<u>Total Revolving Outstandings</u>" means the aggregate Outstanding Amount of, without duplication, all Revolving Loans, all Swing Line Loans and all L/C Obligations.

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

"<u>UCP</u>" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce ("<u>ICC</u>") Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"<u>UK Financial Institution</u>" means any BRRD Undertaking (as such term is defined under the PRA Rulebook (as amended form time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Prudential Regulation Authority) or any person subject to IFPRU 11.6 of the FCA Handbook (as amended from time to time) promulgated by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority, which includes certain credit institutions and investment firms, and certain affiliates of such credit institutions or investment firms.

"<u>UK Resolution Authority</u>" means the Bank of England or any other public administrative authority having responsibility for the resolution of any UK Financial Institution.

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

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

"<u>U.S. Person</u>" means any Person that is a "<u>United States Person</u>" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Internal Revenue Code.

"U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate" has the meaning specified in Section 3.01(f)(ii)(B)(3).

"<u>Voting Equity Interests</u>" means, with respect to any Person, Equity Interests issued by such Person the holders of which are ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, entitled to vote for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person, even though the right so to vote has been suspended by the happening of such a contingency.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person 100% of whose Equity Interests are at the time owned by such Person directly or indirectly through other Persons 100% of whose Equity Interests are at the time owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Wholly Owned Subsidiary" or to "Wholly Owned Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Wholly Owned Subsidiary or Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

"Write-Down and Conversion Powers" means, (a) with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule, and (b) with respect to the United Kingdom, any powers of the applicable Resolution Authority under the Bail-In Legislation to cancel, reduce, modify or change the form of a liability of any UK Financial Institution or any contract or instrument under which that liability arises, to convert all or part of that liability into shares, securities or obligations of that person or any other person, to provide that any such contract or instrument is to have effect as if a right had been exercised under it or to suspend any obligation in respect of that liability or any of the powers under that Bail-In Legislation that are related to or ancillary to any of those powers.

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:

The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural (a) 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, amended and restated, supplemented, replaced, refinanced or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, restatements, supplements, replacements, refinancings 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 "hereto", "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 or law shall include all statutory and regulatory rules, regulations, orders and provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such Law or 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 assets and properties, tangible and intangible, real and personal, 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 "<u>from</u>" means "<u>from and including</u>;" the words "<u>to</u>" and "<u>until</u>" each mean "<u>to but</u> <u>excluding</u>;" and the word "<u>through</u>" means "<u>to and including</u>."

(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.

(d) Wherever the phrase "to the knowledge of any Loan Party" or words of similar import relating to the knowledge or the awareness of any Loan Party are used in this Agreement or any other Loan Document, such phrase shall mean and refer to the actual knowledge of a Responsible Officer of any Loan Party.

(e) Any requirement under this Agreement that a matter be appropriate, satisfactory or acceptable to the Administrative Agent (or any words of similar import) shall mean, in each case, the Administrative Agent acting reasonably.

(f) All references to the "payment in full" of the Obligations or "as long as any of the Obligations shall be outstanding" or words of similar import shall mean to exclude (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount.

(g) All references to the payment of fees and expenses of the Administrative Agent or any Lender (other than counsel fees and expenses) shall mean the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees; and, with respect to the fees and expenses of counsel, shall not include any fees or expenses of internal counsel to the Administrative Agent or any Lender.

(h) Any reference herein to a merger, transfer, consolidation, amalgamation, assignment, sale, disposition or transfer, or similar term, shall be deemed to apply to a division of or by a limited liability company, or an allocation of assets to a series of a limited liability company (or the unwinding of such a division or allocation), as if it were a merger, transfer, consolidation, amalgamation, assignment, sale, disposition or transfer, or similar term, as applicable, to, of or with a separate Person. Any division of a limited liability company shall constitute a separate Person hereunder (and each division of any limited liability company that is a Subsidiary, joint venture or any other like term shall also constitute such a Person or entity).

1.03 <u>Accounting Terms; Changes in GAAP; Calculation of Financial Covenants on a Pro</u> Forma Basis.

(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 2020 Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of determining compliance with any covenant (including the computation of any financial covenant) contained herein, (i) Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall be deemed to be carried at 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereof, and the effects of FASB ASC 825 and FASB ASC 470-20 on financial liabilities shall be disregarded, (ii) all liability amounts shall be determined excluding any liability relating to any operating lease, all asset amounts shall be

determined excluding any right-of-use assets relating to any operating lease, all amortization amounts shall be determined excluding any amortization of a right-of-use asset relating to any operating lease, and all interest amounts shall be determined excluding any deemed interest comprising a portion of fixed rent payable under any operating lease, in each case to the extent that such liability, asset, amortization or interest pertains to an operating lease under which the covenantor or a member of its consolidated group is the lessee and would not have been accounted for as such under GAAP as in effect on December 31, 2015, and (iii) all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to any election under FASB ASC Topic 825 "Financial Instruments" (or any other financial accounting standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary at "fair value", as defined therein. For purposes of determining the amount of any outstanding Indebtedness, no effect shall be given to any election by the Borrower to measure an item of Indebtedness using fair value (as permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 825-10-25 (formerly known as FASB 159) or any similar accounting standard).

Changes in GAAP. If at any time any change in GAAP (including the adoption (b) of IFRS) would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Loan Parties 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 Borrower and 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) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the 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. Without limiting the foregoing, leases shall continue to be classified and accounted for on a basis consistent with that reflected in the 2020 Financial Statements for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding any change in GAAP relating thereto, unless the parties hereto shall enter into a mutually acceptable amendment addressing such changes, as provided for above.

(c) <u>Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities</u>. All references herein to consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or to the determination of any amount for the 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 the Borrower is required to consolidate pursuant to FASB ASC 810 as if such variable interest entity were a Subsidiary as defined herein.

(d) <u>Calculation of Financial Covenants on a Pro Forma Basis</u>. Notwithstanding the above, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that all calculations of the financial covenants in <u>Section 8.11</u> (including for purposes of determining the Applicable Rate) shall be made on a Pro Forma Basis with respect to any Acquisition, Disposition or Recovery Event occurring during the applicable period.

1.04 Rounding.

Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Loan Parties pursuant to this Agreement (or required to be satisfied in order for a specific action to be permitted under this Agreement) shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place

more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number.

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; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, 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 Rates.

The Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept responsibility, nor shall the Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to the administration, submission or any other matter related to any reference rate referred to herein or with respect to any rate (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the selection of such rate and any related spread or other adjustment) that is an alternative or replacement for or successor to any such rate (including, without limitation, any Successor Rate) (or any component of any of the foregoing) or the effect of any of the foregoing, or of any Conforming Changes. The Administrative Agent and its affiliates or other related entities may engage in transactions or other activities that affect any reference rate referred to herein, or any alternative, successor or replacement rate (including, without limitation, any Successor Rate) (or any component of any of the foregoing) or any related spread or other adjustments thereto, in each case, in a manner adverse to the Borrower. The Administrative Agent may select information sources or services in its reasonable discretion to ascertain any reference rate referred to herein or any alternative, successor or replacement rate (including, without limitation, any Successor Rate) (or any component of any of the foregoing), in each case pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, and shall have no liability to the Borrower, any Lender or any other person or entity for damages of any kind, including direct or indirect, special, punitive, incidental or consequential damages, costs, losses or expenses (whether in tort, contract or otherwise and whether at law or in equity), for any error or other action or omission related to or affecting the selection, determination, or calculation of any rate (or component thereof) provided by any such information source or service.

ARTICLE II

THE REVOLVING COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

2.01 Revolving Loans.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Lender severally agrees to make loans (each such loan, a "<u>Revolving Loan</u>") to the Borrower in Dollars 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 Commitment; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that after giving effect to any Borrowing of Revolving Loans, (i) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, and (ii) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment. Within the limits of each

Lender's Revolving Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>, prepay under <u>Section 2.05</u>, and reborrow under this <u>Section 2.01</u>. Revolving Loans may be Base Rate Loans or BSBY Rate Loans, or a combination thereof, as further provided herein.

(b) Increases of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. The Borrower shall have the right, upon at least five (5) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, to increase the Aggregate Revolving Commitments by up to \$250,000,000 in the aggregate in one or more increases from time to time at any time prior to the date that is six (6) months prior to the Maturity Date then in effect, <u>subject</u>, <u>however</u>, in any such case, to satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

(i) any such increase shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$5,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof;

 (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall exist before and immediately after giving effect to such increase;

(iii) no existing Lender shall be under any obligation to increase its Revolving Commitment and any such decision whether to increase its Revolving Commitment shall be in such Lender's sole and absolute discretion;

(iv) (1) any new Lender providing a Revolving Commitment in connection with any increase in Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be approved (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) by the Administrative Agent and join this Agreement by executing such joinder documents reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and/or (2) any existing Lender electing to increase its Revolving Commitment shall have executed a commitment agreement reasonably satisfactory to such existing Lender, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent;

(V) any such increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be subject to receipt by the Administrative Agent of (x) reasonably satisfactory opinions of legal counsel to the Loan Parties (including, to the extent required, local counsel to the Loan Parties), addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, (y) a certificate of each Loan Party dated as of the date of such increase signed by a Responsible Officer of such Loan Party, (I) certifying and attaching the Organization Documents of such Loan Party, (II) certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Loan Party approving or consenting to such increase, (III) certifying that the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (other than the delivery of a Loan Notice) have been satisfied and (IV) certifying that the Loan Parties shall be in compliance, on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to the incurrence of any such increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, with the financial covenants set forth in Section 8.11 and (z) such documents and certifications as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation;

(vi) to the extent that the joinder or commitment agreements described in <u>clause (iv)</u> above provide for an applicable margin of, and/or commitment fee for, additional Revolving Commitments greater than the Applicable Rate and/or Commitment Fee with respect to the existing Revolving Commitments at such time, the Applicable

Rate and/or the Commitment Fee (as applicable) for the existing Revolving Commitments shall be increased automatically (without the consent of any Person) such that the Applicable Rate and/or the Commitment Fee (as applicable) for such existing Revolving Commitments is not less than the applicable margin and/or the commitment fee (as applicable) for such additional Revolving Commitments;

(vii) subject to <u>clause (vi)</u> above, the terms and conditions of any Loan Document applicable to any increased Revolving Commitments shall be the same as the terms and conditions applicable to the Revolving Commitments immediately prior to giving effect to such increase;

(viii) if any Revolving Loans are outstanding at the time of the increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, the Borrower shall, if applicable, prepay one or more existing Revolving Loans (such prepayment to be subject to <u>Section 3.05</u>) in an amount necessary such that after giving effect to the increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, each Lender will hold its pro rata share (based on its Applicable Percentage of the increased Aggregate Revolving Commitments) of outstanding Revolving Loans; provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, immediately after such prepayment, the Borrower shall automatically borrow from such new or increased Revolving Commitments the exact amount so prepaid such that the aggregate amount of Revolving Loans outstanding immediately prior to such prepayment, and immediately after such borrowing, shall be the same;

(ix) None of the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Arranger shall have any responsibility for arranging any such increase without such party's prior written agreement; and

(x) The Letter of Credit Sublimit and the Swing Line Sublimit shall not be increased as a result of any increase in the Aggregate Revolving Commitments (without the consent of the Required Lenders and the L/C Issuer and/or Swing Line Lender, as appropriate).

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Loans.

Each Borrowing, each conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, and each (a) continuation of BSBY Rate Loans shall be made upon the Borrower's irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, which may be given by (A) telephone or (B) a Loan Notice. Each such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three (3) Business Days prior to the requested date of any Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of, BSBY Rate Loans or of any conversion of BSBY Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans, and (ii) on the requested date of any Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. Each telephonic notice by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.02(a) must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a Loan Notice. Each Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of BSBY Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. Except as provided in Sections 2.03(c) and 2.04(c), each Borrowing of or 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 Loan Notice (whether telephonic or written) shall specify (i) whether the Borrower is requesting a Borrowing, a conversion of Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of BSBY 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 Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Loans are to

be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Borrower fails to specify a Type of a Loan in a Loan Notice or if the Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the applicable 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 BSBY Rate Loans. If the Borrower requests a Borrowing of, conversion to, or continuation of BSBY Rate Loans in any Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one (1) month.

Following receipt of a Loan Notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly (b) notify each Lender of the amount of its Applicable Percentage of the applicable Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in the preceding clause. In the case of a Borrowing, each Lender shall make the amount of its Loan available to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Loan Notice provided that if any Lender fails to remit such funds to the Administrative Agent prior to such time, the Administrative Agent may elect in its sole discretion to fund with its own funds such Lender's Applicable Percentage of such Loans on such borrowing date, and such Lender shall be subject to the repayment obligation in Section 2.12(b). Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (and, if such Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 5.01), the Administrative Agent shall make all funds so received available to the Borrower in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent either by (i) crediting the account of the 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) the Administrative Agent by the Borrower; provided, however, that if, on the date the Loan Notice with respect to a Borrowing of Revolving Loans is given by the 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 the Borrower as provided above.

(c) Except as otherwise provided herein, a BSBY Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of the Interest Period for such BSBY Rate Loan. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, no Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as BSBY Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for BSBY Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate.

(e) After giving effect to all Borrowings, all conversions of Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than eight (8) Interest Periods in effect.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Lender may exchange, continue or rollover all of the portion of its Loans in connection with any refinancing, extension, loan modification or similar transaction permitted by the terms of this Agreement, pursuant to a cashless settlement mechanism approved by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, and such Lender.

(g) With respect to BSBY, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Loan Document; provided that, with respect to any such amendment effected, the Administrative Agent shall post each such amendment implementing such Conforming Changes to the Borrower and the Lenders reasonably promptly after such amendment becomes effective.

(h) This Section 2.02 shall not apply to Swing Line Loans.

2.03 Letters of Credit.

(a) <u>The Letter of Credit Commitment.</u>

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) the L/C Issuer (i) agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the 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 Letter of Credit Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit in Dollars for the account of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with clause (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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary and any drawings thereunder; provided that after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension with respect to any Letter of Credit, (x) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, (y) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment and (z) the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit. Each request by the Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by the 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, the Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly the 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. All Existing Letters of Credit shall be deemed to have been issued pursuant hereto, and from and after the Closing Date shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions hereof and shall be deemed to be a Letter of Credit hereunder.

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

(A) subject to <u>Section 2.03(b)(iii)</u>, the expiry date of the requested Letter of Credit would occur more than twelve (12) months after the date of issuance or last extension, unless the L/C Issuer and the Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) holding a majority of the Revolving Credit Exposure (other than the Revolving Credit Exposure with respect to any Defaulting Lender) have approved such expiry date; or

(B) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, unless the L/C Issuer and all the Lenders that have Revolving Commitments have approved such expiry date.

(iii) The L/C Issuer shall not be under any 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 Iaw) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the L/C Issuer shall prohibit 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 material 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 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;

 (C) except as otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$500,000;

 (D) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than Dollars;

(E) any Lender is at that time a Defaulting Lender, unless the L/C Issuer has entered into arrangements, including the delivery of Cash Collateral, reasonably satisfactory to the L/C Issuer (in its sole discretion reasonably exercised) with the Borrower or such Defaulting Lender to eliminate the L/C Issuer's actual or potential Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u>) with respect to the Defaulting Lender arising from either the Letter of Credit then proposed to be issued or that Letter of Credit and all other L/C Obligations as to which the L/C Issuer has actual or potential Fronting Exposure, as it may elect in its sole discretion reasonably exercised; or

(F) 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 the Administrative Agent in

<u>Article X</u> 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" as used in <u>Article X</u> 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) <u>Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto-Extension</u> Letters of Credit.

Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, (i) upon the request of the Borrower delivered to the L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in the form of a Letter of Credit Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Such Letter of Credit Application may be sent by facsimile, by United States mail, by overnight courier, by electronic transmission using the system provided by the L/C Issuer, by personal delivery or by any other means acceptable to the L/C Issuer. Such Letter of Credit Application must be received by the L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least three (3) Business Days (or such later date and time as the Administrative 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 Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably 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; (G) the purpose and nature of the requested Letter of Credit; and (H) such other matters as the L/C Issuer may reasonably require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail reasonably 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 may reasonably require. Additionally, the Borrower shall furnish to the L/C Issuer and the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.

(ii) Promptly after receipt of any Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has received a copy of such Letter of Credit Application from the Borrower and, if not, the L/C Issuer will provide the Administrative Agent with a copy thereof. Unless the L/C Issuer has received written notice from any Lender, the Administrative Agent or any Loan Party, at least one (1) 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 <u>Article V</u> 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 the Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary 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) If the Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole 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 (12) 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 (the "Non-Extension Notice Date") in each such twelve (12) month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by the L/C Issuer, the 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 Letter of Credit 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 seven (7) Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date (1) from the Administrative Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such extension or (2) from the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Loan Party that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 5.02 is not then satisfied, and in each case directing the L/C Issuer not to permit such extension.

If the Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit (iv) Application, the L/C Issuer may, in its sole 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, the 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 seven (7) Business Days before the Non-Reinstatement Deadline (A) from the Administrative Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such reinstatement or (B) from the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any Loan Party that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 5.02 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.

(v) 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 the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.

(c) Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations.

Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of (i) drawing under such Letter of Credit, the L/C Issuer shall notify the Borrower and the Administrative 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"), the Borrower shall reimburse the L/C Issuer through the Administrative Agent in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing; provided that the Borrower has received notice of such payment by 11:00 a.m. on such Honor Date, and if the Borrower receives notice of such payment after such time, the Borrower shall make such payment not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Business Day following receipt of such notice (together with interest thereon). If the Borrower fails to so reimburse the L/C Issuer by such time, the Administrative 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, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a 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 unutilized portion of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 (other than the delivery of a Loan Notice). Any notice given by the L/C Issuer or the Administrative 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 <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> make funds available (and the Administrative Agent may apply Cash Collateral provided for this purpose) for the account of the L/C Issuer at the Administrative Agent's Office in an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in such notice by the Administrative Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.03(c)(iii)</u>, each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Revolving Loan that is a Base Rate Loan to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative 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 Borrowing of Base Rate Loans because the conditions set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> (other than delivery of a Loan Notice) cannot be satisfied or for any other reason, the 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 the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)(ii)</u> 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 <u>Section 2.03</u>.

(iv) Until each Lender funds its Revolving Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u> 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 Revolving Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse the L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>, 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, the Borrower, any Subsidiary 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; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u> is subject to the conditions set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> (other than delivery by the Borrower of a Loan Notice). No such making of an L/C Advance shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the 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.

If any Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the (vi)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), then, without limiting the other provisions of this Agreement, the L/C Issuer shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative 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 Revolving Loan included in the relevant 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 the Administrative 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 <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>, if the Administrative 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 the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by the Administrative Agent), the Administrative Agent will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof in the same funds as those received by the Administrative Agent.

(ii) If any payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in <u>Section 11.05</u> (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Administrative

Agent for the account of the L/C Issuer its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative 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 the 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 the Borrower to reimburse the L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing and the obligation of each Lender to make L/C Advances 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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary 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) waiver by the L/C Issuer of any requirement that exists for the L/C Issuer's protection and not the protection of the Borrower or any waiver by the L/C Issuer which does not in fact materially prejudice the Borrower;

(v) honor of a demand for payment presented electronically even if such Letter of Credit requires that demand be in the form of a draft;

(vi) any payment made by the L/C Issuer in respect of an otherwise complying item presented after the date specified as the expiration date of, or the date by which documents must be received under such Letter of Credit if presentation after such date is authorized by the UCC or the ISP, as applicable;

(vii) 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;

(viii) the failure of the Borrower or any other Person to comply with the conditions set forth in <u>Sections 2.02</u> or <u>5.02</u> or as otherwise set forth in this Agreement

for the making of a Loan, it being acknowledged that such conditions are not required for the making of L/C Borrowings and the obligation of the Lenders to make L/C Advances;

(ix) the solvency of, or any acts or omissions by, any beneficiary of any Letter of Credit, or any other Person having a role in any transaction or obligation relating to a Letter of Credit, or the existence, nature, quality, quantity, condition, value or other characteristic of any property or services relating to a Letter of Credit;

(x) any failure by the L/C Issuer or any of its Affiliates to issue any Letter of Credit in the form requested by the Borrower, unless the L/C Issuer has received written notice from the Borrower of such failure within three (3) Business Days after the L/C Issuer shall have furnished such Borrower and the Administrative Agent a copy of such Letter of Credit and such error is material and no drawing has been made thereon prior to receipt of such notice;

 (xi) any adverse change in the business, operations, properties, assets, condition (financial or otherwise) or prospects of the Borrower or the subsidiaries of the Borrower;

 (xii) any breach of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by any party thereto;

(xiii) the occurrence or continuance of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law with respect to the Borrower or any subsidiary;

(xiv) the fact that an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;

(xv) the fact that the Letter of Credit Expiration Date shall have passed or this Agreement or the Revolving Commitments hereunder shall have been terminated; or

(xvi) 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, the Borrower or any Subsidiary.

The 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 the Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, the Borrower will immediately notify the L/C Issuer. The 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) <u>Role of L/C Issuer</u>. Each Lender and the 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 such 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, the Administrative 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 the Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct; (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document even if it should in

fact prove to be in any or all respects invalid, insufficient, inaccurate, fraudulent or forged (even if the L/C Issuer or its Affiliates shall have been notified thereof); (iv) errors, omissions, interruptions or delays in transmission or delivery of any messages, by mail, cable, telegraph, telex or otherwise, whether or not they be in cipher; (v) errors in interpretation of technical terms; (vi) any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under any such Letter of Credit or of the proceeds thereof; (vii) the misapplication by the beneficiary of any such Letter of Credit of the proceeds of any drawing under such Letter of Credit; or (viii) any consequences arising from causes beyond the control of the L/C Issuer or its Affiliates, as applicable, including any act or omission of any governing authority, and none of the above shall affect or impair, or prevent the vesting of, any of the L/C Issuer's or its Affiliates rights or powers hereunder. The 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 the Borrower from 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, the Administrative 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 (xvi) of Section 2.03(e); provided, however, that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower may have a claim against the L/C Issuer, and the L/C Issuer may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by the L/C Issuer's willful misconduct, bad faith 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 certificate(s) 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 (i) 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, (ii) shall not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer 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, (iii) may rely on any oral or other communication believed in good faith by the L/C Issuer to have been authorized or given by or on behalf of the applicant for a Letter of Credit, (iv) may honor a previously dishonored presentation under a Letter of Credit, whether such dishonor was pursuant to a court order, to settle or compromise any claim of wrongful dishonor, or otherwise, and shall be entitled to reimbursement to the same extent as if such presentation had initially been honored, together with any interest paid by the L/C Issuer; (v) may honor any drawing that is payable upon presentation of a statement advising negotiation or payment, upon receipt of such statement (even if such statement indicates that a draft or other document is being delivered separately), and shall not be liable for any failure of any such draft or other document to arrive, or to conform in anyway with the relevant Letter of Credit; (vi) may pay any paying or negotiating bank claiming that it rightfully honored under the laws or practices of the place where such bank is located; and (vii) may settle or adjust any claim or demand made on the L/C Issuer in any way related to any order issued at the applicant's request to an air carrier, a letter of guarantee or of indemnity issued to a carrier or any similar document (each an "Order") and honor any drawing in connection with any Letter of Credit that is the subject of such Order, notwithstanding that any drafts or other documents presented in connection with such Letter of Credit fail to conform in any way with such Letter of Credit. The L/C Issuer shall provide to the Administrative Agent a list of outstanding Letters of Credit (together with type, amounts and denominated currency) issued by it on a monthly basis. The L/C Issuer may send a Letter of Credit or conduct any communication to or from the beneficiary via the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication ("SWIFT") message or overnight courier, or any other commercially reasonable means of communicating with a beneficiary.

(g) <u>Applicability of ISP; Limitation of Liability</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the L/C Issuer and the Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued (including any such agreement applicable to an Existing Letter of Credit), such Letter of Credit shall be subject either to the rules of the UCP or the rules of ISP, as determined by the L/C Issuer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the L/C Issuer shall not be responsible to the Borrower for, and the L/C Issuer's rights and remedies against the Borrower shall not be impaired by, any action or inaction of the L/C Issuer required or permitted under any Law, order, or practice that is required or permitted to be applied to any Letter of Credit or this Agreement, including the Law or any order of a jurisdiction where the L/C Issuer or the beneficiary is located, the practice stated in the ISP or in the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade - International Financial Services Association (BAFT-IFSA), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, whether or not any Letter of Credit chooses such Law or practice.

Letter of Credit Fees. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for (h) the account of each Lender in accordance, subject to Section 2.15, with its Applicable Percentage a Letter of Credit fee (the "Letter of Credit Fee") for each Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Rate for Revolving Loans that are BSBY Rate Loans 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. Letter of Credit 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 Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand; and (ii) computed on a guarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any guarter, 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 Letter of Credit Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.

Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuer. (i) The 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 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 the 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 standby Letter of Credit, at the rate per annum specified in the Fee Letter, computed on the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit 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 guarterly 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 Letter of Credit 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, the Borrower shall pay directly to the L/C Issuer for its own account the customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard out-of-pocket costs and charges, of the L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such customary fees and standard out-of-pocket costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.

(j) <u>Conflict with Issuer Documents</u>. The Borrower agrees to be bound by the terms of the L/C Issuer's application and agreement for Letters of Credit and the L/C Issuer's written regulations and customary practices relating to Letters of Credit, though such interpretation may be different from the Borrower's own. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Document, the terms hereof shall control.

(k) Letters of Credit Issued for Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder is in support of any obligations of, or is for the account of, a Subsidiary, the Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the L/C Issuer hereunder for any and all drawings under such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account of Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of such Subsidiaries.

2.04 Swing Line Loans.

Swing Line Facility. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the (a) Swing Line Lender, in reliance upon the agreements of the other Lenders set forth in this Section 2.04, may in its sole discretion, cancelable at any time for any reason whatsoever, make loans (each such loan, a "Swing Line Loan") to the Borrower in Dollars 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 Swing Line Sublimit, notwithstanding the fact that such Swing Line Loans, when aggregated with the Applicable Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Loans and L/C Obligations of the Lender acting as Swing Line Lender, may exceed the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment; provided, however, that (i) after giving effect to any Swing Line Loan, (A) the Total Revolving Outstandings shall not exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and (B) the Revolving Credit Exposure of any Lender shall not exceed such Lender's Revolving Commitment, (ii) the Borrower shall not use the proceeds of any Swing Line Loan to refinance any outstanding Swing Line Loan and (iii) the Swing Line Lender shall not be under any obligation to make any Swing Line Loan if it shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that it has, or by such Credit Extension would reasonably be expected to have. Fronting Exposure. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.04, prepay under Section 2.05, and reborrow under this Section 2.04. Each Swing Line Loan shall be a Base Rate Loan. Immediately upon the making of a Swing Line Loan, each Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from the Swing Line Lender a risk participation in such Swing Line Loan in an amount equal to the product of such Lender's Applicable Percentage times the amount of such Swing Line Loan.

(b) <u>Borrowing Procedures</u>. Each Borrowing of Swing Line Loans shall be made upon the Borrower's irrevocable notice to the Swing Line Lender and the Administrative Agent, which may be given by (A) telephone (and promptly confirmed in writing) or (B) a Swing Line Loan Notice. Each such notice must be received by the Swing Line Lender and the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the requested borrowing date, and shall specify (i) the amount to be borrowed, which shall be a minimum principal amount of \$100,000 and integral multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) the requested borrowing date, which shall be a Business Day. Each such telephonic notice must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Swing Line Lender and the Administrative Agent of a Swing Line Loan Notice. Promptly after receipt by the Swing Line Lender of any telephonic Swing Line Loan Notice, the Swing Line Lender will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has also received such Swing Line Loan Notice and, if not, the Swing Line

Lender will notify the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) of the contents thereof. Unless the Swing Line Lender has received notice (by telephone or in writing) from the Administrative Agent (including at the request of any Lender) prior to 2:00 p.m. on the date of the proposed Borrowing of Swing Line Loans (A) directing the Swing Line Lender not to make such Swing Line Loan as a result of the limitations set forth in the first proviso to the first sentence of <u>Section 2.04(a)</u>, or (B) that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in <u>Article V</u> is not then satisfied, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Swing Line Lender will, not later than 3:00 p.m. on the borrowing date specified in such Swing Line Loan Notice, make the amount of its Swing Line Loan available to the Borrower at its office by either, at the option of the Borrower, by crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of the Swing Line Lender in immediately available funds or by wire transfer of such funds in accordance with instructions provided by the Borrower.

(c) <u>Refinancing of Swing Line Loans</u>.

The Swing Line Lender at any time in its sole discretion may request, on (i) behalf of the Borrower (which hereby irrevocably authorizes the Swing Line Lender to so request on its behalf), that each Lender make a Base Rate Loan in an amount equal to such Lender's Applicable Percentage of the amount of Swing Line Loans then outstanding. Such request shall be made in writing (which written request shall be deemed to be a Loan Notice for purposes hereof) and in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.02, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified therein for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the unutilized portion of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the conditions set forth in Section 5.02. The Swing Line Lender shall furnish the Borrower with a copy of the applicable Loan Notice promptly after delivering such notice to the Administrative Agent. Each Lender shall make an amount equal to its Applicable Percentage of the amount specified in such Loan Notice available to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds (and the Administrative Agent may apply Cash Collateral available with respect to the applicable Swing Line Loan) for the account of the Swing Line Lender at the Administrative Agent's Office not later than 2:00 p.m. on the day specified in such Loan Notice (provided that such Lender receives such Loan Notice from the Administrative Agent by 12:00 noon on such Business Day), whereupon, subject to Section 2.04(c)(ii), each Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Revolving Loan that is a Base Rate Loan to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so received to the Swing Line Lender.

(ii) If for any reason any Swing Line Loan cannot be refinanced by such a Borrowing of Revolving Loans in accordance with Section 2.04(c)(i), the request for Base Rate Loans submitted by the Swing Line Lender as set forth herein shall be deemed to be a request by the Swing Line Lender that each of the Lenders fund its risk participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan and each Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lender pursuant to Section 2.04(c)(i) shall be deemed payment in respect of such participation.

(iii) If any Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Swing Line Lender any amount required to be paid by such Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 2.04(c)</u> by the time specified in <u>Section 2.04(c)(i)</u>, the Swing Line Lender shall be entitled to recover from such Lender (acting through the Administrative 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 Swing Line Lender at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Swing Line Lender in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Swing Line Lender 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 Revolving Loan included in the relevant Borrowing or funded participation in the relevant Swing Line Loan, as the case may be. A certificate of the Swing Line Lender submitted to any Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this clause (iii) shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(iv) Each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans or to purchase and fund risk participations in Swing Line Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 2.04(c)</u> shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right that such Lender may have against the Swing Line Lender, the Borrower, any Subsidiary 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, <u>however</u>, that each Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 2.04(c)</u> is subject to the conditions set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> (other than receipt of a Loan Notice). No such funding of risk participations shall relieve or otherwise impair the obligation of the Borrower to repay Swing Line Loans, together with interest as provided herein.

(d) <u>Repayment of Participations.</u>

(i) At any time after any Lender has purchased and funded a risk participation in a Swing Line Loan, if the Swing Line Lender receives any payment on account of such Swing Line Loan, the Swing Line Lender will distribute to such Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof in the same funds as those received by the Swing Line Lender.

(ii) If any payment received by the Swing Line Lender in respect of principal or interest on any Swing Line Loan is required to be returned by the Swing Line Lender under any of the circumstances described in <u>Section 11.05</u> (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Swing Line Lender in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Swing Line Lender its Applicable Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate. The Administrative Agent will make such demand upon the request of the Swing Line Lender. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

(e) <u>Interest for Account of Swing Line Lender</u>. The Swing Line Lender shall be responsible for invoicing the Borrower for interest on the Swing Line Loans. Until each Lender funds its Revolving Loans that are Base Rate Loans or risk participation pursuant to this <u>Section</u> <u>2.04</u> to refinance such Lender's Applicable Percentage of any Swing Line Loan, interest in respect of such Applicable Percentage shall be solely for the account of the Swing Line Lender.

(f) <u>Payments Directly to Swing Line Lender</u>. The Borrower shall make all payments of principal and interest in respect of the Swing Line Loans directly to the Swing Line Lender.

2.05 Prepayments.

(a) Voluntary Prepayments of Loans.

The Borrower may, upon delivery to the (i) Revolving Loans. Administrative Agent of a Notice of Loan Prepayment, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay Revolving Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that (A) such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (1) three (3) Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of BSBY Rate Loans and (2) on the date of prepayment of Base Rate Loans; (B) any such prepayment of BSBY Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding); and (C) any prepayment of Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding). Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Loans to be prepaid and, if BSBY Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Loans. The Administrative 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 the Borrower, the 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 BSBY Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05. Subject to Section 2.15, each such prepayment shall be applied to the Loans of the Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages.

(ii) <u>Swing Line Loans</u>. The Borrower may, upon delivery to the Swing Line Lender of a Notice of Loan Prepayment (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at any time or from time to time, voluntarily prepay Swing Line Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; <u>provided</u> that (i) such notice must be received by the Swing Line Lender and the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the date of the prepayment, and (ii) any such prepayment shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$100,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or, if less, the entire principal thereof then outstanding). Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment. If such notice is given by the Borrower, the Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Borrower may rescind any notice of prepayment under this <u>Section 2.05(a)</u> if such prepayment would have resulted from the refinancing of all or a portion of the Loans, which refinancing shall not be consummated or shall otherwise be delayed.

(b) Mandatory Prepayments of Loans.

(i) <u>Revolving Commitments</u>. If for any reason the Total Revolving Outstandings at any time exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments then in effect, the Borrower shall immediately prepay Revolving Loans and/or Swing Line Loans and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations in an aggregate amount equal to such excess; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Borrower shall not be required to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations pursuant to this <u>Section 2.05(b)(i)</u> unless after the prepayment in full of the

Revolving Loans and Swing Line Loans the Total Revolving Outstandings exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments then in effect.

(ii) <u>Foreclosure Event</u>. After the occurrence of a Foreclosure Event, no later than the earlier of (x) fifteen (15) months and one (1) day following the last date the filing of Ciner Resources LP's next quarterly report on Form 10-Q or annual report on Form 10-K (as applicable) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is due (or, if Ciner Resources LP is no longer required by applicable law to file such reports, the last date such filing would have been due) and (y) eighteen (18) months and one (1) day following the Foreclosure Event, the Borrower shall prepay in full the outstanding principal amount of all Revolving Loans and/or Swing Line Loans and Cash Collateralize all L/C Obligations; provided, for purposes of clarity, no additional Borrowing or L/C Borrowing shall be permitted upon the occurrence of a Foreclosure Event.

(iii) <u>Application of Mandatory Prepayments</u>. All amounts required to be paid pursuant to this <u>Section 2.05(b)</u> shall be applied <u>first</u>, ratably to the L/C Borrowings and the Swing Line Loans, <u>second</u>, to the outstanding Revolving Loans, and, <u>third</u>, to Cash Collateralize the remaining L/C Obligations. Within the parameters of the applications set forth above, prepayments shall be applied first to Base Rate Loans and then to Eurodollar Rate Loans in direct order of Interest Period maturities. All prepayments under this <u>Section 2.05(b)</u> shall be subject to <u>Section 3.05</u>, but otherwise without premium or penalty, and shall be accompanied by interest on the principal amount prepaid through the date of prepayment.

2.06 Termination or Reduction of Aggregate Revolving Commitments.

The Borrower may, upon notice to the Administrative Agent, terminate the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, or from time to time permanently reduce the Aggregate Revolving Commitments; provided that (i) any such notice shall be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. three (3) Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$500,000 or any whole multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof, (iii) the Borrower shall not terminate or reduce the Aggregate Revolving Commitments if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, the Total Revolving Outstandings would exceed the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and (iv) if, after giving effect to any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Swing Line Sublimit exceeds the amount of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, such sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Lenders of any such notice of termination or reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments. Any reduction of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be applied to the Revolving Commitment of each Lender according to its Applicable Percentage. All fees accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments shall be paid on the effective date of such termination. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Borrower may rescind any notice of termination of Aggregate Revolving Commitments under this Section 2.06 if such termination would have resulted from the refinancing of all or a portion of the Loans, which refinancing shall not be consummated or shall otherwise be delayed.

2.07 Repayment of Loans.

(a) <u>Revolving Loans</u>. The Borrower shall repay to the Lenders on the Maturity Date, unless accelerated sooner pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u>, the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans outstanding on such date.

(b) <u>Swing Line Loans</u>. The Borrower shall repay each Swing Line Loan on the earlier to occur of (i) the date ten (10) Business Days after such Swing Line Loan is made and (ii) the Maturity Date unless accelerated sooner pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u>.

2.08 Interest.

(a) Subject to the provisions of <u>clause (b)</u> below, (i) each BSBY Rate Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the BSBY Rate for such Interest Period <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate; (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; and (iii) each Swing Line 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; and (iii) each splicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate.

(b) (i) If any amount payable by the Borrower under any Loan Document is not paid when due (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods), whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, then such unpaid 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) 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.

2.09 Fees.

In addition to certain fees described in clauses (h) and (i) of Section 2.03:

Commitment Fee. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the (a) account of each Lender in accordance with its Applicable Percentage, a commitment fee (the "Commitment Fee") equal to the product of (i) the Applicable Rate times (ii) the actual daily amount by which the Aggregate Revolving Commitments exceed the sum of (A) the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Loans and (B) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations, subject to adjustment as provided in Section 2.15. For the avoidance of doubt, the Outstanding Amount of Swing Line Loans shall not be counted towards or considered usage of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments for purposes of determining the Commitment Fee. 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 V is not met, and shall be due and payable guarterly 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; provided, that (A) no Commitment Fee shall accrue on the Revolving Commitment of a Defaulting Lender so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender and (B) subject to Section 2.15, any Commitment Fee accrued with respect to the Revolving Commitment of a Defaulting Lender during the period prior to the time such Lender became a Defaulting Lender and unpaid at such time shall not be payable by the Borrower so long as such Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender. The Commitment Fee shall be calculated guarterly 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) Other Fees.

(i) The Borrower shall pay to the Arranger and the Administrative Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times specified in the Fee Letter. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

(ii) The Borrower shall pay to the Lenders such fees as shall have been separately agreed upon in writing in the amounts and at the times so specified. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

2.10 Computation of Interest and Fees; Retroactive Adjustments of Applicable Rate.

(a) All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans (including Base Rate Loans determined by reference to the BSBY Rate) shall be made on the basis of a year of three hundred sixty-five (365) or three hundred sixty-six (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 three hundred sixty (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 three hundred sixty-five (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 2.12(a), bear interest for one (1) day. Each determination by the Administrative Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest error.

If, as a result of any restatement of or other adjustment to the financial statements (b) of the Borrower or for any other reason, the Borrower or the Lenders determine that (i) the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as calculated by the Borrower as of any applicable date was inaccurate and (ii) a proper calculation of the Consolidated Leverage Ratio would have resulted in higher pricing for such period, the Borrower shall promptly and retroactively be obligated to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, promptly on demand by the Administrative Agent (or, after the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under Debtor Relief Laws, automatically and without further action by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), an amount equal to the excess of the amount of interest and fees that should have been paid for such period over the amount of interest and fees actually paid for such period. This paragraph shall not limit the rights of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under this Agreement. The Borrower's obligations under this paragraph shall survive the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the repayment of all other Obligations hereunder.

2.11 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 the Administrative Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Administrative Agent and each Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by

the Lenders to the 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 the 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 the Administrative Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Lender made through the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Lender (through the Administrative Agent) a promissory note, which shall evidence such Lender's Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each such promissory note shall be in the form of <u>Exhibit 2.11</u> (a "<u>Note</u>"). 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>clause (a)</u> above, each Lender and the Administrative 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 and Swing Line Loans. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.12 Payments Generally; Administrative Agent's Clawback.

General. All payments to be made by the Borrower or any other Loan Party shall (a) be made free and clear of and without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all payments by the Borrower hereunder shall be made to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Administrative Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. The Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Lender its Applicable Percentage (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by the Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. Except as set forth in the definition of "Interest Period", if any payment to be made by the 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.

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

(ii) Payments by Borrower; Presumptions by Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the time at which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due.

With respect to any payment that the Administrative Agent makes for the account of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer hereunder as to which the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that any of the following applies (such payment referred to as the "<u>Rescindable Amount</u>") : (1) the Borrower has not in fact made such payment; (2) the Administrative Agent has made a payment in excess of the amount so paid by the Borrower (whether or not then owed); or (3) the Administrative Agent has for any reason otherwise erroneously made such payment; then each of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the Rescindable 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 the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this <u>clause (b)</u> shall be conclusive, absent manifest error.

(c) <u>Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent</u>. If any Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Loan to be made by such Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this <u>Article II</u>, and such funds are not made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent because the applicable conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in <u>Article V</u> are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, the Administrative Agent promptly 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 the Lenders hereunder to make Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans and to make payments pursuant to <u>Section 11.04(c)</u> are several and not joint. The failure of any Lender to make any Loan, to fund any such participation or to make any payment under <u>Section 11.04(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 Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under <u>Section 11.04(c)</u>.

(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.

(f) <u>Insufficient Funds</u>. If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, L/C Borrowings, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) <u>first</u>, toward payment of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties, and (ii) <u>second</u>, toward payment of principal and L/C Borrowings then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and L/C Borrowings then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and L/C Borrowings then due to such parties.

2.13 Sharing of Payments by Lenders.

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 Loans made by it, or the participations in L/C Obligations or in Swing Line Loans held by it resulting in such Lender's receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of such Loans or participations and accrued interest thereon greater than its <u>pro rata</u> share thereof as provided herein, then the Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans 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 Loans and other amounts owing them, <u>provided</u> 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 (A) any payment made by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement (including the application of funds arising from the existence of a Defaulting Lender), (B) the application of Cash Collateral provided for in <u>Section 2.14</u> or (C) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations or Swing Line Loans to any assignee or participant, other than an assignment to the Borrower or any Subsidiary (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.

2.14 Cash Collateral.

(a) <u>Certain Credit Support Events</u>. If (i) 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, (ii) as of the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, (iii) the Borrower shall be required to provide Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section 9.02(c)</u> or (iv) there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower shall immediately (in the case of <u>clause (iii)</u> above) or within two (2) Business Days (in all other cases) following any request by the Administrative Agent or the L/C Issuer provide Cash Collateral in an amount not less than the applicable Minimum Collateral Amount (determined in the case of Cash Collateral provided pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> above, after giving effect to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u> and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).

Grant of Security Interest. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any (b) Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to (and subjects to the control of) the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest (subject to Liens permitted under Section 8.01(m)) in all Cash Collateral, all as security for the obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to Section 2.14(c). If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent or the L/C Issuer as herein provided (other than Liens permitted under Section 8.01(m)), or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (provided that if the Cash Collateral is more than the Minimum Collateral Amount, upon the request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent will promptly pay, provide or distribute to the Borrower a portion of the Cash Collateral equal to the amount of such excess or surplus). All Cash Collateral (other than credit support not constituting funds subject to deposit) shall be maintained in blocked, non-interest bearing deposit accounts at the Administrative Agent or an Affiliate thereof. The Borrower shall pay on demand therefor from time to time all customary and reasonable account opening, activity and other administrative fees and charges in connection with the maintenance and disbursement of Cash Collateral.

(c) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this <u>Section 2.14</u> or <u>Sections 2.03</u>, <u>2.05</u>, <u>2.15</u> or <u>9.02</u> in respect of Letters of Credit shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific L/C Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.

(d) <u>Release</u>. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or to secure other obligations shall be released promptly following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender (or, as appropriate, its assignee following compliance with <u>Section 11.06(b)(vi)</u>)) or (ii) the determination by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer that there exists excess Cash Collateral; <u>provided</u>, however, (x) any such release shall be without prejudice to, and any disbursement or other transfer of Cash Collateral shall be and remain subject to, any other Lien conferred under the Loan Documents and the other applicable provisions of the Loan Documents, and (y) the Person providing Cash Collateral and the L/C Issuer may agree that Cash Collateral shall not be released but instead held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

2.15 Defaulting Lenders.

(a) <u>Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as that Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable Law:

(i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of "Required Lenders" and <u>Section 11.01</u>.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or (ii) other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article IX or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 11.08 shall be applied at such time or times as may be reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 2.14; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuer's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 2.14; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or L/C Borrowings in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Revolving Commitments hereunder without giving effect to Section 2.15(b). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.15(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) <u>Certain Fees</u>.

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).

(B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section</u> 2.14.

(C) With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (B)</u> above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.15(b)</u> below, (y) pay to the L/C Issuer the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.

(b) Reallocation of Applicable Percentages to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swing Line Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the applicable conditions set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time), and (y) such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment. Subject to <u>Section 11.21</u>, no reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

(c) <u>Cash Collateral, Repayment of Swing Line Loans</u>. If the reallocation described in <u>Section 2.15(b)</u> above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under applicable Law, (x) first, prepay Swing Line Loans in an amount equal to the Swing Line Lenders' Fronting Exposure and (y) second, Cash Collateralize the L/C Issuers' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section 2.14.

(d) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender and the L/C Issuer agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable,

purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may reasonably determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Percentages (without giving effect to Section 2.15(b)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; provided that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

(e) <u>New Swing Line Loans/Letters of Credit</u>. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, (i) the Swing Line Lender shall not be required to fund any Swing Line Loans unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect to such Swing Line Loan and (ii) the L/C Issuer shall not be required to issue, extend, increase, reinstate or renew any letter of Credit unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure after giving effect thereto.

ARTICLE III

TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 <u>Taxes.</u>

(a) <u>Defined Terms</u>. For purposes of this <u>Section 3.01</u>, the term "applicable Law" includes FATCA and the term "Lender" includes any L/C Issuer.

(b) Payments Free of Taxes; Obligation to Withhold; Payments on Account of Taxes.

(i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable Laws. If any applicable Laws (as determined in the good faith discretion of the Administrative Agent) require the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Administrative Agent or a Loan Party, then the Administrative Agent or such Loan Party shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding, upon the basis of the information and documentation to be delivered pursuant to <u>clause (f)</u> below.

(ii) If any Loan Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by the Internal Revenue Code to withhold or deduct any Taxes, including both United States Federal backup withholding and withholding taxes, from any payment, then (A) the Administrative Agent shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by the Administrative Agent to be required based upon the information and documentation it has received pursuant to <u>clause (f)</u> below, (B) the Administrative Agent shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 3.01</u>) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made for Indemnified Taxes.

(iii) If any Loan Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by any applicable Laws other than the Internal Revenue Code to withhold or deduct any Taxes from any payment, then (A) such Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, as required by such Laws, shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by it to be required based upon the information and documentation it has received pursuant to <u>clause (f)</u> below, (B) such Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, to the extent required by such Laws, shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with such Laws, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 3.01</u>) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made for Indemnified Taxes.

(c) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Loan Parties</u>. Without limiting the provisions of <u>clause (b)</u> above, the Loan Parties shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(d) <u>Tax Indemnifications</u>.

Each of the Loan Parties shall, and does hereby, jointly and severally (i) indemnify each Recipient, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section 3.01) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto (except for any penalties or interest with respect to such Indemnified Taxes that are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer), whether or not such Indemnified 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 the Borrower by a Lender or the L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each of the Loan Parties shall, and does hereby, jointly and severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after demand therefor, for any amount which a Lender or the L/C Issuer for any reason fails to pay indefeasibly to the Administrative Agent as required pursuant to Section 3.01(d)(ii) below.

(ii) Each Lender and the L/C Issuer shall, and does hereby, severally indemnify, and shall make payment in respect thereof within ten (10) days after demand therefor, (A) the Administrative Agent against any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender or the L/C Issuer (but only to the extent that any Loan Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so), (B) the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties, as applicable, against any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 11.06(d)</u> relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (C) the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties, as applicable, against

any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent or a Loan Party in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such 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 any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this <u>clause (ii)</u>.

(e) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. Upon request by any Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, after any payment of Taxes by such Loan Party or by the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this <u>Section 3.01</u>, such Loan Party shall deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent shall deliver to such Loan Party, as the case may be, the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of any return required by Laws to report such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to such Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be.

(f) Status of Lenders; Tax Documentation.

Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 3.01(f)(ii)(A), 3.01(f)(ii)(B) and 3.01(f)(ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,

(A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;

(B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

(2) executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;

(3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 3.01-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E; or

(4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 3.01-2 or Exhibit 3.01-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 3.01-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

(C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary

documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the Closing Date.

(iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 3.01</u> expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

Treatment of Certain Refunds. Unless required by applicable Laws, at no time (q) shall the Administrative Agent have any obligation to file for or otherwise pursue on behalf of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, or have any obligation to pay to any Lender or the L/C Issuer, any refund of Taxes withheld or deducted from funds paid for the account of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be. If any Recipient determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund (including any application or carryover of such refund amount to reduce any amount otherwise payable to the refunding Governmental Authority) of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Loan Party or with respect to which any Loan Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.01, it shall pay to the Loan Party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by a Loan Party under this Section 3.01 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Loan Party, upon the request of the Recipient, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Loan Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this clause, in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Loan Party pursuant to this clause the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This clause shall not be construed to require any Recipient to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to any Loan Party or any other Person.

(h) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 3.01</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender or the L/C Issuer, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

3.02 Illegality.

If any Lender determines in good faith that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for any Lender or its Lending Office to perform any of its obligations hereunder or to make, maintain or fund or charge interest with respect to any Credit Extension, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the BSBY 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, upon notice thereof by such Lender to the Borrower (through the Administrative Agent), (a) any obligation of such Lender to make or continue BSBY Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to BSBY Rate Loans shall be suspended, and (b) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender making or maintaining Base Rate Loans the interest rate on which is determined by reference to the BSBY Rate component of the Base Rate, the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the BSBY Rate component of the Base Rate, in each case until such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such notice, (x) the Borrower shall, upon demand from such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), prepay or, if applicable, convert all BSBY Rate Loans of such Lender to Base Rate Loans (the interest rate on which Base Rate Loans of such Lender shall, if necessary to avoid such illegality, be determined by the Administrative Agent without reference to the BSBY Rate component of the Base Rate), either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such BSBY Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such BSBY Rate Loans and (y) if such notice asserts the illegality of such Lender determining or charging interest rates based upon the BSBY Rate, the Administrative Agent shall during the period of such suspension compute the Base Rate applicable to such Lender without reference to the BSBY Rate component thereof until the Administrative Agent is advised in writing by such Lender that it is no longer illegal for such Lender to determine or charge interest rates based upon the BSBY Rate. Upon any such prepayment or conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates.

(a) If in connection with any request for a BSBY Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof, as applicable, (i) the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that (A) no Successor Rate has been determined in accordance with Section 3.03(b), and the circumstances under clause (i) of Section 3.03(b) or the Scheduled Unavailability Date has occurred (as applicable), or (B) adequate and reasonable means do not otherwise exist for determining BSBY for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed BSBY Rate Loan or in connection with an existing or proposed Base Rate Loan or (ii) the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders determine that for any reason that the BSBY Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed BSBY Rate Loan does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such BSBY Rate Loan, the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower and each Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain BSBY Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to BSBY Rate Loans shall be suspended (to the extent of the affected BSBY Rate Loans or Interest Periods), and (y) in the event of a determination described in the preceding sentence with

respect to the BSBY component of the Base Rate, the utilization of the BSBY Rate component in determining the Base Rate shall be suspended, in each case until the Administrative Agent (or, in the case of a determination by the Required Lenders described in <u>clause (ii)</u> of this <u>Section</u> <u>3.03(a)</u>, until the Administrative Agent upon instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, (i) the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Borrowing of, or conversion to, or continuation of BSBY Rate Loans (to the extent of the affected BSBY Rate Loans or Interest Periods) or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein and (ii) any outstanding BSBY Rate Loans shall be deemed to have been converted to Base Rate Loans immediately at the end of their respective applicable Interest Period.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other Loan Documents, if the Administrative Agent determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error), or the Borrower or Required Lenders notify the Administrative Agent (with, in the case of the Required Lenders, a copy to the Borrower) that the Borrower or Required Lenders (as applicable) have determined, that:

(i) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining one month, three month and six month interest periods of BSBY, including, without limitation, because the BSBY Screen Rate is not available or published on a current basis and such circumstances are unlikely to be temporary; or

(ii) Bloomberg or any successor administrator of the BSBY Screen Rate or a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Administrative Agent or Bloomberg or such administrator with respect to its publication of BSBY, in each case acting in such capacity, has made a public statement identifying a specific date after which one month, three month and six month interest periods of BSBY or the BSBY Screen Rate shall or will no longer be made available, or permitted to be used for determining the interest rate of U.S. dollar denominated syndicated loans, or shall or will otherwise cease; provided, that, at the time of such statement, there is no successor administrator that is satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, that will continue to provide such interest periods of BSBY after such specific date (the latest date on which one month, three month and six month interest periods of BSBY or the BSBY Screen Rate are no longer available permanently or indefinitely, the "Scheduled Unavailability Date");

then, on a date and time determined by the Administrative Agent (any such date, the "<u>BSBY Replacement</u> <u>Date</u>"), which date shall be at the end of an Interest Period or on the relevant interest payment date, as applicable, for interest calculated and, solely with respect to <u>clause (ii)</u> above, no later than the Scheduled Unavailability Date, BSBY will be replaced hereunder and under any Loan Document with, subject to the proviso below, the first available alternative set forth in the order below for any payment period for interest calculated that can be determined by the Administrative Agent, in each case, without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document (the "<u>Successor Rate</u>"):

- (x) Term SOFR plus the SOFR Adjustment; and
- (y) Daily Simple SOFR plus the SOFR Adjustment;

<u>provided</u> that, if initially BSBY is replaced with the rate contained in <u>clause (y)</u> above (Daily Simple SOFR plus the SOFR Adjustment) and subsequent to such replacement, the Administrative Agent determines that Term SOFR has become available and is administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, and the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and each Lender of such availability, then from and after the beginning of the Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, in each case, commencing no less than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice, the Successor Rate shall be Term SOFR plus the SOFR Adjustment.

If the Successor Rate is Daily Simple SOFR plus the SOFR Adjustment, all interest payments will be payable on a quarterly basis.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) if the Administrative Agent determines that neither of the alternatives set forth in clauses (x) and (y) above is available on or prior to the BSBY Replacement Date or (ii) if the events or circumstances of the type described in Section 3.03(b)(i) or (ii) have occurred with respect to the Successor Rate then in effect, then in each case, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement solely for the purpose of replacing BSBY or any then current Successor Rate in accordance with this Section 3.03 at the end of any Interest Period, relevant interest payment date or payment period for interest calculated, as applicable, with another alternate benchmark rate giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar U.S. dollar denominated credit facilities syndicated and agented in the United States for such alternative benchmarks and, in each case, including any mathematical or other adjustments to such benchmark giving due consideration to any evolving or then existing convention for similar U.S. dollar denominated credit facilities syndicated and agented in the United States for such benchmarks, which adjustment or method for calculating such adjustment shall be published on an information service as selected by the Administrative Agent from time to time in its reasonable discretion and may be periodically updated. For the avoidance of doubt, any such proposed rate and adjustments shall constitute a Successor Rate. Any such amendment shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth Business Day after the Administrative Agent shall have posted such proposed amendment to all Lenders and the Borrower unless, prior to such time, Lenders comprising the Required Lenders have delivered to the Administrative Agent written notice that such Required Lenders object to such amendment.

The Administrative Agent will promptly (in one or more notices) notify the Borrower and each Lender of the implementation of any Successor Rate.

Any Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner consistent with market practice; <u>provided</u> that to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, such Successor Rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything else herein, if at any time any Successor Rate so determined would otherwise be less than zero percent (0%), the Successor Rate will be deemed to be zero percent (0%) for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

If the Successor Rate includes a SOFR-based rate, then, as of the BSBY Replacement Date, the Applicable Rate that applies to the Commitment Fee set forth in <u>Section 2.09(a)</u> shall increase by the percentage points equal to the SOFR Adjustment for an interest period of one month's duration.

In connection with the implementation of a Successor Rate, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Loan Document, any amendments implementing such Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement; provided

that, with respect to any such amendment effected, the Administrative Agent shall post each such amendment implementing such Conforming Changes to the Borrower and the Lenders reasonably promptly after such amendment becomes effective.

For purposes of this <u>Section 3.03</u>, those Lenders that either have not made, or do not have an obligation under this Agreement to make, the relevant Loans in Dollars shall be excluded from any determination of Required Lenders.

3.04 Increased Costs.

(a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law 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 BSBY Rate) or the L/C Issuer;

(ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes,
 (B) Taxes described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through <u>(d)</u> of the definition of Excluded Taxes and
 (C) Connection Income Taxes) on its loans, Ioan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; 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 BSBY 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, converting to, continuing or maintaining any Loan the interest on which is determined by reference to the BSBY Rate (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, the 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 or liquidity 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 Revolving Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit or Swing Line Loans held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by 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's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the 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 or such Lender's or 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>clause (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The 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 Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or the L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the 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 (9) months prior to the date that such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the 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 (9) 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 the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the 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 BSBY 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);

(b) any failure by the Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Lender to make a Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any BSBY Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or

(c) any assignment of a BSBY Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 11.13</u>.

Such loss, cost or expense shall be limited to the actual loss, cost or expense arising from any actual 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. The Borrower shall also pay any customary and reasonable administrative fees charged by such Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Lenders under this <u>Section 3.05</u>, each Lender shall be deemed to have funded each BSBY Rate Loan made by it at the BSBY Rate used in determining the BSBY 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 BSBY Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 Mitigation of Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

(a) Designation of a Different Lending Office. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender, the L/C Issuer, or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender or the L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 3.01, or if any Lender gives a notice pursuant to Section 3.02, then at the request of the Borrower such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, 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 reasonable judgment of such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as applicable, 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 or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be, to any material unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be materially disadvantageous to such Lender or the L/C Issuer, as the case may be. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender or the L/C Issuer in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) <u>Replacement of Lenders</u>. If any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section</u> <u>3.04</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with <u>Section 3.06(a)</u>, the Borrower may replace such Lender in accordance with Section 11.13.

3.07 Survival.

All of the Loan Parties' obligations under this <u>Article III</u> shall survive termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments, repayment of all other Obligations hereunder and resignation of the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE IV

GUARANTY

4.01 The Guaranty.

Each of the Guarantors hereby jointly and severally guarantees to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, the Lenders and each other holder of Obligations as hereinafter provided, as primary obligor and not as surety, the prompt payment of the Obligations in full when due (whether at stated maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleration, as a mandatory cash collateralization or otherwise) strictly in accordance with the terms thereof. The Guarantors hereby further agree that if any of the Obligations is not paid in full when due (whether at stated maturity, as a mandatory cash collateralization or otherwise), the Guarantors will, jointly and severally, promptly pay the same, without any demand or notice whatsoever, and that in the case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any of the Obligations, the same will be promptly paid in full when due (whether at extended maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleralization or otherwise) in accordance with the terms of such extension or renewal.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any other of the Loan Documents or the other documents relating to the Obligations, the obligations of each Guarantor under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not exceed an aggregate amount equal to the largest amount that would not render such obligations subject to avoidance under applicable Debtor Relief Laws.

4.02 Obligations Unconditional.

The obligations of the Guarantors under Section 4.01 are joint and several, absolute and unconditional, irrespective of the value, genuineness, validity, regularity or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents or other documents relating to the Obligations, or any substitution, release, impairment or exchange of any other guarantee of or security for any of the Obligations, and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, irrespective of any other circumstance whatsoever which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a surety or guarantor (other than the defense that the Loans have been paid in full), it being the intent of this Section 4.02 that the obligations of the Guarantors hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances. Each Guarantor agrees that such Guarantor shall have no right of subrogation, indemnity, reimbursement or contribution against the Borrower or any other Guarantor for amounts paid under this Article IV until such time as the Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount) have been paid in full and the Revolving Commitments have expired or terminated. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is agreed that, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, the occurrence of any one or more of the following shall not alter or impair the liability of any Guarantor hereunder, which shall remain absolute and unconditional as described above:

(a) at any time or from time to time, without notice to any Guarantor, the time for any performance of or compliance with any of the Obligations shall be extended, or such performance or compliance shall be waived;

(b) any of the acts mentioned in any of the provisions of any of the Loan Documents or any other document relating to the Obligations shall be done or omitted;

(c) the maturity of any of the Obligations shall be accelerated, or any of the Obligations shall be modified, supplemented or amended in any respect, or any right under any of the Loan Documents or any other document relating to the Obligations shall be waived or any other guarantee of any of the Obligations or any security therefor shall be released, impaired or exchanged in whole or in part or otherwise dealt with;

(d) any Lien granted to, or in favor of, the Administrative Agent or any other holder of the Obligations as security for any of the Obligations shall fail to attach or be perfected; or

(e) any of the Obligations shall be determined to be void or voidable (including for the benefit of any creditor of any Guarantor) or shall be subordinated to the claims of any Person (including any creditor of any Guarantor).

With respect to its obligations hereunder, each Guarantor hereby expressly waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, protest and all notices whatsoever (other than any notices required to be delivered pursuant to the terms of the Loan Documents) and any requirement that the Administrative Agent or any other holder of the Obligations exhaust any right, power or remedy or proceed against any Person under any of the Loan Documents or any other document relating to the Obligations or against any other Person under any other guarantee of, or security for, any of the Obligations.

4.03 Reinstatement.

The obligations of each Guarantor under this <u>Article IV</u> shall be automatically reinstated if and to the extent that for any reason any payment by or on behalf of any Person in respect of the Obligations is rescinded or must be otherwise restored by any holder of any of the Obligations, whether as a result of any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, and each Guarantor agrees that it will indemnify the Administrative Agent and each other holder of the Obligations on demand for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the fees, charges and disbursements of one primary outside counsel and one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the Administrative Agent and the holders of the Obligations taken as a whole and, in the case of an actual or potential conflict of interest, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to each group of affected Administrative Agent and/or holder(s) of the Obligations similarly situated taken as a whole) incurred by the Administrative Agent or such holder of the Obligations in connection with such rescission or restoration, including any such costs and expenses incurred in defending against any claim alleging that such payment constituted a preference, fraudulent transfer or similar payment under any Debtor Relief Law.

4.04 Certain Additional Waivers.

Each Guarantor agrees that such Guarantor shall have no right of recourse to security for the Obligations, except through the exercise of rights of subrogation pursuant to <u>Section 4.02</u> and through the exercise of rights of contribution pursuant to <u>Section 4.06</u>.

4.05 Remedies.

The Guarantors agree that, to the fullest extent permitted by Law, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent and the other holders of the Obligations, on the other hand, the Obligations may be declared to be forthwith due and payable as specified in <u>Section 9.02</u> (and shall be deemed to have become automatically due and payable in the circumstances specified in <u>Section 9.02</u> (and shall be declaration (or preventing the Obligations from becoming automatically due and payable) as against any other Person and that, in the event of such declaration (or the Obligations being deemed to have become automatically due and payable), the Obligations (whether or not due and payable by any other Person) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for purposes of <u>Section 4.01</u>. The Guarantors acknowledge and agree that their obligations hereunder are secured in accordance with the terms of the Collateral Documents and that the holders of the Obligations may exercise their remedies thereunder in accordance with the terms thereof.

4.06 Rights of Contribution.

The Guarantors agree among themselves that, in connection with payments made hereunder, each Guarantor shall have contribution rights against the other Guarantors as permitted under applicable Law. Such contribution rights shall be subordinate and subject in right of payment to the obligations of such Guarantors under the Loan Documents and no Guarantor shall exercise such rights of contribution until the Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount) have been paid in full and the Revolving Commitments have terminated.

4.07 Guarantee of Payment; Continuing Guarantee.

The guarantee in this <u>Article IV</u> is a guaranty of payment and not of collection, is a continuing guarantee, and shall apply to the Obligations whenever arising.

4.08 Keepwell.

Each Loan Party that is a Qualified ECP Guarantor at the time the Guaranty in this Article IV by any Loan Party that is not then an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act (a "Specified Loan Party") or the grant of a security interest under the Loan Documents by any such Specified Loan Party, in either case, becomes effective with respect to any Swap Obligation, hereby jointly and severally, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support to each Specified Loan Party with respect to such Swap Obligation as may be needed by such Specified Loan Party from time to time to honor all of its obligations under this Guaranty and the other Loan Documents in respect of such Swap Obligation (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering such Qualified ECP Guarantor's obligations and undertakings under this Article IV voidable under applicable Debtor Relief Laws, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section 4.08 shall remain in full force and effect until the Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount) have been paid and performed in full. Each Loan Party intends this Section 4.08 to constitute, and this Section 4.08 shall be deemed to constitute, a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of each Specified Loan Party for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

4.09 Appointment of Borrower.

Each of the Loan Parties hereby appoints the Borrower to act as its agent for all purposes of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and all other documents and electronic platforms entered into in connection herewith and agrees that (a) the Borrower may execute such documents and provide such authorizations on behalf of such Loan Parties as the Borrower deems appropriate in its sole discretion and each Loan Party shall be obligated by all of the terms of any such document and/or authorization executed on its behalf, (b) any notice or communication delivered by the Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer or a Lender to the Borrower shall be deemed delivered to each Loan Party and (c) the Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer or the Lenders may accept, and be permitted to rely on, any document, authorization, instrument or agreement executed by the Borrower on behalf of each of the Loan Parties.

ARTICLE V

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

5.01 Conditions of Effectiveness.

This Agreement shall be effective upon satisfaction of the following conditions precedent in each case in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and each Lender:

(a) <u>Loan Documents</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of executed counterparts of this Agreement and each Note requested by any Lender, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party (or the general partner thereof).

(b) <u>Opinions of Counsel</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of reasonably satisfactory opinions of legal counsel to the Loan Parties (including, to the extent required, local counsel to the Loan Parties), addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, dated as of the Closing Date.

(c) <u>Organization Documents, Resolutions, Etc.</u> Receipt by the Administrative Agent of the following:

(i) copies of the Organization Documents of each Loan Party certified, in the case of each certificate of limited partnership, certificate of formation or certificate of incorporation, to be true and complete as of a recent date by the appropriate Governmental Authority of the state or other jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, where applicable, and certified by a secretary or assistant secretary of such Loan Party (or its general partner) to be true and correct as of the Closing Date;

(ii) such certificates of resolutions or other action, incumbency certificates and/or other certificates of Responsible Officers of each Loan Party as the Administrative Agent may reasonably 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; and

(iii) such documents and certifications as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require to evidence that each Loan Party is duly organized or formed, and is validly existing, in good standing and qualified to engage in business in its state of organization or formation.

(d) <u>Evidence of Insurance</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of copies of insurance policies, declaration pages, certificates, and endorsements of insurance evidencing liability and property insurance meeting the requirements set forth herein or in the Loan Documents or as required by the Administrative Agent (provided that evidence of insurance shall only be required with respect to U.S. assets).

(e) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received copies of the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 6.05</u>, each in form and substance satisfactory to each of them.

(f) <u>Personal Property Collateral</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(i) (A) searches of UCC filings or analogous public filings in the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation, as applicable, of each Loan Party and each jurisdiction where any Collateral is located or where a filing would need to be made in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral, copies of the financing statements on file in such jurisdictions and evidence that no Liens exist other than Permitted Liens and (B) tax lien, judgment and bankruptcy searches;

(ii) searches of ownership of Intellectual Property in the appropriate governmental offices and such patent/trademark/copyright filings as requested by the Administrative Agent in order to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Intellectual Property;

(iii) completed UCC financing statements for each appropriate jurisdiction as is necessary, in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion, to perfect the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral;

(iv) stock or membership certificates, if any, evidencing the Pledged Equity and undated stock or transfer powers duly executed in blank; in each case to the extent such Pledged Equity is certificated;

(v) to the extent required to be delivered, filed, registered or recorded pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Collateral Documents, all instruments, documents (including relevant page(s) of the share register book of the company showing the pledge registration) and chattel paper in the possession of any of the Loan Parties, together with allonges or assignments as may be necessary or appropriate to create and perfect the Administrative Agent's and the Lenders' security interest in the Collateral; and

(vi) in the case of any personal property Collateral located at a premises leased by a Loan Party, estoppel letters, consents and waivers from the landlords on such real property as may be reasonably required by the Administrative Agent.

(g) <u>Closing Certificate</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower as of the Closing Date certifying that (i) there has not occurred, since December 31, 2020, any event or condition that has had, or could be reasonably expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have, a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) there are no actions, suits, investigations, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened or contemplated, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their properties or revenues that (x) purport to affect performance under this Agreement or any other Loan Document or (y) could be reasonably expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have, a Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) the conditions specified in <u>Sections 5.02(a)</u> and (b) have been satisfied as of the Closing Date.

(h) <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower as of the Closing Date attesting to the Solvency of each Loan Party before and after giving effect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

(i) <u>Refinance of Existing Indebtedness</u>. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall have repaid all outstanding Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.03</u>) (the "<u>Existing Indebtedness</u>") excluding unasserted contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations not then due and owing, and terminated all commitments to extend credit with respect to the Existing Indebtedness, and all Liens securing the Existing Indebtedness shall have been released.

(j) <u>KYC; Beneficial Ownership</u>. Upon the reasonable request of any Lender made at least three (3) days prior to the Closing Date, the Borrower shall have provided to such Lender, and such Lender shall be reasonably satisfied with, the documentation and other information so requested in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act, in each case at least three (3) days prior to the Closing Date and (y) at least three (3) days prior to the Closing Date, any Loan Party that qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation shall have

delivered, to each Lender that so requests, a Beneficial Ownership Certification in relation to such Loan Party.

(k) <u>Consents</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent of evidence that all members, boards of directors, governmental, shareholder and material third party consents and approvals necessary in connection with the entering into of this Agreement have been obtained, all applicable waiting periods shall have expired without any action being taken by any authority that could restrain, prevent or impose any material adverse condition on the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries or the transactions contemplated hereby, or that could seek or threaten any of the foregoing, and no Law or regulation shall be applicable which, in the reasonably judgment of the Administrative Agent, could have such effect.

(I) <u>Fees</u>. Receipt by the Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Lenders of any fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date.

(m) <u>Attorney Costs</u>. The Borrower shall have paid all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of outside counsel to the Administrative Agent and Arranger (directly to such counsel if requested by the Administrative Agent and/or the Arranger) 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 the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Arranger).

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the last paragraph of <u>Section 10.03</u>, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this <u>Section 5.01</u>, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

5.02 Conditions to all Credit Extensions.

The obligation of each Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension (other than a Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Type or a continuation of BSBY Rate Loans) is subject to the following conditions precedent:

(a) The representations and warranties of each Loan Party contained in <u>Article VI</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 in all material respects (except to the extent any such representation and warranty is qualified by materiality, in which case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality qualification) 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 in all material respects (except to the extent any such representation and warranty is qualified by materiality, in which case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality qualification) as of such earlier date.

(b) No Default or Event of Default shall exist at the time of or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof.

(c) The Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof (except as otherwise provided in <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> and <u>Section 2.04(c)(i)</u>).

(d) No Foreclosure Event shall have occurred.

Each Request for Credit Extension (other than a Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Loans to the other Type or a continuation of BSBY Rate Loans) submitted by the Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in <u>Sections 5.02(a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE VI

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Loan Parties represent and warrant to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders that:

6.01 Existence, Qualification and Power.

The Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries (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.

6.02 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 (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 (other than a Permitted 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 Law, except in each case referred to in <u>clause (b)</u> and (c), to the extent that such conflict, breach, creation, payment or violation could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.03 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 other than (i) those that have already been obtained and are in full force and effect, (ii) filings to perfect the Liens created by the Collateral Documents, and (iii) such approvals, consents,

exemptions, authorizations, actions, notices or filings that the failure to obtain could not reasonably be in expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.04 Binding Effect.

Each Loan Document, when delivered hereunder, has been duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. Each Loan Document constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Loan Party party thereto, enforceable against such Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms (subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws affecting the enforceability of creditors rights generally and to the effect of general principles of equity which may limit the availability of equitable remedies whether in a proceeding at law or in equity).

6.05 Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect.

(a) The 2020 Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (ii) fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the period covered thereby 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.

(b) The Interim Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (ii) fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the last day of the period covered thereby and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u>, to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments;

(c) The financial statements delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> and (b) have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (except as may otherwise be permitted under <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> and (b)) and present fairly in all material respects (on the basis disclosed in the footnotes to such financial statements) the consolidated and consolidating financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and for the periods covered thereby.

(d) Since the date of the 2020 Financial Statements, there has been no event or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.06 Litigation.

There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, threatened or contemplated, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against the Borrower or any Subsidiary or against any of their properties or revenues that, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.07 No Default.

(a) Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is in default under or with respect to any Contractual Obligation that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) No Default has occurred and is continuing.

6.08 Ownership of Property; Liens.

Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries 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 Permitted Liens and for such defects in title as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries is not subject to any Liens other than Permitted Liens.

6.09 Environmental Compliance.

Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:

(a) Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries is in compliance with Environmental Laws applicable to the facilities and real properties owned, leased or operated by the Borrower or any Subsidiary (the "<u>Facilities</u>") or applicable to the businesses operated by the Borrower or any Subsidiary (the "Businesses"), and there is no current violation of any Environmental Law by the Borrower or any Subsidiary with respect to the Facilities or the Businesses, and, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, there are no present conditions at the Facilities or related to the Businesses that would reasonably be expected to give rise to liability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary under any applicable Environmental Laws.

(b) Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary, nor, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, any other Person, has caused any of the Facilities to contain, or to have previously contained, any Hazardous Materials at, on or under the Facilities in amounts or concentrations that constitute or constituted an unresolved violation by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of, or could reasonably be expected to give rise to liability of the Borrower or any Subsidiary under, Environmental Laws.

(c) Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary has received any written or unequivocal verbal notice of, or written inquiry from any Governmental Authority regarding, any violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability regarding environmental matters or compliance with Environmental Laws with regard to any of the Facilities or the Businesses that is unresolved, nor to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, is any such notice being threatened.

(d) Hazardous Materials have not been transported or disposed of from the Facilities, or generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Facilities or any other location, in each case by or on behalf of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in violation of, or in a manner that would be reasonably likely to give rise to liability under, any applicable Environmental Law.

(e) No judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which the Borrower or any Subsidiary is or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, will be named as a party, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other governmental orders, or other administrative or judicial requirements (outside the ordinary course of compliance with Environmental Law applicable to the Borrower and any Subsidiary) outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Borrower, any Subsidiary, the Facilities or the Businesses.

(f) There has been no release or threat of release of Hazardous Materials at or from the Facilities by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, by any other person, or arising from or related to the operations (including disposal) of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the Facilities or otherwise in connection with the Businesses, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could reasonably be expected to give rise to liability under Environmental Laws.

6.10 Insurance.

The properties of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are insured with insurance companies not Affiliates of the Borrower that the Borrower has reasonably determined are financially sound and reputable, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks as the Borrower has reasonably determined as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the Borrower or the applicable Subsidiary operates. If at any time any owned real property is pledged as collateral hereunder, the Borrower shall and shall cause each appropriate Loan Party to (A) maintain, if available, fully paid flood hazard insurance on all real property that is located in a special flood hazard area and that constitutes collateral hereunder, on such terms and in such amounts as required by The National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, the Federal Flood Disaster Protection Act and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or as otherwise required by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, (B) furnish to the Administrative Agent evidence of the renewal (and payment of renewal premiums therefor) of all such policies prior to the expiration or lapse thereof, and (C) furnish to the Administrative Agent prompt written notice of any re-designation of any such improved real property into or out of a special flood hazard area.

6.11 <u>Taxes</u>.

The Borrower and its Subsidiaries have filed all federal and state income tax returns and reports required to be filed, and have paid all federal and state income 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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is party to any tax sharing agreement.

6.12 ERISA Compliance.

(a) Each Plan is in compliance in all respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code and other federal or state laws, except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Pension Plan that is intended to be a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code has received a favorable determination letter or is subject to a favorable opinion letter from the IRS to the effect that the form of such Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and the trust related thereto has been determined by the IRS to be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by or will timely be submitted to the IRS. To the knowledge of the Loan Parties, nothing has occurred that would reasonably be expected to have an adverse effect on such letter, except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could 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 would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse (C) Effect, (i) no ERISA Event has occurred, and no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate is aware of any fact, event or circumstance that would reasonably be expected to constitute or result in an ERISA Event with respect to any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; (ii) as of the most recent valuation date for any Pension Plan, the funding target attainment percentage (as defined in Section 430(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code) is 60% or higher and no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate knows of any facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause the funding target attainment percentage for any such plan to drop below 60% as of the most recent valuation date; (iii) no Loan Party nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability to the PBGC other than for the payment of premiums, and there are no premium payments which have become due that are unpaid; (iv) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that is subject to Section 4069 or Section 4212(c) of ERISA; and (v) no Pension Plan has been terminated by the plan administrator thereof nor by the PBGC, and no event or circumstance has occurred or exists that could reasonably be expected to cause the PBGC to institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate any Pension Plan.

(d) Neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate maintains or contributes to, or has any unsatisfied obligation to contribute to, or liability under, any active or terminated Pension Plan other than (i) on the Closing Date, those listed on <u>Schedule 6.12</u> hereto and (ii) thereafter, Pension Plans not otherwise prohibited by this Agreement.

(e) The Borrower represents and warrants that the Borrower is not and will not be using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to the Borrower's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments or this Agreement.

6.13 Subsidiaries; Equity Interests; Loan Parties.

As of the Closing Date, the Borrower has no Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed on <u>Schedule 6.13</u>, and all of the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by a Loan Party in the amounts specified on <u>Schedule 6.13</u> free and clear of all Liens except those created under the Collateral Documents. As of the Closing Date, no Loan Party has any equity investments in any other corporation or entity other than those specifically disclosed on <u>Schedule 6.13</u>. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in the Borrower have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by Ciner Resources LP and NRP Trona LLC in the amounts specified on <u>Schedule 6.13</u> free and clear of all Liens except those created under the Collateral Documents. Set forth on <u>Schedule 6.13</u> is a complete and accurate list of all Loan Parties, showing as of the Closing Date (as to each Loan Party) the jurisdiction of its incorporation, the address of its principal place of business and its U.S. taxpayer identification number or, in the case of any non-U.S. Loan Party that does not have a U.S. taxpayer identification number, its unique identification number issued to it by the jurisdiction of its incorporation. The copy of the charter of each Loan Party and each amendment thereto provided pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(c)</u> is a true and correct copy of each such document, each of which is valid and in full force and effect.

6.14 Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act.

(a) The proceeds of all Credit Extensions have been used for the purposes set forth in <u>Section 7.11</u>.

(b) The Borrower is not engaged and will not 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. Following the application of the proceeds of each Borrowing or drawing under each Letter of Credit, not more than 25% of the value of the assets (either of the Borrower only or of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis) subject to the provisions of <u>Section 8.05</u> or subject to any restriction contained in any agreement or instrument between the Borrower and any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender relating to Indebtedness and within the scope of <u>Section 9.01(e)</u> will be margin stock.

(c) None of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

6.15 Disclosure.

No written report, financial statement, certificate or other information (other than projections, pro forma financial information and information of a general economic or industry nature) (taken as a whole) furnished (in writing) by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and the negotiation of this Agreement or delivered hereunder or under any other Loan Document (in each case, as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished) contains any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein (taken as a whole), in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; provided that, it is understood and agreed that for purposes of this Section 6.15, such reports, statements, certificates and information shall not include projections, pro forma financial information or any information of a general economic or industry nature. With respect to projected financial information, pro forma financial information and information of a general economic or industry nature, the Loan Parties represent only that such information was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions believed to be reasonable at the time delivered or furnished to the Administrative Agent or the Arranger, it being understood and recognized by the Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer, Swing Line Lender and the Lenders, that projections as to future events are not to be viewed as facts and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such projections may differ from the projected results.

6.16 Compliance with Laws.

Each of the Borrower and each Subsidiary is in compliance 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 could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.17 Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc.

Except to the extent it would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the 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 (collectively, "<u>IP Rights</u>") that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as currently conducted. Set forth on <u>Schedule 6.17</u> is a list of (i) all IP Rights registered or pending registration with the United States Copyright Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office that as of the Closing Date a Loan Party owns and (ii) all material licenses under which a Borrower or any Subsidiary has been granted exclusive rights by a third party to IP Rights registered with the United States

Copyright Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office as of the Closing Date (excluding licenses for off-the-shelf software). Except for such claims and infringements that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no claim has been asserted and is pending by any Person before any court or Governmental Authority challenging or questioning the use of any IP Rights by the Borrower or any Subsidiary or the validity or effectiveness of any IP Rights owned by a Borrower or any Subsidiary, and, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, the use of any IP Rights by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, the granting of a right or a license in respect of any IP Rights from the Borrower or any Subsidiary does not infringe on any rights of any other Person. As of the Closing Date, none of the IP Rights owned by any Loan Party is subject to any exclusive licensing agreement or similar arrangement except as set forth on <u>Schedule 6.17</u>.

6.18 Solvency.

The Loan Parties (a) are Solvent on a consolidated basis and (b) do not intend, in any transaction contemplated by any Loan Document, to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors or any other person to which such Person is or will become, through such transaction, indebted.

6.19 Business Locations; Taxpayer Identification Number.

Set forth on <u>Schedule 6.19-1</u> is a list of all real property located in the United States that is owned or leased by any Loan Party as of the Closing Date (identifying whether such real property is owned or leased and which Loan Party owns or leases such real property). Set forth on <u>Schedule 6.19-2</u> is the chief executive office, U.S. tax payer identification number and organizational identification number of each Loan Party as of the Closing Date. The exact legal name and state of organization of each Loan Party as of the Closing Date is as set forth on the signature pages hereto. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 6.19-3</u>, as of the Closing Date, no Loan Party has during the five (5) years preceding the Closing Date (i) changed its legal name, (ii) changed its state of formation, or (iii) been party to a merger, consolidation or other change in structure.

6.20 OFAC.

Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary, nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative thereof, is an individual or entity that is, or is owned or controlled by one or more individuals or entities that are (i) currently the subject or target of any Sanctions, (ii) included on OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals or HMT's Consolidated List of Financial Sanctions Targets, or any similar list enforced by any other relevant sanctions authority or (iii) located, organized or resident in a Designated Jurisdiction. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries have conducted their businesses in compliance with all applicable Sanctions and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such Sanctions.

6.21 Patriot Act; Anti-Corruption Laws.

(a) Each Loan Party is in compliance, in all material respects, with (i) the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and each of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) and any other enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto, and (ii) the Uniting And Strengthening America By Providing Appropriate Tools Required To Intercept And Obstruct Terrorism (USA Patriot Act of 2001) (the "<u>Patriot Act</u>"). No part of the proceeds of the Loans will be used, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to

obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

(b) The Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries have conducted their businesses in compliance with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, and other similar anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions to the extent applicable based on the Loan Parties' and their Subsidiaries' business and international activities (if any), and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws.

6.22 Anti-Money Laundering Laws.

None of the Loan Parties (a) is under investigation by any Governmental Authority for, or has been charged with, or convicted of, money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes under any applicable Law (collectively, "<u>Anti-Money Laundering Laws</u>"), (b) has been assessed civil penalties under any Anti-Money Laundering Laws or (c) has had any of its funds seized or forfeited in an action under any Anti-Money Laundering Laws. Each Loan Party has taken reasonable measures appropriate to the circumstances (in any event as required by applicable Law), to ensure that such Loan Party and its Subsidiaries each is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable current and future Anti-Money Laundering Laws.

6.23 EEA Financial Institution.

No Loan Party is an EEA Financial Institution.

6.24 Covered Entities.

No Loan Party is a Covered Entity.

6.25 Beneficial Ownership Certification.

The information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification, if applicable, is true and correct in all respects.

6.26 Perfection of Security Interests in the Collateral.

At all times, and except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, the Collateral Documents providing for the grant of security interests or Liens upon personal property of the Loan Parties create in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the holders of the Obligations valid security interests in, and Liens on, the Collateral purported to be covered thereby, which security interests and Liens are perfected security interests and Liens, prior to all other Liens other than Permitted Liens (or, upon (i) the filing of appropriate UCC financing statements in the applicable financing offices and payment of applicable filing fees, and (ii) the taking possession or control by the Administrative Agent of Collateral with respect to which a security interest may be perfected only by possession or control).

ARTICLE VII

AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Revolving Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount), the Loan Parties shall and shall cause each Subsidiary to:

7.01 Financial Statements.

Deliver to the Administrative Agent for further prompt distribution to each Lender, in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(a) as soon as available, but in any event within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, a consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, changes in 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, and in the case of such consolidated statements audited and accompanied by a report and opinion of Deloitte & Touche LLP or another independent certified public accountant of nationally recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like gualification or exception or any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit (provided, for the avoidance of doubt, audited financial statements delivered pursuant to this Section 7.01(a) shall not be deemed to be qualified solely because of the inclusion of an "emphasis of matter" statement, explanatory note or like qualificiation or exception resulting solely from a potential or actual event of default with respect to the Existing WE Soda Facility or other debt or obligation of an indirect parent of the Borrower), and in the case of such consolidating statements certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of the Borrower (or its general partner) to the effect that such statements are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries;

(b) as soon as available, but in any event within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal guarter ending March 31, 2021, a consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal quarter, the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations for such fiscal guarter and for the portion of the Borrower's fiscal year then ended, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the portion of the Borrower's fiscal year then ended, in each case setting forth in comparative form, as applicable, 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 and in the case of such consolidated statements certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of the Borrower (or its general partner) as fairly presenting in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes, and in the case of such consolidating statements certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of the Borrower (or its general

partner) to the effect that such statements are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; and

(c) as soon as available, but in any event within thirty (30) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, forecasts prepared by management of the Borrower, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of consolidated balance sheets and statements of income or operations and cash flows of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a quarterly basis for the immediately following fiscal year (including the fiscal year in which the Maturity Date occurs).

As to any information contained in materials furnished pursuant to <u>Section 7.02(c)</u>, the Borrower shall not be separately required to furnish such information under <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or <u>7.01(b)</u>, but the foregoing shall not be in derogation of the obligation of the Borrower to furnish the information and materials described in <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or <u>7.01(b)</u> at the times specified therein.

7.02 Certificates; Other Information.

Deliver to the Administrative Agent for further distribution to each Lender, in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in <u>Sections 7.01(a)</u> and (b), a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of the Borrower (or its general partner) (which delivery may, unless the Administrative Agent requests executed originals, be by electronic communication including fax or email and shall be deemed to be an original authentic counterpart thereof for all purposes);

(b) promptly after the same are available, copies of each annual report, proxy or financial statement or other material report or communication (to the extent the same would be required to be delivered to stockholders of a public corporation pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, assuming that such Loan Party were a public corporation for purposes of determining this disclosure standard) sent to the equityholders of the Borrower, and copies of all annual, regular, periodic and special reports and registration statements which the Borrower or any Subsidiary may file or be required to file with the SEC under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and not otherwise required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant hereto;

(c) promptly after any request by the Administrative Agent, copies of any detailed audit reports, management letters or recommendations (in each case to the extent not clientattorney privileged communication) submitted to the board of directors (or the audit committee of the board of directors) of the Borrower by independent accountants in connection with the accounts or books of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any audit of any of them;

(d) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days after receipt thereof by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, copies of each notice or other correspondence received from the SEC (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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(e) promptly following any request therefor, information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with

applicable "know your customer" and anti-money-laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act;

(f) to the extent any Loan Party qualifies as a "legal entity customer" under the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, an updated Beneficial Ownership Certification promptly following any change in the information provided in the Beneficial Ownership Certification delivered to any Lender in relation to such Loan Party that would result in a change to the list of beneficial owners identified in such certification;

(g) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Business Days following the making of any Restricted Payment by the Borrower (other than any Permitted Tax Distribution) or the consummation of any Permitted Acquisition by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, written notice of such Restricted Payment or Permitted Acquisition as the case may be; and

(h) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial or corporate affairs of the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Administrative Agent or any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> or <u>7.01(b)</u> or <u>Section 7.02(b)</u> (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which the Borrower posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on the Borrower's website on the Internet at the website address listed on <u>Schedule 11.02</u>; or (ii) on which such documents are posted on the Borrower's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent); provided that: the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent (by facsimile or electronic mail) (who will notify each Lender) of the posting of any such documents. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery of or to maintain paper copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by the Borrower with any such request by a Lender for delivery, and each Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

The Borrower hereby acknowledges that (a) the Administrative Agent and/or the Arranger may. but shall not be obligated to, make available to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Borrower hereunder (collectively, "Borrower Materials") by posting the Borrower Materials on Debt Domain, IntraLinks, Syndtrak or another similar electronic system (the "Platform") and (b) certain of the Lenders (each a "Public Lender") may have personnel who do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its Affiliates, or the respective securities of any of the foregoing, and who may be engaged in investment and other market-related activities with respect to such Persons' securities. The 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," the Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information with respect to the 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 11.07); (y) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Side Information;" and (z) the Administrative Agent and the Arranger 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 Side Information". Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall be under no obligation to mark any Borrower Materials "PUBLIC."

7.03 Notices.

Promptly notify the Administrative Agent and each Lender of:

(a) the occurrence of any Default (provided that if such Default is subsequently cured within the time periods set forth herein, the failure to provide notice of such Default shall not itself result in an Event of Default hereunder).

(b) any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the occurrence of any ERISA Event that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) any material change in accounting policies or financial reporting practices by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, including any determination by the Borrower referred to in <u>Section</u> 2.10(b).

Each notice pursuant to this <u>Section 7.03</u> shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to <u>Section 7.03(a)</u> shall describe with reasonable particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

7.04 Payment of Taxes.

Pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable all material 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 the Borrower or such Subsidiary.

7.05 Preservation of Existence, Etc.

(a) In the case of Borrower and any Material Subsidiary, preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by <u>Section 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u>.

(b) In the case of Borrower and any Material Subsidiary, preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by <u>Section 8.04</u> or <u>8.05</u>.

(c) In the case of Borrower and any Material Subsidiary, 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 the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) In the case of Borrower and any Material Subsidiary, preserve or renew all of its IP Rights, the non-preservation or non-renewal of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

7.06 Maintenance of Properties.

(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.

(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.

7.07 Maintenance of Insurance.

(a) Maintain with insurance companies not Affiliates of the Borrower that the Borrower reasonably determines are financially sound and reputable, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage as the Borrower reasonably determines to be of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business and owning similar properties in locations where the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries operates, of such types, with such deductibles and in such amounts as the Borrower reasonably determines are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons.

(b) Cause the Administrative Agent and its successors and/or assigns to be named as lender's loss payee as its interest may appear, and/or additional insured with respect to any such insurance providing liability coverage or coverage in respect of any Collateral, and cause each provider of any such insurance to agree, by endorsement upon the policy or policies issued by it or by independent instruments furnished to the Administrative Agent, that it will give the Administrative Agent thirty (30) days (or such lesser amount as the Administrative Agent may agree) prior written notice before any such policy or policies shall be canceled.

7.08 Compliance with Laws.

Comply with the requirements of all Laws (including Environmental 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, writ, 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.

7.09 Books and Records.

(a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which full, true and correct entries in material conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be.

(b) Maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be.

7.10 Inspection Rights.

Permit representatives and independent contractors of the Administrative Agent, and the representatives of any Lender accompanying the representatives and/or independent contractors of the Administrative Agent, to visit and inspect any of its properties, to examine its corporate, financial and operating records, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and, so long as a Responsible Officer of the Borrower (who shall make himself or herself promptly available upon request) is present, to discuss its affairs, finances and accounts with its directors, officers, and independent public accountants, all at the expense of the Borrower and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to the Borrower; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that when an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing the Administrative Agent (or any of its respective representatives or independent contractors), and the representatives of any Lender accompanying the representatives and/or independent contractors of the Administrative Agent, may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice; and <u>provided</u>, further, that notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, such visits and inspections shall not occur more than once per calendar year.

7.11 Use of Proceeds.

Use the proceeds of the Credit Extensions to (a) refinance the Existing Indebtedness (including continuation of the Existing Letters of Credit) and (b) for working capital, capital expenditures, Permitted Acquisitions and other lawful corporate, limited liability company purposes, <u>provided</u> that in no event shall the proceeds of the Credit Extensions be used in contravention of any Law or of any Loan Document.

7.12 Additional Guarantors.

Within forty-five (45) days (or such later date as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) after any Person becomes a Domestic Subsidiary (other than any Excluded Subsidiary), cause such Person to (a) become a Guarantor by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent a Guarantor Joinder Agreement and (b) deliver to the Administrative Agent such Organization Documents, customary resolutions and customary opinions of counsel (which shall cover, among other things, the legality, validity, binding effect and enforceability of the documentation referred to in <u>clause (a)</u>), all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

7.13 Anti-Corruption Laws.

Conduct its business in compliance in all material respects with the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010 and other applicable anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions and with all applicable Sanctions, and maintain policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance with such laws and Sanctions.

7.14 Pledged Assets.

(a) Equity Interests. Within forty-five (45) days (or such later date as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) after any Person becomes a Subsidiary of any Loan Party, cause (i) 100% of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each Domestic Subsidiary of any Loan Party and (ii) 66% of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests in each Subsidiary of a Loan Party that is (x) a "controlled foreign corporation" under Section 957 of the Internal Revenue Code (each, a "<u>First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary</u>") or (y) a disregarded entity substantially all of the assets of which consist (directly or indirectly through one or more other disregarded entities) of Equity Interests of one or more Subsidiaries of a Loan Party that are "controlled foreign corporations" under Section 957 of the Internal Revenue Code to be subject at

all times to a first priority, perfected Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent to secure the Obligations pursuant to the Collateral Documents, and, in connection with the foregoing, deliver to the Administrative Agent such other customary documentation as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request including, any filings and deliveries to perfect such Liens and customary opinions of counsel all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the outstanding Equity Interests of (1) any Foreign Subsidiary that is not a First-Tier Foreign Subsidiary or (2) any Domestic Subsidiary of a Foreign Subsidiary that is a "controlled foreign corporation" (owned either directly or indirectly through one or more entities that are disregarded entities or partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes) shall be subject to this <u>Section 7.14(a)</u> or otherwise constitute Collateral.

(b) <u>Personal Property</u>. Within forty-five (45) days (or such later date as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) of the acquisition by any Loan Party of any personal property (other than Excluded Property and Equity Interests), cause all such personal property (other than Excluded Property and Equity Interests) of each Loan Party to be subject at all times to first priority, perfected Liens (subject to Permitted Liens) in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders in order to secure the Obligations and, in connection with the foregoing, deliver to the Administrative Agent such other documentation as the Administrative Agent may request including filings and deliveries necessary to perfect such Liens, Organization Documents, resolutions, landlord's waivers and customary opinions of counsel to such Person, all in form, content and scope reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Loan Party shall be required to enter into deposit account or securities account control agreements.

Further Assurances. Promptly upon request by the Administrative Agent, or any (c) Lender through the Administrative Agent, (a) correct any material defect or error that may be discovered in any Loan Document or in the execution, acknowledgment, filing or recordation thereof, and (b) do, execute, acknowledge, deliver, record, re-record, file, re-file, register and reregister any and all such further acts, deeds, certificates, assurances and other instruments as the Administrative Agent, or any Lender through the Administrative Agent, may reasonably require from time to time in order to (i) carry out more effectively the purposes of the Loan Documents, (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, subject any Loan Party's or any of its Subsidiaries' properties, assets, rights or interests to the Liens now or hereafter intended to be covered by any of the Collateral Documents, (iii) perfect and maintain the validity, effectiveness and priority of any of the Collateral Documents and any of the Liens intended to be created thereunder and (iv) assure, convey, grant, assign, transfer, preserve, protect and confirm more effectively unto the Secured Parties the rights granted or now or hereafter intended to be granted to the Secured Parties under any Loan Document or under any other instrument executed in connection with any Loan Document to which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is or is to be a party, and cause each of its Subsidiaries to do so.

7.15 Post-Closing Matters.

To the extent not delivered to the Administrative Agent on the Closing Date, not later than thirty (30) days following the Closing Date (or such later date as agreed by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion), deliver to the Administrative Agent the property insurance certificate and insurance endorsements required by <u>Section 7.07(b)</u>, in each case, as reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE VIII

NEGATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Lender shall have any Revolving Commitment hereunder, any Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount), no Loan Party shall, nor shall it permit any Subsidiary to:

8.01 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:

Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;

(b) Liens existing on the Closing Date and listed on <u>Schedule 8.01</u> and any renewals or extensions thereof, <u>provided</u> that the property covered thereby is not increased;

(c) Liens (other than Liens imposed under ERISA) for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by reasonable and appropriate responses and/or proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person in accordance with GAAP;

(d) Liens of landlords, carriers, warehousemen, mechanics, materialmen and repairmen and other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business, <u>provided</u> that such Liens secure only amounts not overdue for more than thirty (30) days or, if overdue for more than thirty (30) days, are being contested in good faith by reasonable and appropriate responses and/or proceedings diligently conducted for which adequate reserves determined in accordance with GAAP have been established;

 (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, revenue 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, do not 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 (or appeal or other surety bonds relating to such judgments) not constituting an Event of Default under <u>Section 9.01(h)</u>;

(i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.03(e)</u> or (n); provided that
 (i) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (ii) such Liens attach to such property concurrently with or within ninety (90) days after the acquisition thereof;

(j) leases or subleases granted to others not interfering in any material respect with the business of the Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(k) any interest of title of a lessor under, and Liens arising from UCC financing statements (or equivalent filings, registrations or agreements in foreign jurisdictions) relating to, leases permitted by this Agreement;

(I) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under <u>Section 8.02;</u>

 (m) bankers' liens and normal and customary rights of setoff upon deposits of cash in favor of banks or other depository institutions;

(n) Liens of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code on items in the course of collection;

(o) Liens arising on any real property as a result of any eminent domain, condemnation or similar proceeding being commenced with respect to such real property;

(p) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.03(g)</u>;

(q) Liens of sellers of goods to the Borrowers and any of their Subsidiaries arising under Article 2 of the UCC or similar provisions of applicable law in the ordinary course of business, covering only the goods sold and securing only the unpaid purchase price for such goods and related expenses;

Liens securing Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.03(k)</u>;

(s) licenses and sublicenses of intellectual property granted in the ordinary course of business;

(t) [reserved];

(u) Liens securing Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements; and

(v) other Liens of a nature not contemplated in the foregoing clauses securing Indebtedness in an amount not to exceed, with respect to the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, \$1,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 8.01</u> or in any other Loan Document, in no event shall the Loan Parties create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any mineral right or mining reserve owned or held by any of the Loan Parties, whether owned or leased by virtue of deed, contract or otherwise, other than a Lien permitted under <u>clause (c), (d), (g), (o)</u> or (v) of this <u>Section 8.01</u>.

8.02 Investments.

Make any Investments, except:

(a) Investments in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents;

(b) Investments outstanding on the Closing Date and set forth in <u>Schedule 8.02</u> and any renewals, refinancing, amendments, replacements or extensions thereof that do not increase the amount thereof;

(c) (i) Investments in any Person that is a Loan Party prior to giving effect to such Investment and (ii) Investments by a Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party in any Person that is not a Loan Party, provided that the aggregate amount of all such Investments does not exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate during the term of this Agreement;

(d) Investments by any Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party in any other Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party;

(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) Guarantees permitted by <u>Section 8.03;</u>
- (g) Permitted Acquisitions;

 (h) lease, utility and similar deposits made in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including investments consisting of pledges and deposits permitted under <u>Section 8.01(f);</u>

(i) contingent obligations with respect to any Swap Contract or hedging agreements otherwise permitted by this Agreement;

(j) Ioans or advances to customers of the Borrower or any Subsidiary in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$250,000 at any one time outstanding;

(k) loans or advances to employees, officers and directors for business, travel and entertainment expenses in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(I) prepaid expenses in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(m) the creation of new Subsidiaries so long as the formation of such Subsidiary has complied with the requirements of <u>Sections 7.12</u> or will comply therewithin prior to the deadlines provided therein;

(n) Investments received in connection with the bankruptcy or reorganization of suppliers or customers or other Persons and in settlement of delinquent obligation of, and disputes with, any such supplier, customer or other Person or upon foreclosure with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to such secured Investment;

(o) Investments of a Subsidiary acquired after the Closing Date to the extent that such Investments were made prior to, and not made in contemplation or in connection with, such acquisition, merger or consolidation;

(p) Investments constituting non-cash proceeds of sales, transfers and other dispositions of assets to the extent permitted under <u>Section 8.05;</u>

- (q) [reserved];
- Indebtedness and Guarantees to the extent permitted under <u>Section 8.01</u>; and

(s) Investments of a nature not contemplated in the foregoing clauses in an amount not to exceed with respect to the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, \$5,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding.

8.03 Indebtedness.

Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;

(b) Indebtedness outstanding on the Closing Date and set forth in <u>Schedule 8.03</u> and any renewals, refinancings, amendments, replacements and extensions thereof; <u>provided</u> that (i) the amount of such Indebtedness is not increased at the time of such refinancing 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 or extension and by an amount equal to any existing commitments unutilized thereunder and (ii) the material terms taken as a whole of such refinancing or extension are not materially less favorable in any material respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or the Lenders than the terms of the Indebtedness being refinanced or extended;

(c) Intercompany Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 8.02</u>; provided that in the case of Indebtedness owing by a Loan Party to a Foreign Subsidiary (i) such Indebtedness shall be subordinated prior to the Obligations in a manner and to an extent reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and (ii) such Indebtedness shall not be prepaid unless no Default exists immediately prior to or after giving effect to such prepayment;

(d) obligations (contingent or otherwise) existing or arising under any Swap Contract, <u>provided</u> 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) purchase money Indebtedness hereafter incurred to finance the purchase of fixed assets, and obligations in respect of capital leases and Synthetic Lease Obligations, and renewals, replacements, amendments, refinancings and extensions of the foregoing, <u>provided</u> that (i) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$50,000,000 at

any one time outstanding; and (ii) such Indebtedness when incurred shall not exceed the purchase price of the asset(s) financed;

(f) Guarantees with respect to Indebtedness permitted under <u>clauses (a)</u> through <u>(e)</u> this <u>Section 8.03;</u> and

(g) Indebtedness in respect of worker's compensation claims, self-insurance obligations, bankers' acceptances and bid, performance bonds, revenue bonds, stay bonds, customs bonds, bid bonds, appeal bonds, surety bonds and similar obligations and trade-related letters of credit and performance and completion guarantees issued for the account of any Loan Party, in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(h) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business;

(i) Indebtedness arising in connection with the endorsement of instruments for deposit in the ordinary course of business;

(j) Indebtedness in the form of obligations under indemnification, purchase price adjustments, incentive, non-compete, consulting, deferred compensation, earn-out and similar obligations incurred in connection with any Permitted Acquisition;

(k) other Indebtedness of a nature not contemplated in the foregoing clauses in a principal amount not to exceed, with respect to the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, \$1,000,000 in the aggregate at any time outstanding;

(I) Indebtedness representing deferred compensation to employees of the Borrower or any Subsidiary;

(m) [reserved]; and

(n) term loan Indebtedness provided by Banc of America Leasing & Capital LLC related to the Specified Capital Expansion; <u>provided</u>, that (i) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all such Indebtedness shall not exceed \$225,000,000 at any one time outstanding, (ii) such Indebtedness when incurred shall not exceed the purchase price of the asset(s) financed, (iii) if such term loan is secured, and upon the request of the Administrative Agent, the lenders providing such term loan (or their agent or representative) shall have entered into an intercreditor agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (iv) on the date of the incurrence thereof, the Loan Parties would be in compliance with the financial covenants set forth in <u>Section 8.11</u> on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such Indebtedness, (v) no Default or Event of Default then exists or would result therefrom and (vi) the terms of such Indebtedness are reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

8.04 Fundamental Changes.

Merge, dissolve, liquidate or consolidate with or into another Person, except that so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (a) the Borrower may merge or consolidate with any of its Subsidiaries provided that the Borrower is the continuing or surviving Person, (b) any Subsidiary may merge or consolidate with any other Subsidiary provided that if a Loan Party is a party to such transaction, the continuing or surviving Person is a Loan Party, (c) subject to <u>clause (a)</u> and

(b) above, the Borrower or any Subsidiary may merge with any other Person in connection with a Permitted Acquisition or a Disposition permitted hereunder, (d) any Subsidiary may dissolve, liquidate or wind up its affairs at any time provided that such dissolution, liquidation or winding up, as applicable, could not have a Material Adverse Effect, and (e) any Subsidiary may Dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (whether as a contribution to capital, dividend, upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to the Borrower or to a Subsidiary; provided that if the transferor in such a transaction is a Loan Party, then the transferee must either be the Borrower or another Loan Party unless the transaction is otherwise permitted under <u>Section 8.05</u>.

8.05 Dispositions.

Make any Disposition unless (a) the consideration paid in connection therewith shall be not less than 75% cash or Cash Equivalents (it being understood that for the purposes of this clause (a), the following shall be deemed to be cash: (A) any liabilities (as shown on the Borrower's or such Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet provided hereunder or in the footnotes thereto) of the Borrower or such Subsidiary that are directly or indirectly assumed by the transferee with respect to the applicable disposition and for which all of the applicable Loan Parties shall have been validly released by all applicable creditors in writing, and (B) any securities received by such Loan Party from such transferee that are promptly (in any event, within ninety (90) days) converted by such Loan Party into cash or Cash Equivalents (to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received)) and shall be in an amount not less than the fair market value of the property disposed of, (b) such transaction does not involve the sale or other disposition of a minority equity interest in any Subsidiary, (c) such transaction does not involve a sale or other disposition of receivables other than receivables owned by or attributable to other property concurrently being disposed of in a transaction otherwise permitted under this Section 8.05, and (d) the aggregate net book value of all of the assets disposed of by the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries in all such transactions in any fiscal year of the Borrower shall not exceed \$2,500,000. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent described therein, the transactions in clauses (a) through (I) of the definition of "Disposition" are not restricted or limited by this Section 8.05.

8.06 Restricted Payments.

Make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, or incur any obligation (including contingent obligations to the extent the satisfaction of the contingencies is solely under the control of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) to do so, except that:

(a) each Loan Party may declare and make Restricted Payments to any other Loan Party, and each Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party may declare and make Restricted Payments to any other Subsidiary that is not a Loan Party;

(b) the Borrower and each Subsidiary may declare and make dividend payments or other Restricted Payments payable solely in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of such Person;

(c) the Borrower and any Subsidiary may make cash dividends, distributions or other Restricted Payments to Persons that own Equity Interests therein, ratably according to their respective holdings of the type of Equity Interests in which such Restricting Payment is being made; <u>provided</u>, that, for the purpose of this <u>clause</u> (c) with respect to Restricted Payments by the Borrower (x) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time such dividend, distribution or other Restricted Payment is declared or paid, (y) the Consolidated Leverage Ratio would be less than 3.25:1.0 on a Pro Forma Basis after giving effect to such

Restricted Payment, and (z) the Loan Parties shall be in compliance at such time on a Pro Forma Basis with the financial covenant set forth in <u>Section 8.11(b)</u>; and

(d) the Borrower may make Permitted Tax Distributions.

8.07 Change in Nature of Business.

Engage in any material line of business substantially different from those lines of business conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on the Closing Date or any business reasonably related or ancillary thereto.

8.08 Transactions with Affiliates.

Enter into or permit to exist any transaction or series of transactions with any Affiliate of such Person other than (a) advances of working capital to any Loan Party, (b) transfers of cash and assets to any Loan Party, (c) transactions between or among the Borrower and any of its Subsidiaries (or between any such Subsidiaries) expressly permitted by <u>Section 8.02</u>, <u>Section 8.03</u>, <u>Section 8.04</u>, <u>Section 8.05</u> or <u>Section 8.06</u>, (d) transaction (i) among Loan Parties or (ii) among Subsidiaries of the Borrower that are not Loan Parties, (e) normal and reasonable compensation and reimbursement of expenses and indemnification arrangements and benefit plans for current or former officers and directors (or persons in similar positions), (f) the issuance of Equity Interests by the Borrower to its equityholders, (g) the making of capital contributions by Enterprises or any of its Affiliates to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (h) the transfer of employees to the Borrower, (i) the license of trade or business names or marks in the ordinary course of business to or from the Borrower or any Subsidiary thereof or to any Affiliate thereof, and (j) except as otherwise specifically limited in this Agreement, other transactions which are on terms and conditions substantially as favorable to such Person as would be obtainable by it in a comparable arms-length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate.

8.09 Burdensome Agreements.

Except as set forth in the Organization Documents of the Borrower as of the Closing Date (with such amendments, modifications or changes thereto that are not materially adverse to the Lenders), enter into, or permit to exist, any Contractual Obligation that (a) encumbers or restricts the ability of any such Person to (i) make Restricted Payments to any Loan Party, (ii) pay any Indebtedness or other obligation owed to any Loan Party, (iii) make loans or advances to any Loan Party, (iv) transfer any of its property to any Loan Party, (v) pledge its property pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof or (vi) act as a Loan Party pursuant to the Loan Documents or any renewals, refinancings, exchanges, refundings or extension thereof, except (in respect of any of the matters referred to in clauses (i)-(v) above) for (1) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (2) any document or instrument governing Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 8.03(b), (d) and (e), provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets constructed or acquired in connection therewith, (3) any Permitted Lien or any document or instrument governing any Permitted Lien, provided that any such restriction contained therein relates only to the asset or assets subject to such Permitted Lien, (4) customary restrictions and conditions contained in any agreement relating to the sale of any property permitted under Section 8.05 pending the consummation of such sale. (5) encumbrances or restrictions that are customary restrictions on leases, sublicenses, licenses or asset sale agreements otherwise permitted under this Agreement or (6) encumbrances or restrictions that are customary provisions restricting the assignment of any agreement entered into in the ordinary course of business.

8.10 Use of Proceeds.

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.

8.11 Financial Covenants.

(a) <u>Consolidated Leverage Ratio</u>. Permit the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2021, to be greater than 3.25:1.0; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, during the Specified Capital Expansion Holiday, the Loan Parties shall not permit the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of the end of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower to be greater than 3.75:1.00.

(b) <u>Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio</u>. Permit the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio as of the end of any fiscal quarter of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2021, to be less than 3.00:1.00.

8.12 <u>Organization Documents; Fiscal Year; Changes in Accounting Policy; Legal Name, State</u> of Formation and Form of Entity.

(a) Amend, modify or change its Organization Documents in a manner materially adverse to the Lenders, other than amendments, modifications or changes in connection with capital contributions or the authorization or issuance of Equity Interests (other than any Disqualified Equity Interests).

(b) Change its fiscal year.

(c) Make any change in accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by GAAP or applicable Law.

(d) In the case of any Loan Party, without providing ten (10) days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (or such lesser period as the Administrative Agent may agree), change such Loan Party's name, state of formation or form of organization.

8.13 Ownership of Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary, (a) permit any Person (other than the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary) to own any Equity Interests of any Subsidiary, except to qualify directors where required by applicable Law or to satisfy other requirements of applicable Law with respect to the ownership of Equity Interests of Foreign Subsidiaries, or (b) permit any Subsidiary to issue or have outstanding any shares of Disqualified Equity Interests, except, in each case, to the extent set forth on Schedule 6.13.

8.14 Sale Leasebacks and Securitization Transactions.

Enter into any Sale and Leaseback Transaction or Securitization Transaction.

8.15 Sanctions.

Directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Credit Extension or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary, joint venture partner or other individual or entity, to fund

any activities of or business with any individual or entity, or in any Designated Jurisdiction, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions, or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any individual or entity (including any individual or entity participating in the transaction, whether as Lender, Arranger, Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer, Swing Line Lender or otherwise) of Sanctions.

8.16 Anti-Corruption Laws.

Directly or indirectly use any Credit Extension or the proceeds of any Credit Extension for any purpose which would breach the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010 or other similar anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions.

ARTICLE IX

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

9.01 Events of Default.

Any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:

(a) <u>Non-Payment</u>. Any 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 (3) Business 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 (5) Business Days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document; or

(b) Specific Covenants.

 Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of <u>Section 7.01</u> or <u>7.02</u> and such failure continues for five (5) Business Days; or

(ii) Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of <u>Section 7.03(a)</u>, <u>7.05(a)</u>, <u>7.07, 7.10</u>, <u>7.11</u>, <u>7.14</u> or <u>Article VIII</u> of this Agreement; or

(c) <u>Other Defaults</u>. Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in <u>clause (a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for thirty (30) days after the earlier of (i) the date on which a Responsible Officer of any Loan Party becomes aware of such failure or (ii) written notice thereof shall have been given to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent; or

(d) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Any representation, warranty, certification or statement of fact made or deemed made by or on behalf of any 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) The Borrower or any Material Subsidiary fails to make any payment when due beyond the applicable grace or cure period (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness; (ii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any Material Indebtedness 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 Material Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Material Indebtedness to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise) prior to its stated maturity, or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Material Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity; or (iii) 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 the 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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, the Swap Termination Value owed by the Borrower or such Subsidiary as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount; or

(f) Insolvency Proceedings, Etc. The Borrower or any Material Subsidiary 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 sixty (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 sixty (60) calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or

(g) <u>Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment</u>. (i) The Borrower or any Material Subsidiary becomes unable or publicly 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 substantially all of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within sixty (60) days after its issue or levy; or

(h) Judgments. There is entered against the Borrower or any Material 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 has been notified of the claim and does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have 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 fifteen (15) 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 would reasonably be expected to result in liability of one or more Loan Parties under Title IV of ERISA to the Pension Plan, Multiemployer Plan or the PBGC in an aggregate amount in excess of the Threshold Amount, or (ii) one or more Loan Parties 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>. Any provision of any Loan Document, 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 (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount), ceases to be in full force and effect or ceases to give the Administrative Agent any of the Liens purported to be created thereby on a material portion of the Collateral; or any Loan Party contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any provision of any Loan Document or the Liens purported to be created thereby; or any Loan Party denies that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document, revokes, terminates or rescinds, or purports to do so in writing available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or any of their Related Parties, any Loan Document; or

- (k) Change of Control. There occurs any Change of Control.
- 9.02 Remedies Upon Event of Default.

If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing,

(a) the Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:

(i) 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;

(ii) 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 the Borrower;

(iii) require that the Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to the Minimum Collateral Amount with respect thereto); and

(iv) 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 or applicable Law or at equity; and

(b) [reserved];

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that upon the occurrence of an actual or deemed entry of an order for relief with respect to the Borrower under Debtor Relief Laws, 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 the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender.

9.03 Application of Funds.

After the exercise of remedies provided for in <u>Section 9.02</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 9.02</u>), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 2.14</u> and <u>2.15</u>, be applied by the Administrative Agent in the following order:

<u>First</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>) payable to the Administrative 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 Letter of Credit Fees) payable to the Lenders and the L/C Issuer (including reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Lenders and the L/C Issuer and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>), ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this <u>clause Second</u> payable to them;

<u>Third</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Letter of Credit Fees and interest on the Loans and L/C Borrowings, ratably among the Lenders and the L/C Issuer in proportion to the respective amounts described in this <u>clause Third</u> payable to them;

<u>Fourth</u>, to (a) payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Loans and L/C Borrowings, (b) payment of Obligations then owing under any Secured Hedge Agreements, (c) payment of Obligations then owing under any Secured Cash Management Agreements and (d) Cash Collateralize that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit, ratably among the Lenders, the L/C Issuer, the Hedge Banks and the Cash Management Banks in proportion to the respective amounts described in this <u>clause Fourth</u> held by them; and

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount) have been paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Law.

Subject to <u>Sections 2.03(c)</u> and <u>2.14</u>, amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to <u>clause Fourth</u> 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.

Excluded Swap Obligations with respect to any Guarantor shall not be paid with amounts received from such Guarantor or such Guarantor's assets, but appropriate adjustments shall be made with respect to payments from other Loan Parties to preserve the allocation to Obligations otherwise set forth above in this Section.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements shall be excluded from the application described above if the Administrative Agent has not received a Secured Party Designation Notice, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be. Each Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank not a party to this Agreement that has given the notice contemplated by the preceding sentence shall, by such notice, be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted the appointment of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of Article X for itself and its Affiliates as if a "Lender" party hereto.

ARTICLE X

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

10.01 Appointment and Authority.

Each of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this <u>Article X</u> are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, and neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

The Administrative Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Lenders (in its capacities as a Lender, Swing Line Lender (if applicable), potential Hedge Banks and potential Cash Management Banks) and the L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative 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, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. In this connection, the Administrative Agent, as "collateral agent" and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 10.05</u> for purposes of holding or enforcing any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of the Administrative Agent, shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this <u>Article X</u> and <u>Article XI</u> (including <u>Section 11.04(c)</u>, 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.

10.02 Rights as a Lender.

The Person serving as the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative 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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

10.03 Exculpatory Provisions.

(a) The Administrative Agent or the Arranger, as applicable, shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent or the Arranger, as applicable, and its Related Parties:

(i) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;

(ii) 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 the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable Law, including for the avoidance of doubt any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and

(iii) shall not have any duty or responsibility to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, to any Lender or the L/C Issuer any credit or other information concerning the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition or creditworthiness of any of the Loan Parties or any of their Affiliates that is communicated to, or in the possession of, the Administrative Agent, Arranger or any of their Related Parties in any capacity, except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent herein.

(b) Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its Related Parties shall be liable for any action taken or not taken by the Administrative Agent under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby (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 the Administrative Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in <u>Sections 11.01</u> and <u>9.02</u>) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment. The Administrative Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until notice describing such Default or Event of Default is given in writing to the Administrative Agent by a Loan Party, a Lender or the L/C Issuer.

(c) Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its Related Parties have any duty or obligation to any Lender or participant or any other Person 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 therein or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, or the creation, perfection or priority of any Lien purported to be created by the Collateral Documents, (v) the value or the sufficiency of any Collateral, or (vi) the satisfaction of

any condition set forth in <u>Article V</u> or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

10.04 Reliance by Administrative Agent.

The Administrative 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. The Administrative 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, extension, renewal or increase of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or the L/C Issuer, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or the L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance, extension, renewal or increase of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Loan Parties), 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.

10.05 Delegation of Duties.

The Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent. The Administrative 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 <u>Article X</u> shall apply to any such sub agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative 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 Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and nonappealable judgment that the Administrative Agent acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

10.06 Resignation or Removal of Administrative Agent.

The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the L/C Issuer and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, with approval from the Borrower (so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing), to appoint a successor, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "<u>Resignation Effective Date</u>"), then the retiring Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer, appoint a successor Administrative Agent; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall any such successor Administrative Agent be a Defaulting Lender. Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.

If the Person serving as Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (d)</u> of the definition thereof, the Required Lenders may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, by notice in

writing to the Borrower and such Person remove such Person as Administrative Agent and, with the approval from the Borrower (so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing), appoint a successor, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "<u>Removal Effective Date</u>"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.

With effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable) (i) the retiring or removed Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the L/C Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (ii) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative 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 Administrative Agent as provided for above in this Section 10.06. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) or removed Administrative Agent, and the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring or removed Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article X and Section 11.04 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Administrative Agent, its sub agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring or removed Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

If Bank of America resigns as Administrative Agent under this <u>Section 10.06</u>, Bank of America shall also resign as an L/C Issuer. Upon the appointment of a successor Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall (i) succeed to all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of Bank of America as the retiring L/C Issuer and Administrative Agent and Bank of America shall be discharged from all of its respective duties and obligations as L/C Issuer and Administrative Agent and Bank of America by Bank of America, and (ii) issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit issued by Bank of America, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangement reasonably satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.

10.07 Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Other Lenders.

Each Lender and the L/C Issuer expressly acknowledges that none of the Administrative Agent nor the Arranger has made any representation or warranty to it, and that no act by the Administrative Agent or the Arranger hereafter taken, including any consent to, and acceptance of any assignment or review of the affairs of any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent or the Arranger to any Lender or the L/C Issuer as to any matter, including whether the Administrative Agent or the Arranger have disclosed material information in their (or their Related Parties') possession. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer represents to the Administrative Agent and the Arranger that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, 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 of, appraisal of, and investigation into, the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and

creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, and all applicable bank or other regulatory Laws relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and to extend credit to the Borrower hereunder. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, 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 credit analysis, appraisals and 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, and to make such investigations as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer represents and warrants that (i) the Loan Documents set forth the terms of a commercial lending facility and (ii) it is engaged in making, acquiring or holding commercial loans in the ordinary course and is entering into this Agreement as a Lender or L/C Issuer for the purpose of making, acquiring or holding commercial loans and providing other facilities set forth herein as may be applicable to such Lender or L/C Issuer, and not for the purpose of purchasing, acquiring or holding any other type of financial instrument, and each Lender and the L/C Issuer agrees not to assert a claim in contravention of the foregoing. Each Lender and the L/C Issuer represents and warrants that it is sophisticated with respect to decisions to make, acquire and/or hold commercial loans and to provide other facilities set forth herein, as may be applicable to such Lender or such L/C Issuer, and either it, or the Person exercising discretion in making its decision to make, acquire and/or hold such commercial loans or to provide such other facilities, is experienced in making, acquiring or holding such commercial loans or providing such other facilities.

10.08 No Other Duties, Etc.

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the agents, arrangers or bookrunners 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 the Administrative Agent, a Lender or the L/C Issuer hereunder.

10.09 Authorization to Release Collateral and Guarantors.

The Lenders and L/C Issuer authorize the Administrative Agent to release any Lien held by the Administrative Agent on any Collateral or any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.19</u> and to execute and deliver any instruments, documents, and agreements necessary or desirable to evidence and confirm the release of any Collateral or Guarantor pursuant to <u>Section 11.19</u> all without the further consent or joinder of any Lender. Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Lenders (or such other percentage or the Lenders whose consent may be required in accordance with <u>Section 11.01</u>) will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release its interest in particular types or items of property, or to release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guaranty pursuant to this <u>Section 10.09</u> and <u>Section 11.19</u>.

10.10 No Reliance on Administrative Agent's Customer Identification Program.

Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that neither such Lender, nor any of its Affiliates, participants or assignees, may rely on the Administrative Agent to carry out such Lender's, Affiliate's, participant's or assignee's customer identification program, or other obligations required or imposed under or pursuant to the Patriot Act or the regulations thereunder, including the regulations contained in 31 CFR 103.121 (the "<u>CIP Regulations</u>"), or any other anti-terrorism law, including any programs involving any of the following items relating to or in connection with any of the Loan Parties, their Affiliates or their agents, the Loan Documents or the transactions hereunder or contemplated hereby: (i)

any identity verification procedures, (ii) any recordkeeping, (iii) comparisons with government lists, (iv) customer notices or (v) other procedures required under the CIP Regulations or such other Laws.

10.11 Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements.

No Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank that obtains the benefit of Section 9.03, the Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or any Collateral Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) (or to notice of or to consent to any amendment, waiver or modification of the provisions hereof or of the Guaranty or any Collateral Document) other than in its capacity as a Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Loan Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article X to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements except to the extent expressly provided herein and unless the Administrative Agent has received a Secured Party Designation Notice of such Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be. The Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements in the case of a Maturity Date.

10.12 Recovery of Erroneous Payments.

Without limitation of any other provision in this Agreement, if at any time the Administrative Agent makes a payment hereunder in error to any Lender Recipient Party, whether or not in respect of an Obligation due and owing by the Borrower at such time, where such payment is a Rescindable Amount, then in any such event, each Lender Recipient Party receiving a Rescindable Amount severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the Rescindable Amount received by such Lender Recipient Party in immediately available funds in the currency so received, with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such Rescindable Amount is received by it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation. Each Lender Recipient Party irrevocably waives any and all defenses, including any "discharge for value" (under which a creditor might otherwise claim a right to retain funds mistakenly paid by a third party in respect of a debt owed by another) or similar defense to its obligation to return any Rescindable Amount. The Administrative Agent shall inform each Lender Recipient Party promptly upon determining that any payment made to such Lender Recipient Party comprised, in whole or in part, a Rescindable Amount.

ARTICLE XI

MISCELLANEOUS

11.01 Amendments, Etc.

No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and the applicable Loan Party, and acknowledged by the Administrative Agent (which acknowledgment shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), 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

(a) no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:

(i) extend or increase the Revolving Commitment of any Lender (or reinstate any Revolving Commitment terminated pursuant to <u>Section 9.02</u>) without the written consent of such Lender (it being understood and agreed that a waiver of any condition precedent set forth in <u>Section 5.02</u> or of any Default or a mandatory reduction in Revolving Commitments is not considered an extension or increase in Revolving Commitments of any Lender);

(ii) 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 the Lenders (or any of them) or any scheduled or mandatory reduction of the Revolving Commitments hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;

(iii) reduce (including any waiver or forgiveness of) the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to <u>clause (i)</u> of the final proviso to this <u>Section 11.01</u>) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Lender entitled to receive such amount; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary (A) to amend the definition of "Default Rate" or to waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest or Letter of Credit Fees at the Default Rate or (B) 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;

 (iv) change <u>Section 9.03</u>, <u>Section 2.05(b)(ii)</u> or <u>Section 2.13</u> in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Lender;

 (v) change any provision of this <u>Section 11.01(a)</u> or the definition of "Required Lenders" without the written consent of each Lender;

(vi) release all or substantially all of the Collateral without the written consent of each Lender;

(vii) release the Borrower without the consent of each Lender, or, except in connection with a transaction permitted under <u>Section 8.04</u> or <u>Section 8.05</u>, all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranty without the written consent of each Lender, except to the extent such release is permitted pursuant to <u>Section 10.09</u> (in which case such release may be made by the Administrative Agent acting alone);

(b) unless also signed by the L/C Issuer, no amendment, waiver or consent shall 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;

(c) unless also signed by the Swing Line Lender, no amendment, waiver or consent shall affect the rights or duties of the Swing Line Lender under this Agreement; and

 (d) unless also signed by the Administrative Agent, no amendment, waiver or consent shall affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document;

provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) the Fee Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto, (ii) no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (any amendment, waiver or consent which by its terms requires the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender may be effected with the consent of the applicable Lenders other than Defaulting Lenders), except that (A) the Revolving Commitment of such Defaulting Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (B) any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender that by its terms affects such Defaulting Lender materially and disproportionately adversely relative to other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender, (iii) each Lender is entitled to vote as such Lender sees fit on any bankruptcy reorganization plan that affects the Loans, and each Lender acknowledges that the provisions of Section 1126(c) of the Debtor Relief Laws supersedes the unanimous consent provisions set forth herein, (iv) the Required Lenders shall determine whether or not to allow a Loan Party to use cash collateral in the context of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding and such determination shall be binding on all of the Lenders and (v) this Agreement may be amended pursuant to Section 11.06(g) without any such approval or consent of the Required Lenders.

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, this Agreement may be (e) amended with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties (i) to add one or more additional revolving or term loan credit facilities to this Agreement and to permit the extensions of credit and all related obligations and liabilities arising in connection therewith from time to time outstanding to share ratably (or on a basis subordinated to the existing facilities hereunder) in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents with the obligations and liabilities from time to time outstanding in respect of the existing facilities hereunder, (ii) in connection with the foregoing, to permit, as deemed appropriate by the Administrative Agent and approved by the Required Lenders, the Lenders providing such additional credit facilities to participate in any required vote or action required to be approved by the Required Lenders or by any other number, percentage or class of Lenders hereunder, (iii) in connection with Section 2.01(b), and (iv) to change, modify or alter Section 9.03 or any other provision hereof relating to the pro rata sharing of payments among the Lenders to the extent necessary to effectuate any of the amendments (or amendments and restatements) enumerated in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this clause (e).

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this Agreement may be amended and restated without the consent of any Lender (but with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) if, upon giving effect to such amendment and restatement, such Lender shall no longer be a party to this Agreement (as so amended and restated), the Commitments of such Lender shall have terminated, such Lender shall have no other commitment or other obligation hereunder and shall have been paid in full all principal, interest and other amounts owing to it or accrued for its account under this Agreement.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Administrative Agent and the Borrower acting together identify any ambiguity, omission, mistake, typographical error or other defect in any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including the schedules and exhibits thereto), then the Administrative Agent and the Borrower shall be permitted to amend, modify or supplement such provision to cure such ambiguity, omission,

mistake, typographical error or other defect, and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement.

11.02 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>clause (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 facsimile or electronic mail 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 any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 11.02</u>; and

(ii) if to any other Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire (including, as appropriate, notices delivered solely to the Person designated by a Lender on its Administrative Questionnaire then in effect for the delivery of notices that may contain material non-public information relating to the Borrower).

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by facsimile 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 and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in <u>clause (b)</u> below, shall be effective as provided in such <u>clause (b)</u>.

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(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the 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 the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that 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 Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communication. The Administrative Agent, the Swing Line Lender, the L/C Issuer or the Borrower may each, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative 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, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement) and (ii) notices or communications posted 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 <u>clause (i)</u> of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor; <u>provided</u> that, for both <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u>, if such notice, email or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice, email or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient.

THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS (c) The Platform. AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEOUACY OF THE PLATFORM. AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE 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 THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to any Loan Party, 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 any Loan Party's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials, notices or any other Information (as such term is defined and used in Section 11.07) 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 bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party. The Administrative Agent will use commercially reasonable efforts to notify any Person that is provided access to Borrower Materials that such Person is bound by the confidentiality provisions set forth in Section 11.07.

Change of Address, Etc. Each Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, the L/C (d) Issuer and the Swing Line Lender may change its address, facsimile, email address or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each other Lender may change its address, facsimile or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to each Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender. In addition, each Lender agrees to notify the Administrative Agent from time to time to ensure that the Administrative Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, facsimile number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Lender. Furthermore, each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the "Private Side Information" or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender's compliance procedures and applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Laws, to make reference to Borrower Materials that are not made available through the "Public Side Information" portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities laws.

(e) <u>Reliance by Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer and Lenders</u>. The Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic or electronic Loan Notices, Notices of Loan Prepayment, Letter of Credit Applications

and Swing Line Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of any Loan Party 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. The Loan Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer, each Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all reasonable and documented out of pocket costs, reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of a Loan Party to the extent required pursuant to <u>Section 11.04(b)</u>. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with the Administrative Agent may be recorded by the Administrative Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

11.03 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement.

No failure by any Lender, the L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document (including the imposition of the Default Rate) preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided and provided under each other Loan Document are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the authority to enforce rights and remedies hereunder and under the other Loan Documents against the Loan Parties or any of them shall be vested exclusively in, and all actions and proceedings at law in connection with such enforcement shall be instituted and maintained exclusively by, the Administrative Agent in accordance with Section 9.02 for the benefit of all the Lenders and the L/C Issuer; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit (a) the Administrative Agent from exercising on its own behalf the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Administrative Agent) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (b) the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender from exercising the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender, as the case may be) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (c) any Lender from exercising setoff rights in accordance with Section 11.08 (subject to the terms of Section 2.13), or (d) any Lender from filing proofs of claim or appearing and filing pleadings on its own behalf during the pendency of a proceeding relative to any Loan Party under any Debtor Relief Law; and provided further, that if at any time there is no Person acting as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. then (i) the Required Lenders shall have the rights otherwise ascribed to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 9.02 and (ii) in addition to the matters set forth in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of the preceding proviso and subject to Section 2.13, any Lender may, with the consent of the Required Lenders, enforce any rights and remedies available to it and as authorized by the Required Lenders. The provisions of this paragraph are for the sole benefit of the Lenders and the L/C Issuer and shall not afford any right to, or constitute a defense available to, any Loan Party.

11.04 Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Loan Parties shall pay (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of one primary outside counsel (at any given time) for the Administrative Agent) 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 and documented 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 reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of one primary outside counsel and one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer taken as a whole and, in the case of an actual or potential conflict of interest, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to each group of affected Administrative Agent and/or Lender(s) similarly situated taken as a whole) 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.

The Loan Parties shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent (b) 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 reasonable and documented outof-pocket costs and expenses (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, charges and disbursements of one primary outside counsel and one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the Indemnitees taken as a whole and, in the case of an actual or potential conflict of interest, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to each group of affected Indemnitees similarly situated taken as a whole) incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any Person (including any Loan Party) other than such Indemnitee and its Related Parties 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, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or, in the case of the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof) and its Related Parties only, the administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including in respect of any matters addressed in Section 3.01), (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 strictly 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 the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to the Borrower or any Subsidiary, 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 any 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 costs and expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (y) result from a claim brought by any Loan Party against an Indemnitee for breach in bad faith of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if such Loan Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (z) result solely from a claim brought by an Indemnitee against another Indemnitee. Without limiting the provisions of Section 3.01(c), this Section 11.04(b) shall not

apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim. No Indemnitee will consent to any settlement of any claim made under this <u>Section 11.04</u> without the consent of the Borrower (which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

Reimbursement by Lenders. To the extent that the Loan Parties for any reason (c) fail to indefeasibly pay any amount required under clause (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by them to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), the L/C Issuer, the Swing Line Lender or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the L/C Issuer, the Swing Line Lender or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Lender's pro rata share (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought based on each Lender's share of the Total Credit Exposures of all Lenders at such time) of such unpaid amount (including any such unpaid amount in respect of a claim asserted by such Lender), such payment to be made severally among them based on such Lenders' Applicable Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought), provided, further that, the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such subagent), the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause (c) are subject to the provisions of Section 2.12(d).

(d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc.</u> To the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, no Loan Party shall assert, and each Loan Party hereby waives, and acknowledges that no other Person shall have, 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 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) <u>Payments</u>. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable not later than ten (10) Business Days after demand therefor.

(f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements in this Section and the indemnity provisions of <u>Section</u> <u>11.02(e)</u> shall survive the resignation of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender, the replacement of any Lender, the termination of the Revolving Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.

11.05 Payments Set Aside.

To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of any Loan Party is made to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender, or the Administrative 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 the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Administrative 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 <u>clause (b)</u> of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

11.06 Successors and Assigns.

Successors and Assigns Generally. The provisions of this Agreement and the (a) other Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and thereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that no Loan Party (except for any Loan Party (other than Borrower) in connection with the release of its Guaranty pursuant to Section 11.01(a)) may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or thereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent 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 clause (b) of this Section, (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of clause (d) of this Section or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of clause (f) of this Section (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 clause (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative 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 and the other Loan Documents (including all or a portion of its Revolving Commitment and the Loans (including for purposes of this <u>clause (b)</u>, participations in L/C Obligations and in Swing Line Loans) at the time owing to it); <u>provided</u> 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 Revolving Commitment and the related Loans at the time owing to it or contemporaneous assignments to related Approved Funds that equal at least the amount specified in <u>clause (b)(i)(B)</u> of this Section in the aggregate or in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and

(B) in any case not described in <u>clause (b)(i)(A)</u> of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Commitment (which for this purpose includes Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the applicable Revolving 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 the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's Loans and Revolving Commitments, and rights and obligations with respect thereto assigned, except that this clause (ii) shall not (A) apply to the Swing Line Lender's rights and obligations in respect of Swing Line Loans or (B) prohibit any Lender from assigning all or a portion of its rights and obligations in respect of its Revolving Commitment (and the related Revolving Loans thereunder) on a non-pro rata basis;

(iii) <u>Required Consents</u>. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by <u>clause (b)(i)(B)</u> of this Section and, in addition:

(A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned 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, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days after having received notice thereof;

(B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of any Revolving Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender; and

(C) the consent of the L/C Issuer and the Swing Line Lender shall be required for any assignment in respect of Revolving Loans and Revolving Commitments.

(iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Administrative 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 the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

(v) <u>No Assignment to Certain Persons</u>. No such assignment shall be made (A) to the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (B) to any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this clause (B), (C) to a natural Person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of a natural Person) or (D) to any Competitor. If the

Borrower approves an assignment to a Competitor, then such assignee will not be considered a "Competitor" solely for purposes of that assignment.

(vi)Certain Additional Payments. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or any Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and participations in Letters of Credit and Swing Line Loans in accordance with its Applicable Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to clause (c) of this Section, 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 Sections 3.01, 3.04, 3.05 and 11.04 with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment); provided, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender. Upon request, the Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Note to the assignee Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this clause 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 clause (d) of this Section.

(c) <u>Register</u>. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower (and such agency being solely for tax purposes), shall maintain at the Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it (or the equivalent thereof in electronic form) and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Revolving Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) 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 absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall 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. The Register shall be available for inspection by the

Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

Participations. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, (d) the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person (or a holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of a natural Person), a Defaulting Lender, a Competitor or the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Commitment and/or the Loans (including such Lender's participations in L/C Obligations and/or Swing Line Loans) 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) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. If the Borrower approves a participation sold to a Competitor, then such participant will not be considered a Competitor solely for purposes of that participation. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 11.04(c) without regard to the existence of any participation.

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, 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 Section 11.01(a) that affects such Participant; provided, further, that any such agreement or instrument shall require the applicable Participant to represent and warrant for the benefit of the Borrower and such Lender that such Participant is not a Competitor. The 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 clause (b) of this Section (it being understood that the documentation required under Section 3.01(e) shall be delivered to the Lender who sells the participation) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Section; provided that such Participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of Sections 3.06 and 11.13 as if it were an assignee under paragraph (b) of this Section and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Sections 3.01 or 3.04, with respect to any participation, than the Lender from whom it acquired the applicable participation would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of Section 3.06 with respect to any Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 11.08 as though it were a Lender; provided that such Participant agrees to be subject to Section 2.13 as though it were a Lender. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is

recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(e) <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; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(f) Resignation as L/C Issuer or Swing Line Lender after Assignment.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time (i) Bank of America assigns all of its Revolving Commitment and Revolving Loans pursuant to clause (b) above, Bank of America may, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Borrower and the Lenders, resign as L/C Issuer. In the event of any such resignation as L/C Issuer, the Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor L/C Issuer hereunder; provided, however, that no failure by the 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 issued by it and 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, (1) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, and (2) 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 reasonably satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Bank of America assigns all of its Revolving Commitment and Revolving Loans pursuant to <u>clause (b)</u> above, Bank of America, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Borrower, resign as Swing Line Lender. In the event of any such resignation as Swing Line Lender, the Borrower shall be entitled to appoint from among the Lenders a successor Swing Line Lender hereunder; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no failure by the Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Bank of America as Swing Line Lender. If Bank of America resigns as Swing Line Lender, it shall retain all the rights of the Swing Line Lender provided for hereunder with respect to Swing Line Loans made by it and outstanding as of the effective date of such resignation, including the right to require the Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in outstanding Swing Line Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.04(c)</u>. Upon the appointment of a successor Swing Line Lender, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Swing Line Lender.

(g) In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower may, by written notice to the Administrative Agent from time to time, make one or more offers (each, a "Loan <u>Modification Offer</u>") to all the Lenders to make one or more amendments or modifications to (i) allow the maturity and scheduled amortization of the Loans of the accepting Lenders to be

extended, or to allow the termination dates for any Revolving Commitments to be extended, and (ii) increase the Applicable Rate and/or fees payable with respect to the Loans and Revolving Commitments of the accepting Lenders ("Permitted Amendments") pursuant to procedures reasonably specified by the Administrative Agent and reasonably acceptable to the Borrower. Such notice shall set forth (A) the terms and conditions of the requested Permitted Amendment and (B) the date on which such Permitted Amendment is requested to become effective. The Permitted Amendments shall not become effective unless consented to by the Borrower and those Accepting Lenders (as defined below), as applicable (the "Required Approval"). If the Required Approval is received, (1) such Permitted Amendments shall become effective only with respect to the Loans and/or Revolving Commitments of the Lenders that accept the applicable Loan Modification Offer (such Lenders, the "Accepting Lenders") and, in the case of any Accepting Lender, only with respect to such Lender's Loans and/or Revolving Commitments as to which such Lender's acceptance has been made and (2) the Borrower, each Loan Party and each Accepting Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a loan modification agreement (the "Loan Modification Agreement") and such other documentation as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably specify to evidence the acceptance of the Permitted Amendments and the terms and conditions thereof. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender as to the effectiveness of each Loan Modification Agreement. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that, upon the effectiveness of any Loan Modification Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to the extent (but only to the extent) necessary to reflect the existence and terms of the Permitted Amendment evidenced thereby and only with respect to the Loans and Revolving Commitments of the Accepting Lenders as to which such Lenders' acceptance has been made.

(h) <u>Competitors</u>.

(i) No assignment or participation shall be made to any Person that was a Competitor as of the date (the "<u>Trade Date</u>") on which the applicable Lender entered into a binding agreement to sell and assign or participate all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to such Person (unless the Borrower has consented to such assignment as otherwise contemplated by this <u>Section 11.06</u>, in which case such Person will not be considered a Competitor for the purpose of such assignment). For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to any assignee or participant that becomes a Competitor after the applicable Trade Date (including as a result of the delivery of a notice pursuant to, and/or the expiration of the notice period referred to in, the definition of "Competitor"), such assignee shall not retroactively be considered a Competitor. Any assignment in violation of this <u>clause (h)(i)</u> shall not be void, but the other provisions of this <u>clause (h)</u> shall apply.

(ii) If any assignment is made to any Competitor without the Borrower's prior consent in violation of <u>clause (i)</u> above, the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to the applicable Competitor and the Administrative Agent, (A) terminate any Revolving Commitment of such Competitor and repay all obligations of the Borrower owing to such Competitor in connection with such Revolving Commitment and/or (B) require such Competitor to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in this <u>Section 11.06</u>, all of its interest, rights and obligations under this Agreement and related Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations at the lesser of (x) the principal amount thereof and (y) the amount that such Competitor paid to acquire such interests, rights and obligations, in each case plus accrued interest, accrued fees and all other amounts (other than principal amounts) payable to it hereunder and other the other Loan

Documents; provided that (i) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in <u>Section 11.06(b)</u> and (ii) such assignment does not conflict with applicable Laws.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Competitors (A) will not (x) have the right to receive information, reports or other materials provided to Lenders by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender, (y) attend or participate in meetings attended by the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, or (z) access any electronic site established for the Lenders or confidential communications from counsel to or financial advisors of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders and (B) (x) for purposes of any consent to any amendment, waiver or modification of, or any action under, and for the purpose of any direction to the Administrative Agent or any Lender to undertake any action (or refrain from taking any action) under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, each Competitor will be deemed to have consented in the same proportion as the Lenders that are not Competitors consented to such matter, and (y) for purposes of voting on any plan of reorganization or plan of liquidation pursuant to any Debtor Relief Laws ("Plan of Reorganization"), each Competitor party hereto hereby agrees (1) not to vote on such Plan of Reorganization, (2) if such Competitor does vote on such Plan of Reorganization notwithstanding the restriction in the foregoing clause (1), such vote will be deemed not to be in good faith and shall be "designated" pursuant to Section 1126(e) of the Debtor Relief Laws, and such vote shall not be counted in determining whether the applicable class has accepted or rejected such Plan of Reorganization in accordance with Section 1126(c) of the Debtor Relief Laws and (3) not to contest any request by any party for a determination by the bankruptcy court (or other applicable court of competent jurisdiction) effectuating the foregoing clause (2).

(iv) The Administrative Agent shall have the right, and the Borrower hereby expressly authorizes the Administrative Agent, to (A) post <u>Schedule 11.06</u> on the Platform, including that portion of the Platform that is designated for "public side" Lenders or (B) provide <u>Schedule 11.06</u> to each Lender requesting the same.

(v) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each of the Borrower and each Lender acknowledges and agrees that the Administrative Agent, in its capacity as such, shall not be responsible or have any liability for, or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into, monitor or enforce, compliance with the provisions hereof relating to Competitors. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent, in its capacity as such, shall not have any liability with respect to or arising out of any assignment or participation of Loans or Revolving Commitments, or disclosure of confidential information, to any Competitor (regardless of whether the consent of the Administrative Agent is required thereto), and none of the Borrower, any Lender or their respective Affiliates will bring any claim to such effect.

11.07 Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality.

(a) <u>Treatment of Certain Information</u>. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (i) to its Affiliates, its auditors and its Related Parties (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), (ii) to the extent required or requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction

over such Person or its Related Parties (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (iii) to the extent required by applicable Laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (iv) to any other party hereto, (v) 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, (vi) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section 11.07, to (A) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or (B) any actual or prospective party (or its Related Parties) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (vii) on a confidential basis to (A) any rating agency in connection with rating the Borrower or its Subsidiaries or the credit facilities provided hereunder or (B) the provider of any Platform or other electronic delivery service used by the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and/or the Swing Line Lender to deliver Borrower Materials or notices to the Lenders or (viii) the CUSIP Service Bureau or any similar agency in connection with the application, issuance, publishing and monitoring of CUSIP numbers or other market identifiers with respect to the credit facilities provided hereunder, or (ix) with the consent of the Borrower or to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section 11.07, (xi) becomes available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the L/C Issuer or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or (xii) is independently discovered or developed by a party hereto without utilizing any Information received from the Borrower or violating the terms of this Section 11.07. For purposes of this Section 11.07, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower or any Subsidiary relating to the Borrower or any Subsidiary or any of their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the L/C Issuer on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Borrower or any Subsidiary. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section 11.07 shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person must accord to its own confidential information by Law.

(b) <u>Non-Public Information</u>. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the L/C Issuer acknowledges that (i) the Information may include material non-public information concerning a Loan Party or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (ii) it has developed compliance procedures regarding the use of material non-public information and (iii) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including United States federal and state securities Laws.

(c) <u>Customary Advertising Material</u>. The consent of the Loan Parties shall be required prior to the publication by the Administrative Agent or any Lender of customary advertising material relating to the transactions contemplated hereby using the name, product photographs, logo or trademark of the Loan Parties; <u>provided</u> no consent shall be required for disclosure of the name and industry of the Borrower, the logo of the Loan Parties, the Lenders and the types, amounts, tenor and use of proceeds of the credit facilities contained herein in customary marketing materials of the Administrative Agent. In addition, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may disclose the existence of this Agreement and information about the types, amounts and use of proceeds of the credit facilities contained in this Agreement to market data collectors and similar service providers to the lending industry and service providers to the Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Lenders in connection with the administration of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and the Revolving Commitments.

11.08 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 any Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or the L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender, the L/C Issuer or such Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of such Lender or the L/C Issuer different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender shall exercise any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Administrative Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.15 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Administrative Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. 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 the Borrower and the Administrative 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.

11.09 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 "<u>Maximum Rate</u>"). If the Administrative Agent or any Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Administrative 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.

11.10 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, the other Loan Documents and any separate letter agreements with respect to fees payable to the Administrative Agent or the L/C Issuer, 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 <u>Section 5.01</u>, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative 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 facsimile or other electronic imaging means (e.g., "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

11.11 Survival of Representations and Warranties.

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 the Administrative Agent and each Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Administrative Agent or on their behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent or any Lender 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.

11.12 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. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 11.12</u>, if and to the extent that the enforceability of any provisions in this Agreement relating to Defaulting Lenders shall be limited by Debtor Relief Laws, as determined in good faith by the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuer or the Swing Line Lender, as applicable, then such provisions shall be deemed to be in effect only to the extent not so limited.

11.13 Replacement of Lenders.

If the Borrower is entitled to replace a Lender pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 3.06</u>, or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 11.06</u>), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to <u>Sections 3.01</u> and <u>3.04</u>) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:

(a) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee (if any) specified in <u>Section 11.06(b);</u>

(b) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and L/C Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under <u>Section 3.05</u>) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);

(c) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u> or payments required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter;

(d) such assignment does not conflict with applicable Laws; and

(e) in the case of an assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in connection with any such assignment, if such assigning Lender does not execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a duly executed Assignment and Assumption pursuant to Section 11.06(b) reflecting such assignment within five (5) Business Days of the date on which the applicable assignee executes and delivers such Assignment and Assumption to such assigning Lender, then such assigning Lender shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such Assignment and Assumption without any action on the part of such Lender, whereupon such assigning Lender under <u>clause (b)</u> above (which amounts shall be calculated by the Administrative Agent and shall be conclusive absent manifest error).

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

11.14 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.

(a) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT (EXCEPT, AS TO ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT, AS EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN) AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. EACH LOAN PARTY IRREVOCABLY (b) AND UNCONDITIONALLY agrees that it will not commence any action, litigation or proceeding of any kind or description, whether in law or equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, against the Administrative Agent, any Lender, the I/c Issuer, or any Related Party of the foregoing in any way relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the transactions relating hereto or thereto, in any forum other than THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK. AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUCH COURTS AND AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION, LITIGATION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK 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, LITIGATION 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 THE ADMINISTRATIVE 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 ANY LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) <u>WAIVER OF VENUE</u>. EACH 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 <u>SECTION 11.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

11.15 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 OTHER 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.

11.16 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document), each of the Loan Parties acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) (A) the arranging and other services regarding this Agreement provided by the Administrative Agent, the Arranger, and the Lenders are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Lenders, on the other hand, (B) each of the Loan Parties has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and (C) each of the Loan Parties is capable of evaluating, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents; (ii) (A) the Administrative Agent, the Arranger and the Lenders each is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Loan Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) neither the Administrative Agent, the Arranger nor any Lender has any obligation to the Loan Parties 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; and (iii) the Administrative Agent, the Arranger the Lenders and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent, the Arranger nor any Lender has any obligation to disclose any of such interests to the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by Law, each of the Loan Parties hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent, the Arranger or any Lender with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby.

11.17 Electronic Execution; Electronic Records.

The words "delivery," "execute," "execution," "signed," "signature," and words (a) of like import in any Loan Document or any other document executed in connection herewith shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Administrative Agent, 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, physical delivery thereof or the use of a paperbased 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; provided, that notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent is under no obligation to agree to accept electronic signatures in any form or in any format unless expressly agreed to by the Administrative Agent pursuant to procedures approved by it; provided, further, without limiting the foregoing, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, any electronic signature shall be promptly followed by such manually executed counterpart. For the avoidance of doubt, the authorization under this paragraph may include, without limitation, use or acceptance by the Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders of a manually signed paper document, amendment, approval, consent, information, notice, certificate, request, statement, disclosure or authorization related to this Agreement (each a "Communication") which has been converted into electronic form (such as scanned into PDF format), or an electronically signed Communication converted into another format, for transmission, delivery and/or retention.

(b) The Borrower hereby acknowledges the receipt of a copy of this Agreement and all other Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent and each Lender may, on behalf of the Borrower, create a microfilm or optical disk or other electronic image of this Agreement and any or all of the other Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent and each Lender may store the electronic image of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in its electronic form and then destroy the paper original as part of the Administrative Agent's and each Lender's normal business practices, with the electronic image deemed to be an original and of the same legal effect, validity and enforceability as the paper originals.

11.18 Subordination of Intercompany Indebtedness.

Each Loan Party (a "<u>Subordinating Loan Party</u>") agrees that the payment of all obligations and indebtedness, whether principal, interest, fees and other amounts and whether now owing or hereafter arising, owing to such Subordinating Loan Party by any other Loan Party is expressly subordinated to the payment in full in cash of the Obligations. During the continuance of any Event of Default, if the Administrative Agent so requests, any such obligation or indebtedness shall be enforced and performance received by the Subordinating Loan Party as trustee for the holders of the Obligations and the proceeds

thereof shall be paid over to the holders of the Obligations on account of the Obligations, but without reducing or affecting in any manner the liability of the Subordinating Loan Party under this Agreement or any other Loan Document. Without limitation of the foregoing, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Loan Parties may make and receive payments with respect to any such obligations and indebtedness, <u>provided</u>, that in the event that any Loan Party receives any payment of any such obligations and indebtedness at a time when such payment is prohibited by this Section, such payment shall be held by such Loan Party, in trust for the benefit of, and shall be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon written request, to the Administrative Agent.

11.19 Release of Collateral and Guarantee Obligations; Subordination of Liens.

(a) Upon the reasonable request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall, take such actions as shall be reasonably required, at the Loan Parties' sole expense, to release (i) its security interest in any Collateral upon termination of the Aggregate Revolving Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than (x) contingent indemnification or reimbursement obligations for which no claim has been asserted, (y) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made and (z) Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuer shall have been made or that have been Cash Collateralized in the amount of the Minimum Collateral Amount), or (ii) (a) its security interest in any Collateral transferred, sold or disposed of to persons other than Loan Parties or Subsidiaries in Loan Parties in a transaction permitted under this Agreement or approved by the Required Lenders pursuant to Section 11.01, and (b) any Guaranty hereunder or under any Loan Document of any Person if the ownership interests in such Guarantor are transferred, sold or disposed to persons other than Loan Parties or Subsidiaries of Loan Parties in a transaction permitted under this Agreement, in each case to the extent necessary to permit consummation of such transfer, sale or disposition in accordance with the Loan Documents. Any representation, warranty or covenant contained in any Loan Document relating to any such property so Disposed, transferred, sold or disposed of (other than property Disposed of to the Borrower or any Loan Party) shall no longer be deemed to be repeated once such property is so Disposed, transferred, sold or disposed of.

(b) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to paragraph (a) of this <u>Section 11.19</u>, the Administrative Agent will not be required to take any action unless the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying that the transaction giving rise to such termination or release is permitted by the Credit Agreement and was or is consummated in compliance with the Loan Documents. Any execution and delivery of documents pursuant to this <u>Section 11.19</u> shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent.

11.20 USA PATRIOT Act Notice.

Each Lender that is subject to the Act (as hereinafter defined) and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Lender) hereby notifies the Loan Parties that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Loan Parties, which information includes the name and address of the Loan Parties and other information that will allow such Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify the Loan Parties in accordance with the Act. The Loan Parties shall, promptly following a request by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, provide all documentation and other information that the Administrative Agent or such Lender requests in order to

comply with its ongoing obligations under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Act.

11.21 Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of Affected Financial Institutions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Lender that is an Affected Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the Write-Down and Conversion Powers of the applicable Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by: (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by the applicable Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any Lender that is an Affected Financial Institution; and (b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable, (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability; (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such Affected Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of the applicable Resolution Authority.

11.22 ERISA Representation.

(a) Each Lender (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of Section 3(42) of ERISA or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments, or this agreement,

(ii) the transaction exemption set forth in one or more PTEs, such as PTE 84–14 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by independent qualified professional asset managers), PTE 95–60 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company general accounts), PTE 90–1 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts), PTE 91–38 (a class exemption for certain transactions involving bank collective investment funds) or PTE 96–23 (a class exemption for certain transactions determined by in-house asset managers), is applicable with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments and this Agreement,

(iii) (A) such Lender is an investment fund managed by a "Qualified Professional Asset Manager" (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84–14), (B) such Qualified Professional Asset Manager made the investment decision on behalf of such Lender to enter into, participate in, administer and perform the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the

Revolving Commitments and this Agreement satisfies the requirements of sub-sections (b) through (g) of Part I of PTE 84–14 and (D) to the best knowledge of such Lender, the requirements of subsection (a) of Part I of PTE 84–14 are satisfied with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments and this Agreement, or

(iv) such other representation, warranty and covenant as may be agreed in writing between the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, and such Lender.

(b) In addition, unless either (1) <u>clause (i)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u> is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with <u>clause (iv)</u> in the immediately preceding <u>clause (a)</u>, such Lender further (x) represents and warrants, as of the date such Person became a Lender party hereto, to, and (y) covenants, from the date such Person became a Lender party hereto to the date such Person ceases being a Lender party hereto, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower or any other Loan Party, that the Administrative Agent is not a fiduciary with respect to the assets of such Lender involved in such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Loans, the Letters of Credit, the Revolving Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Loan Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

11.23 Flood Matters.

If at any time owned real property is pledged as collateral hereunder, (A) the Borrower shall provide at least forty-five (45) days' prior written notice to the pledge of such real property as collateral, (B) the Borrower shall provide (1) standard flood hazard determination forms and (2) if any property is located in a special flood hazard area, (x) notices to (and confirmations of receipt by) the Borrower as to the existence of a special flood hazard and, if applicable, the unavailability of flood hazard insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program and (y) evidence of applicable flood insurance, if available, in each case in such form, on such terms and in such amounts as required by The National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, the Federal Flood Disaster Protection Act and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder or as otherwise required by the Administrative Agent or any Lender, and (C) the Administrative Agent shall not enter into, accept or record any mortgage in respect of such real property until the Administrative Agent shall have received written confirmation from each Lender that flood insurance compliance has been completed by such Lender with respect to such real property (such written confirmation not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Any increase, extension or renewal of this Agreement shall be subject to flood insurance due diligence and flood insurance compliance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and each Lender.

11.24 Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs.

To the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for any Swap Contract or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, "QFC Credit Support", and each such QFC, a "Supported QFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

(a) In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a "Covered Party") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported OFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

(b) As used in this <u>Section 11.24</u>, the following terms have the following meanings:

"<u>BHC Act Affiliate</u>" of a party means an "affiliate" (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"<u>Default Right</u>" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"<u>QFC</u>" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

BORROWER:

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

0 By:_

Name: Oguz Erkan Title: President & CEO

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: <u>Christing Statter</u> Name: Christine Trotter

Title: Vice President

LENDERS:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender

By:___

Name: Ryan Maples Title: Senior Vice President

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By:____ Name: Title:

LENDERS:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as a Lender, L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender

By: Ryan Maples

Title: Senior Vice President

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By: Brandon K. Fiddler

Title: Senior Vice President

Schedule 2.01 Commitments and Applicable Percentages

Lender	Revolving Commitment	Applicable Percentage
Bank of America, N.A.	\$112,500,000.00	50.00000000%
PNC Bank, National Association	\$112,500,000.00	50.00000000%
Total	\$225,000,000.00	100.00000000%

Schedule 2.03 Existing Letters of Credit

Schedule 6.12 Pension Plan

Ciner Pension Plan – Plan 003

Schedule 6.13 Subsidiaries; Equity Interests; Loan Parties

Ciner Wyoming LLC

Delaware limited liability company Five Concourse Pkwy., NE, Suite 2500 Atlanta, GA 30328-7108 Tax ID: 22-3133221

Owned by:

Ciner Resources LP: 51% NRP Trona LLC: 49%

Schedule 6.17 IP Rights

(i) All IP Rights registered or pending registration with the United States Copyright Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the Loan Parties own as of the Closing Date.

Ciner Wyoming LLC (Delaware Limited Liability Company)

U.S. Patents

Issued Patents

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(ii) All material licenses under which a Borrower or any Subsidiary has been granted exclusive rights by a third party to IP Rights registered with the United States Copyright Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office as of the Closing Date (excluding licenses for off-the-shelf software).

Trademark License Agreement dated October 23, 2015, among Park Holding A.S., Ciner Enterprises Inc., Ciner Resources Corporation (formerly known as OCI Chemical Corporation), Ciner Wyoming Holding Co. (formerly known as OCI Wyoming Holding Co.), Ciner Resource Partners LLC (formerly known as OCI Resource Partners LLC), Ciner Resources LP (formerly known as OCI Resources LP), and Ciner Wyoming LLC (formerly known as OCI Wyoming LLC). The Trademark License Agreement governs the use of "Ciner" as part of the names used by Ciner Wyoming LLC and the other related parties thereto, and as a trademark and service mark for products and services.

Schedule 6.19-1 Locations of Real Property

Loan Party	Property Address	Lease / Ownership
Ciner Wyoming LLC	254 County Road 4-6 Green River, WY 82935	Owned

Schedule 6.19-2 Chief Executive Office, Taxpayer Identification Number, Organizational Identification Number

Loan Party	Chief Executive Office	U.S. Tax Payer Identification Number	Organizational Identification Number
Ciner Wyoming LLC	Five Concourse Pkwy., NE, Suite 2500 Atlanta, GA 30328-7108	22-3133221	2280876

Schedule 6.19-3 Changes in Legal Name, State of Formation and Structure

A. Description of Legal Name Change during the 5 Years preceding the Closing Date for any Loan Party

None.

B. Change in State of Formation during the 5 Years preceding the Closing Date for any Loan Party None.

C. Party to a Merger, Consolidation or Other Change in Structure during the 5 Years preceding the Closing Date for any Loan Party

Schedule 8.01 Liens Existing on the Closing Date

Schedule 8.02 Investments Existing on the Closing Date

Schedule 8.03 Indebtedness Existing on the Closing Date

Schedule 11.02 Notices

IF TO LOAN PARTY:

Ciner Wyoming LLC Address: Five Concourse Pkwy., NE, Suite 2500 Atlanta, GA 30328-7108 Attn: Marla Nicholson

Fax: 770-375-2322 Telephone: 770-375-2438 <u>E-mail: mnicholson@ciner.us.com</u> Website: http://www.ciner.us.com/

IF TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, L/C ISSUER OR SWING LINE LENDER:

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Bank of America, N.A. Dedicated Servicing Gateway Village-900 Building Mail Code: NC1-026-06-04 900 W Trade St Charlotte, NC 28255 Attn: Patricia Santos Phone: 980-387-3794 Email: <u>patricia.santos@bofa.com</u> Fax Number: 704-625-4200

Other Notices/Deliveries to Administrative Agent:

Christine Trotter Agency Officer Bank of America, N.A. 540 W. Madison St. Chicago, Illinois 60661 Mail Code: IL4-540-22-29 Telephone: 312.828.4172 Fax: 877.207.0702 Email: christine.trotter@bofa.com

L/C Issuer:

Bank of America, N.A. Trade Operations Mail Code: PA6-580-02-30

1 Fleet Way Scranton, PA 18507 Telephone: 570-496-9619 Telecopier: 1-800-755-8740 Email: tradeclientserviceteamus@baml.com

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Moore & Van Allen PLLC 100 North Tryon Street Suite 4700 Charlotte, NC 28202-4003 Attention: Charlie Harris Telephone: 704-331-1141 Email: charlieharris@mvalaw.com

Schedule 11.06 Competitors

- 1. Genesis Alkali
- 2. Tata Chemicals Ltd.
- 3. Solvay Chemicals
- 4. Searles Valley Minerals
- 5. ANSAC

And, in each case, any affiliate of any Competitor identified above that is obviously (based solely on the similarity of the legal name of such affiliate to the name of such Competitor) an affiliate of such Competitor

EXHIBIT 2.02

[FORM OF] LOAN NOTICE

Date: _____, _____

To: Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented, increased or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned hereby requests (select one):

A Borrowing of a Revolving Loan

A conversion or continuation of a Revolving Loan

1. On _____ (a Business Day).

2. In the amount of \$_____.

3. Comprised of: Base Rate Loans

BSBY Rate Loans

4. For BSBY Rate Loans: with an Interest Period of _____ months.

With respect to any Borrowing requested herein, (x) such Borrowing complies with the provisos to the first sentence of Section 2.01(a) of the Credit Agreement and (y) the Borrower hereby represents and warrants that each of the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 of the Credit Agreement have been satisfied on and as of the date of such Borrowing.

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	

EXHIBIT 2.04

[FORM OF] SWING LINE LOAN NOTICE

Date:			
Date.	-		

To: Bank of America, N.A., as Swing Line Lender Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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The undersigned hereby requests a Swing Line Loan:

1. On _____ (a Business Day).

2. In the amount of \$_____.

The Swing Line Borrowing requested herein complies with the requirements of the provisos to the first sentence of Section 2.04(a) of the Credit Agreement. The Borrower hereby represents and warrants that each of the conditions set forth in Section 5.02 of the Credit Agreement have been satisfied on and as of the date of such Swing Line Borrowing.

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

EXHIBIT 2.05

[FORM OF] NOTICE OF LOAN PREPAYMENT

TO:	Bank of America,	N.A., as	[Administrative	Agent	[Swingline Le	nder]
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RE: Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors, the Lenders and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender (as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"; capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Credit Agreement)

DATE: [Date]

The Borrower hereby notifies the Administrative Agent that on _____1 pursuant to the terms of Section 2.05 (Prepayments) of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower intends to prepay/repay the following Loans as more specifically set forth below:

Optional prepayment of Revolving Loans in the following amount(s):

BSBY Rate Loans: \$	2
Applicable Interest Peri	iod:
Base Rate Loans: \$	3

Optional prepayment of Swingline Loans in the following amount: \$

Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this notice by fax transmission or other electronic mail transmission (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this notice.

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¹ Specify date of such prepayment.

² Any prepayment of BSBY Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or if less, the entire principal amount thereof outstanding).

³ Any prepayment of Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or if less, the entire principal amount thereof outstanding).

⁴ Any prepayment of Swingline Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$100,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (or if less, the entire principal amount thereof outstanding).

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By:____ Name: Title:

EXHIBIT 2.11

[FORM OF] NOTE

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), hereby promises to pay to [_____] or registered assigns (the "Lender"), in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Agreement (as hereinafter defined), the principal amount of each Loan from time to time made by the Lender to the Borrower under that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented, increased or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among the Borrower, the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The Borrower promises to pay interest on the unpaid principal amount of each 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 Credit Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in Section 2.04(f) of the Credit Agreement with respect to Swing Line Loans, all payments of principal and interest shall be made to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lender in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office. If any amount is not paid in full when due hereunder (after giving effect to any applicable grace periods), upon the request of the Required Lenders, such unpaid amount shall 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. Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable upon demand.

This Note is one of the Notes referred to in the Credit 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. Upon the occurrence and continuation of one or more of the Events of Default specified in the Credit 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 Credit Agreement. 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.

The 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 AND ANY CLAIMS, CONTROVERSY, DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION (WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR TORT OR OTHERWISE) BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS NOTE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower has caused this Note to be duly executed by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____ Name: Title:

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Lenders That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

Reference is hereby made to the Credit Agreement dated as of October 28, 2021 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented, increased or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>") among Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the Guarantors identified therein, each lender from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.01(e) of the Credit Agreement, the undersigned hereby certifies that (i) it is the sole record and beneficial owner of the Loan(s) (as well as any Note(s) evidencing such Loan(s)) in respect of which it is providing this certificate, (ii) it is not a bank within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, (iii) it is not a ten percent shareholder of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code and (iv) it is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower as described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned has furnished the Administrative Agent and the Borrower with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished the Borrower and the Administrative Agent with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

Ву: _____

Title:	10		

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Participants That Are Not Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with a certificate of its non-U.S. Person status on an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender in writing, and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

Ву: _____

Name: _____

Title:

[FORM OF]

U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE (For Foreign Participants That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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The undersigned has furnished its participating Lender with IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by one of the following forms from each of its partners/members that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption: (i) an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E or (ii) an IRS Form W-8IMY accompanied by an IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E from each of such partner's/member's beneficial owners that is claiming the portfolio interest exemption. By executing this certificate, the undersigned agrees that (1) if the information provided on this certificate changes, the undersigned shall promptly so inform such Lender and (2) the undersigned shall have at all times furnished such Lender with a properly completed and currently effective certificate in either the calendar year in which each payment is to be made to the undersigned, or in either of the two calendar years preceding such payments.

Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF PARTICIPANT]

Ву: _____

Name: _____

[FORM OF] U.S. TAX COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

(For Foreign Lenders That Are Partnerships For U.S. Federal Income Tax Purposes)

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Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

[NAME OF LENDER]

Ву: _____

Name:			

EXHIBIT 7.02

[FORM OF] COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE¹

Financial Statement Date: _____,

To: Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021 (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented, increased or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Credit Agreement.

The undersigned Responsible Officer hereby certifies as of the date hereof that he/she is the [______] of the Borrower (or its general partner), and that, as such, he/she is authorized to execute and deliver this Compliance Certificate (this "<u>Certificate</u>") to the Administrative Agent on the behalf of the Borrower, and that:

[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal year-end financial statements]

1. The Borrower has delivered the year-end audited financial statements required by Section 7.01(a) of the Credit Agreement for the fiscal year of the Borrower ended as of the above date, together with the report and opinion of an independent certified public accountant required by such section. The consolidating financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

[Use following paragraph 1 for fiscal quarter-end financial statements]

1. The Borrower has delivered the unaudited financial statements required by Section 7.01(b) of the Credit Agreement for the fiscal quarter of the Borrower ended as of the above date. Such financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Borrower and its 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. The consolidating financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

2. The undersigned has reviewed and is familiar with the terms of the Credit Agreement and has made, or has caused to be made under his/her supervision, a review of the transactions and condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower during the accounting period covered by such financial statements as are necessary and appropriate for purposes of providing this Certificate.

¹ In the event of any conflict between this Exhibit and the Credit Agreement, the Credit Agreement shall control.

3. A review of the activities of the Borrower during such fiscal period has been made under the supervision of the undersigned with a view to determining whether during such fiscal period the Borrower performed and observed all its Obligations under the Loan Documents, and

[select one:]

[to the best knowledge of the undersigned, during such fiscal period, no Default has occurred and is continuing.]

--or—

[to the best knowledge of the undersigned, during such fiscal period, the following is a list of each Default or Event of Default that has occurred during such period (or if in a previous period, is continuing during such period) and its nature and status:]

4. The representations and warranties of the Borrower and each other Loan Party contained in Article VI of the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection therewith are true and correct in all material respects (expect to the extent any such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality qualification) 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 in all material respects (except to the extent any such representation and warranty is qualified by materiality, in which case, such representation and warranty shall be true and correct in all respects after giving effect to such materiality qualification) as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Compliance Certificate, the representations and warranties contained in clauses (a) and (b) of Section 6.05 of the Credit Agreement shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 7.01 of the Credit Agreement, including the statements in connection with which this Compliance Certificate is delivered.

5. The financial covenant analyses and information set forth on the <u>Schedules</u> 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 [______, ___].

CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Ву:
Name:
Title:

EXHIBIT 7.12

[FORM OF] GUARANTOR JOINDER AGREEMENT

The Loan Parties are required by Section 7.12 of the Credit Agreement to cause the New Subsidiary to become a "Guarantor". Accordingly, the New Subsidiary hereby agrees with the Administrative Agent as follows:

1. The New Subsidiary hereby acknowledges, agrees and confirms that, by its execution of this Agreement, the New Subsidiary will be deemed to be a party to the Credit Agreement and a "Guarantor" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement, and shall have all of the obligations of a Guarantor thereunder as if it had executed the Credit Agreement. The New Subsidiary hereby ratifies, as of the date hereof, and agrees to be bound by, all of the terms, provisions and conditions applicable to the Guarantors contained in the Credit Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing terms of this paragraph 1, the New Subsidiary hereby jointly and severally together with the other Guarantors, guarantees to the Administrative Agent, each Lender and each other holder of the Obligations, as provided in Article IV of the Credit Agreement, as primary obligor and not as surety, the prompt payment and performance of the Obligations in full when due (whether at stated maturity, as a mandatory prepayment, by acceleration or otherwise) strictly in accordance with the terms thereof.

2. The New Subsidiary hereby represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent that:

(i) Set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> is the chief executive office, U.S. tax payer identification number and organizational identification number of the New Subsidiary as of the date hereof.

(ii) The exact legal name and state of organization of the New Subsidiary as of the date hereof is as set forth on the signature pages hereto.

3. The address of the New Subsidiary for purposes of all notices and other communications is the address set forth for the Borrower on Schedule 11.02 to the Credit Agreement.

4. The New Subsidiary hereby waives acceptance by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders of the guaranty by the New Subsidiary under Article IV of the Credit Agreement.

5. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original but all of which when taken together shall constitute one contract.

6. This Agreement and any claims, controversy, dispute or cause of action (whether in contract or tort or otherwise) based upon, arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Subsidiary has caused this Guarantor Joinder Agreement to be duly executed by its authorized officers, and the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, has caused the same to be accepted by its authorized officer, as of the day and year first above written.

[NEW SUBSIDIARY]

By: _____ Name: Title:

Acknowledged and accepted:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: ___ Name: Title:

EXHIBIT 9.03

[FORM OF] SECURED PARTY DESIGNATION NOTICE

TO: Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent

- RE: Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer and Swingline Lender (as amended, modified, extended, restated, replaced, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"; capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in the Credit Agreement)
- DATE: [Date]

[Name of Cash Management Bank/Hedge Bank] (the "<u>Secured Party</u>") hereby notifies you, pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, that the Secured Party meets the requirements of a [Cash Management Bank] [Hedge Bank] under the terms of the Credit Agreement and is a [Cash Management Bank] [Hedge Bank] under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this notice by fax transmission or other electronic mail transmission (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this notice.

A duly authorized officer of the undersigned has executed this notice as of the day and year set forth above.

as a [Cash Management Bank] [Hedge

Bank]

By:_____

Name:_____

Title:

EXHIBIT 11.06

[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 Credit Agreement identified below (as amended, restated, extended, supplemented, increased or otherwise modified in writing from time to time, 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 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 the Administrative 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 in the amount[s] and equal to the percentage interest[s] identified below of all the outstanding rights and obligations under the respective facilities identified below (including, without limitation, the Letters of Credit and the Swing Line Loans 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 by [the][any] Assignor to [the][any] Assignee pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above being referred to herein collectively as [the][an] "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]:

[Assignor [is] [is not] a Defaulting Lender]	
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2. Assignee[s]:

[for each Assignee, indicate [Affiliate][Approved Fund] of [identify Lender]]

- 3. Borrower: Ciner Wyoming LLC, a Delaware limited liability company
- 4. <u>Administrative Agent</u>: Bank of America, N.A., as the administrative agent under the Credit Agreement

- 5. <u>Credit Agreement</u>: Credit Agreement, dated as of October 28, 2021, among the Borrower, the Guarantors identified therein, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent
- 6. Assigned Interest[s]:

Assignor[s]	Assignee[s]	Facility <u>Assigned</u>	Aggregate Amount of Revolving Commitment/Loans <u>for all Lenders</u> ¹	Amount of Revolving Commitment/ Loans <u>Assigned</u>	Percentage Assigned of Revolving Commitment/ Loans ²	CUSIP Number
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	0 ¹		_	523	_%	
			\$	\$		
					_%	
			\$	\$		
		52 28	13		%	

[7. <u>Trade Date</u>:]³

Effective Date: _____, 20__ [TO BE INSERTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND WHICH SHALL BE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF RECORDATION OF TRANSFER IN THE REGISTER THEREFOR.]

The terms set forth in this Assignment and Assumption are hereby agreed to:

ASSIGNOR[S]

[NAME OF ASSIGNOR]

By: ____ Name: Title:

ASSIGNEE[S]

[NAME OF ASSIGNEE]

By: ____ Name: Title:

¹ Amounts in this column and in the column immediately to the right to be adjusted by the counterparties to take into account any payments or prepayments made between the Trade Date and the Effective Date.

² Set forth, to at least 9 decimals, as a percentage of the Commitment/Loans of all Lenders thereunder.

³ To be completed if the Assignor and the Assignee intend that the minimum assignment amount is to be determined as of the Trade Date.

[Consented to and]⁴ Accepted:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: _____ Name: Title:

[Consented to:]5

[BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as L/C Issuer and Swing Line Lender]

By: ______ Name: Title:

[CINER WYOMING LLC, a Delaware limited liability company]

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

⁴ To be added only if the consent of the Administrative Agent is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement.

⁵ To be added only if the consent of the Borrower and/or other parties (e.g. Swing Line Lender, L/C Issuer) is required by the terms of the Credit Agreement.

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, (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 (iv) it is [not] a Defaulting Lender; and (b) assumes no responsibility with respect to (i) any statements, warranties or representations made in or in connection with the Credit Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of the Loan Documents or any other Person obligated in respect of any Loan Document or (iv) the performance or observance by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates or any other 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 Credit Agreement, (ii) it meets all the requirements to be an assignee under Section 11.06(b) of the Credit Agreement (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under Section 11.06(b)(iii) of the Credit Agreement), (iii) from and after the Effective Date, it shall be bound by the provisions of the Credit Agreement as a Lender thereunder and, to the extent of [the][the relevant] Assigned Interest, shall have the obligations of a Lender thereunder, (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 Credit Agreement, and has received or has been accorded the opportunity to receive copies of the most recent financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 7.01(a) or (b) 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, (vi) it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative 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, (vii) if it is a Foreign Lender, attached hereto is any documentation required to be delivered by it pursuant to the terms of the Credit Agreement, duly completed and executed by [the][such] Assignee, and (viii) it is not a Competitor or a Defaulting Lender; and (b) agrees that (i) it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative 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, the Administrative 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 fax transmission or other electronic mail transmission (e.g. "pdf" or "tif") shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Assignment and Assumption. This Assignment and Assumption and any claims, controversy, dispute or cause of action (whether in contract or tort or otherwise) based upon, arising out of or relating to this Assignment and Assumption shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of New York.

Bank of America Banc of America Leasing & Capital, LLC

This Amendment Number 003 dated as of October 28, 2021 (this "Amendment"), to Master Loan and Security Agreement No. 49660-70000 dated as of March 25, 2020, as amended (the "Agreement"), between Banc of America Leasing & Capital, LLC ("Lender") and Ciner Wyoming LLC ("Borrower").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Lender and Borrower are parties to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Lender and Borrower desire to amend a certain provision of the Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual obligations hereinafter contained, and for the other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

The second paragraph to Section 8 is hereby deleted in its entirety, and replaced with the following:

All covenants of Borrower that are based upon a specified level or ratio relating to assets, liabilities, indebtedness, rentals, net worth, cash flow, earnings, profitability, or any other accounting-based measurement or test, now or hereafter existing (collectively, the "Additional Covenants"), in that certain Credit Agreement dated as of October 28, 2021, by and among Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., et al, or in any replacement credit facility accepted in writing by Lender between Borrower and a United States national banking association or other financial institution (a "Bank Facility"), are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement (with such adjustments to defined terms as may be necessary to assure consistency) without modification or amendment unless specifically accepted and approved in writing by Lender. Borrower acknowledges and agrees that (i) the Additional Covenants in the form included in the existing Bank Facility shall be deemed to be permanently incorporated into this Agreement, and shall remain in effect for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding the cancellation or termination of a Bank Facility due to voluntary prepayment, payment at maturity, default or otherwise, unless a replacement credit facility with Additional Covenants has been accepted in writing by Lender in its sole discretion prior to the effective date of such cancellation or termination of such Bank Facility, and (ii) any waiver of any breach (or anticipated breach) of any Additional Covenant under the Bank Facility (by reason of amendment, forbearance or otherwise) shall not constitute a waiver of the corresponding default (or anticipated default) under this Agreement unless specifically agreed to in writing by Lender. Borrower hereby certifies that Lender has been furnished a true, correct and complete copy of all documentation concerning the existing Bank Facility, and further covenants and agrees to promptly provide Lender: (a) certified copies of true, correct and complete documentation of any other Bank Facility in effect from time to time, and any all proposed amendments and modifications to any Bank Facility; (b) notices of any event of default or other condition of non-compliance issued to Borrower in connection with a Bank Facility; (c) any certificates of compliance and supporting information and reports in the form required pursuant to a Bank Facility as they pertain to the Additional Covenants, and shall continue to provide the same to Lender notwithstanding the cancellation or other termination of such Bank Facility for so long as any Obligations owing to Lender remain outstanding in connection with this Agreement; and (d) prior written notice of the cancellation or termination of a Bank Facility for any reason. Borrower further acknowledges and agrees that any event of default under a Bank Facility shall constitute an Event of Default under this Agreement.

 Except as amended hereby, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and is in all respects hereby ratified and affirmed. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed them in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereunto have caused this instrument to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

Banc of America Leasing & Capital, LLC (Lender)

By:	Acon ufd.	
Printed Name:	Alison R Hook Senior Vice Prasident	
Title:		

Ciner Wyoming LLC (Borrower) By: Printed Name Title:

Amendment to MLA-MLSA (General) 4-25-2013

Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Oğuz Erkan, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ciner Resources LP (the "registrant");
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date:

November 3, 2021

/s/ Oğuz Erkan

Oğuz Erkan President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the General Partner of Ciner Resources LP (Principal Executive Officer)

Certification Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) As Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, Ahmet Tohma, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Ciner Resources LP (the "registrant");
- Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date:

November 3, 2021

/s/ Ahmet Tohma

Ahmet Tohma Chief Financial Officer of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the registrant's General Partner (Principal Financial Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF OGUZ ERKAN PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with Ciner Resources LP's (the "Partnership") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Oğuz Erkan, Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) of the Partnership's general partner, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date:

November 3, 2021

/s/ Oğuz Erkan

Oğuz Erkan President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the General Partner of Ciner Resources LP (Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF AHMET TOHMA PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with Ciner Resources LP's (the "Partnership") Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2021, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Ahmet Tohma, Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer) of the Partnership's general partner, do hereby certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Partnership.

Date:

November 3, 2021

/s/ Ahmet Tohma

Ahmet Tohma Chief Financial Officer of Ciner Resource Partners LLC, the registrant's General Partner (Principal Financial Officer)

MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Section 1503 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act ("Dodd-Frank"), contains reporting requirements regarding coal or other mine safety. We operate a mine in conjunction with our Green River, Wyoming facility, which is subject to regulation by the Mine Safety and Health Administration ("MSHA") under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the "Mine Act"), and is therefore subject to these reporting requirements. Presented in the table below is information, consideration should be given to the fact that citations, orders and violations, if any, which MSHA has issued with respect to our operation as required by Dodd-Frank. In evaluating this information, consideration should be given to the fact that citations and orders can be contested and appealed, and in that process, may be reduced in severity, penalty amount or sometimes dismissed (vacated) altogether.

The letters used as column headings in the table below correspond to the explanations provided underneath the table as to the information set forth in each column with respect to the numbers of violations, orders, citations or dollar amounts, as the case may be, during the third calendar quarter of 2021 unless otherwise indicated. All section references in the table below refer to provisions of the Mine Act.

(1) For each coal or other mine, of which the issuer or a subsidiary of the issuer is an operator:

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)					(H)		
						(F)	(G)					
Mine or Operating Name	Section 104 S&S Citations (#)	Section 104(b) Orders (#)	Section 104(d) Citations and Orders (#)	Section 110(b)(2) Violations (#)	Section 107(a) Orders (#)	Total Dollar Value of MSHA Assessments Proposed (\$)	Total Number of Mining Related Fatalities (#)	Received Notice of Pattern of Violations Under Section 104(e) (yes/no)	Received Notice of Potential to Have Pattern Under Section 104(e) (yes/no)	Legal Actions Pending as of Last Day of Period (#)	Legal Actions Initiated During Period (#)	Legal Actions Resolved During Period (#)
Ciner Wyoming LLC	5	_	_	_	—	\$ 16,949	—	no	no	-	—	_

(A) The total number of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that could significantly and substantially contribute to the cause and effect of a coal or other mine safety or health hazard under section 104 of the Mine Act for which the operator received a citation from MSHA.

(B) The total number of orders issued under section 104(b) of the Mine Act.

(C) The total number of citations and orders for unwarrantable failure of the mine operator to comply with mandatory health or safety standards under section 104(d) of the Mine Act.

(D) The total number of flagrant violations under section 110(b)(2) of the Mine Act.

(E) The total number of imminent danger orders issued under section 107(a) of the Mine Act.

(F) The total dollar value of proposed assessments from the MSHA under the Mine Act, regardless of whether such proposed assessments are being contested or were dismissed or reduced prior to the date of filing the periodic report.

(G) The total number of mining related fatalities.

(H) Any pending legal action before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission involving such coal or other mines. With respect to those legal actions:

- 1. Contests of citations and orders referenced in Subpart B of 29 CFR part 2700: None
- 2. Contests of proposed penalties referenced in Subpart C of 29 CFR part 2700: None (see referenced in H1)
- 3. Complaints for compensation referenced in Subpart D of 29 CFR part 2700: None
- 4. Complaints of discharge, discrimination or interference referenced in Subpart E of 29 CFR part 2700: None
- 5. Applications for temporary relief referenced in Subpart F of 29 CFR part 2700: None

6. Appeals of judges' decisions or orders to the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission referenced in Subpart H of 29 CFR part 2700: None

(2) A list of such coal or other mines, of which the issuer or a subsidiary of the issuer is an operator, that received written notice from MSHA of (A) a pattern of violations of mandatory health or safety standards that are of such nature as could have significantly and substantially contributed to the cause and effect of coal or other mine health and safety hazards under section 104(e) of the Mine Act, or (B) the potential to have such a pattern.

NONE

(3) Any pending legal action before the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission involving such coal or other mine.

SEE COLUMN (H) OF SECTION (1) ABOVE