# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

November 3, 2020

# CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

814-01022

(Commission File Number)

**90-0945675** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

> 4201 Congress St., Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 376-5502

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

		Name of Each Exchange on
Title of Each Class	Trading symbol(s)	Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	CPTA	NASDAQ Global Select Market
5.75% Convertible Notes due 2022	CPTAG	NASDAQ Capital Market
6.00% Notes due 2022	CPTAL	NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company  $\Box$ 

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.

### Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On October 30, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), Capitala Business Lending, LLC (the "Borrower"), a direct, wholly owned, consolidated subsidiary of Capitala Finance Corp. (the "Company"), entered into a senior secured revolving credit agreement (the "KeyBank Credit Facility"), with Capitala Investment Advisers, LLC (the "Investment Adviser"), as collateral manager, the lenders from time to time parties thereto (each a "Lender"), KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and U.S. Bank National Association, as custodian.

Under the KeyBank Credit Facility, the Lenders have agreed to extend credit to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$25.0 million as of the Effective Date. The Borrower may, on any business day prior to October 28, 2022, request an increase in the aggregate principal amount from \$25.0 million to \$100.0 million in accordance with the terms and in the manner described in the KeyBank Credit Facility. The period during which the Lenders may make loans to the Borrower under the KeyBank Credit Facility (the "Reinvestment Period") commenced on the Effective Date and will continue through October 28, 2022, unless there is an earlier termination or event of default. The KeyBank Credit Facility matures on October 28, 2023, unless there is an earlier termination or event of default.

During the Reinvestment Period, borrowings under the KeyBank Credit Facility bear interest at (i) 1-month London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or the Benchmark Replacement (as defined in the KeyBank Credit Facility) plus 3.50% or (ii) the Base Rate (as defined in the KeyBank Credit Facility) plus 2.50%. Following expiration of the Reinvestment Period, the interest rate on outstanding borrowings under the KeyBank Credit Facility will reset to (i) 1-month LIBOR or the Benchmark Replacement plus 4.00% or (ii) the Base Rate plus 3.00% for the remaining term of the KeyBank Credit Facility.

The KeyBank Credit Facility is secured by all of the Borrower's assets. Both the Borrower and the Investment Adviser have made customary representations and warranties and are required to comply with various covenants, reporting requirements and other customary requirements for similar credit facilities. The borrowings of the Company, including under the KeyBank Credit Facility, are subject to the leverage restrictions contained in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

In connection with the KeyBank Credit Facility, on October 30, 2020, the Company entered into a Purchase and Contribution Security Agreement (the "Purchase and Contribution Security Agreement") with the Borrower pursuant to which the Company sold and transferred, and in the future will sell and transfer, to the Borrower certain loans and debt securities the Company has originated or acquired, or will originate or acquire, from time to time consistent with the Company's investment objectives. The consideration for each such sale and transfer is a combination of cash and a capital contribution from the Company to the Borrower. Pursuant to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement, the Company makes certain representations and warranties in connection with each such sale and transfer.

The description above is only a summary of the material provisions of the KeyBank Credit Facility and the related Purchase and Contribution Security Agreement and both are qualified in their entirety by reference to the copies of the Form of Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and the Form of Purchase and Contribution Agreement, which are filed as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively, to this current report on Form 8-K and are incorporated herein by reference thereto.

#### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On November 3, 2020, the Company issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 (the "Earnings Release"), the text of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### Item 2.03. Creation of Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

The information provided in Item 1.01 of this current report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On November 3, 2020, the Company made available on its website, http://investor.CapitalaGroup.com, a supplemental investor presentation with respect to the Earnings Release.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information provided herein shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing made under the Securities Act except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>10.1</u>	Form of Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2020, among Capitala Business Lending, LLC, as the borrower, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, as the collateral manager, the lenders from to time to time parties thereto, KeyBank National Association, as the administrative agent, and U.S. Bank National Association, as the custodian
<u>10.2</u>	Form of Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2020, by and between Capitala Business Lending, LLC, as the purchaser, and Capitala Finance Corp., as the transferor
<u>99.1</u>	Press release dated November 3, 2020

## 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 3, 2020

CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: /s/ Stephen A. Arnall

Stephen A. Arnall Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer

FORM OF EXECUTION VERSION

REVOLVING CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

among

Capitala Business Lending, LLC, as Borrower,

CAPITALA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC, as Collateral Manager

THE LENDERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTIES HERETO,

KeyBank National Association, as Administrative Agent

KeyBank National Association, as Lead Arranger

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Custodian

Dated as of October 30, 2020

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#### **REVOLVING CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**

REVOLVING CREDIT AND SECURITY AGREEMENT dated as of October 30, 2020 among CAPITALA BUSINESS LENDING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as borrower (together with its permitted successors and assigns, the "Borrower"); CAPITALA INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Capitala Investment Advisors"), as the collateral manager (in such capacity, together with its permitted successors and assigns, the "Collateral Manager"); the LENDERS from time to time party hereto; KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as administrative agent for the Secured Parties (as hereinafter defined) (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns, the "Administrative Agent"); and U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as custodian (in such capacity, together with its successors and assigns, the "Custodian").

#### **R**ECITALS:

The Borrower desires that the Lenders make advances on a revolving basis to the Borrower on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

Each Lender is willing to make such advances to the Borrower on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

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

### ARTICLE I

### **D**EFINITIONS; **R**ULES OF CONSTRUCTION; **COMPUTATIONS**

Section 1.01. Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

"ABL Collateral" means, with respect to any Loan, certain current assets, including cash, accounts receivable and/or inventory of the related Obligor.

"Account Bank" means (i) KeyBank National Association or (ii) another Qualified Institution reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Account Control Agreement" means an agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit D.

"Adjusted Eurodollar Rate" means, for any one-month period, an interest rate *per annum* equal to a fraction, expressed as a percentage, (i) the numerator of which is equal to the LIBOR Rate for such one-month period and (ii) the denominator of which is equal to 100% *minus* the Eurodollar Reserve Percentage for such one-month period.

"Administrative Agent" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introduction to this Agreement.

"Administrative Agent Fee Letter" means that certain fee letter, dated as of the date hereof, by and among the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

"Administrative Expense Cap" means, for any rolling 12-month period, an amount equal to \$200,000.

"Administrative Expenses" means the fees and expenses (including indemnities) and other amounts of the Borrower due or accrued with respect to any Payment Date and payable, on a *pro rata* basis, to:

(a) the Independent Accountants, agents (other than the Collateral Manager) and counsel of the Borrower for fees and expenses related to the Collateral and the Facility Documents;

(b) any rating agency for fees and expenses in connection with the rating of (or provision of credit estimates in respect of) any Collateral Loans; and

(c) any other Person (other than the Lenders) in respect of any other fees or expenses permitted under or incurred pursuant to the Facility Documents and other amounts payable by the Borrower under any Facility Document.

*provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, amounts that are expressly payable to any Person under the Priority of Payments in respect of an amount that is stated to be payable as an amount other than as Administrative Expenses (including, without limitation, interest and principal, other amounts owing in respect of the Advances and the Commitments, fees due to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Administrative Agent Fee Letter, and the Collateral Management Fees) and expenses paid on the Closing Date shall not constitute Administrative Expenses.

"Advance Rate" means, (i) with respect to First Lien Loans other than any portion thereof that would constitute an Excess Leverage First Lien Loan, 60.0%, (ii) with respect to Second Lien Loans and Excess Leverage First Lien Loans, 40.0%, and (iii) with respect to Mezzanine Loans, 20.0%;

"Advances" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01.

"Affected Person" means (i) each Lender and each of its Affiliates and (ii) any assignee or participant of any Lender (unless the benefit of any particular provision hereof to any such Affected Person is otherwise expressly excluded herein).

"Affiliate" means, in respect of a referenced Person, another Person Controlling, Controlled by or under common Control with such referenced Person; <u>provided</u> that a Person shall not be deemed to be an "Affiliate" of an Obligor solely because it is under the common ownership or control of the same financial sponsor or affiliate thereof as such Obligor (except if any such Person or Obligor provides collateral under, guarantees or otherwise supports the obligations of the other such Person or Obligor). "Agent's Account" KeyBank National Association, ABA #021300077, Account number: 329953020917, Attn: SFS Operations, Ref: Capitala Business Lending, LLC.

"Aggregate Assigned Value" means, when used with respect to all or a portion of the Collateral Loans, the sum of the Assigned Values of all or of such portion of the Collateral Loans.

"Aggregate Collateral Balance" means, at any time, the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Collateral Loans that are Eligible Loans.

"Aggregate Funded Spread" means, as of any date, the sum of:

(a) in the case of each Floating Rate Obligation (excluding any Floor Obligation) that bears interest at a spread over an index (including any London interbank offered rate based index), (i) the spread over such index as then in effect (which spread or excess may be expressed as a negative percentage) *multiplied by* (ii) the Principal Balance of such Collateral Loan; and

(b) in the case of each Floor Obligation, (i) the excess of the interest rate on such Floor Obligation (including any interest rate spread) as of such date *over* Specified LIBOR as then in effect (which spread or excess may be expressed as a negative percentage) *multiplied by* (ii) the Principal Balance of each such Collateral Loan.

"Agreement" means this Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

"*Alternative Rate*" means an interest rate *per annum* equal to (i) if a Eurodollar Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (and has not otherwise been waived by the Lenders pursuant to the terms hereof), the Base Rate, or (ii) in all other cases, the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate.

"*Amortization Period*" means the period commencing on the day immediately following the Commitment Termination Date and ending on the Final Maturity Date.

"Anti-Corruption Laws" means, with respect to any Person, the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 and any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, rules, regulations and orders applicable to such Person.

"Applicable Law" means any Law of any Governmental Authority, including all Federal and state banking or securities laws, to which the Person in question is subject or by which it or any of its assets or properties are bound.

"Applicable Margin" means (a) during the Reinvestment Period, (i) with respect to any Advance that accrues interest at the LIBOR Rate or the Benchmark Replacement, 3.50% *per annum* and (ii) with respect to any Advance that accrues interest at the Base Rate, 2.50% *per annum* and (b) during the Amortization Period, (i) with respect to any Advance that accrues interest at the LIBOR Rate or the Benchmark Replacement, 4.00% *per annum* and (ii) with respect to any Advance that accrues interest at the LIBOR Rate or the Benchmark Replacement, 4.00% *per annum* and (ii) with respect to any Advance that accrues interest at the Base Rate, 3.00% *per annum*; *provided, however*, following the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Applicable Margin shall be the Applicable Margin as determined by <u>clauses (a)</u> and (b), as applicable, *plus* 2.00%.

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*"Appraisal"* means with respect to any Loan, an appraisal of such Loan that is conducted by an Approved Appraisal Firm, which may be in the form of an update or reaffirmation by an Approved Appraisal Firm of an appraisal of such Loan previously performed by an Approved Appraisal Firm.

"*Approved Appraisal Firm*" means (a) an independent appraisal firm recognized as being experienced in conducting valuations of secured loans or (b) an independent financial adviser of recognized standing retained by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the agent or lenders under any Loan, in each case as consented to by the Administrative Agent.

"*Assigned Value*" means, for any Loan as of any date of determination, the lesser of (x) the Principal Balance of such Loan on such date and (y) the Market Value with respect to such Loan as of such date.

*"Assignment and Acceptance"* means an Assignment and Acceptance in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>, entered into by a Lender, an assignee, the Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the Borrower.

"Bankruptcy Code" means the United States Bankruptcy Code, as amended.

"Base Rate" means, on any date, a fluctuating interest rate *per annum* equal to the highest of (a) the Prime Rate, (b) the Federal Funds Rate *plus* 0.50%, and (c) other than as a result of a Eurodollar Disruption Event, the one-month LIBOR Rate *plus* 1.0%. The Base Rate is a reference rate and does not necessarily represent the lowest or best rate actually charged to any customer of the Administrative Agent or any Lender. Interest calculated pursuant to this definition will be determined based on a year of 360 days and actual days elapsed.

"Available Tenor" means, as of any date of determination and with respect to the then-current Benchmark, as applicable, any tenor for such Benchmark or payment period for interest calculated with reference to such Benchmark, as applicable, that is or may be used for determining the length of an Interest Period pursuant to this Agreement as of such date and not including, for the avoidance of doubt, any tenor for such Benchmark that is thenremoved from the definition of "Interest Period" pursuant to <u>Section 2.17(d)</u>.

*"Benchmark"* means, initially, USD LIBOR; *provided* that if a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to USD LIBOR or the then-current Benchmark, then *"Benchmark"* means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to <u>Section 2.17(a)</u>.

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*"Benchmark Replacement"* means, for any Available Tenor, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent for the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (i) the sum of: (a) Term SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (ii) the sum of: (a) Daily Simple SOFR and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or

(iii) the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement benchmark rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a benchmark rate as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time and (b) the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

*provided* that, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u>, Term SOFR is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion. If the Benchmark Replacement as determined pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u>, <u>(ii)</u> or <u>(iii)</u> above would be less than the Floor, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be the Floor for the purposes of this Agreement and the other Facility Documents.

*"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment"* means, with respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for any applicable Interest Period and Available Tenor for any setting of such Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement:

(i) for purposes of <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> of the definition of "*Benchmark Replacement*," the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Administrative Agent:

(a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for the applicable Corresponding Tenor;

(b) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) as of the Reference Time such Benchmark Replacement is first set for such Interest Period that would apply to the fallback rate for a derivative transaction referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon an index cessation event with respect to such Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor; and

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(ii) for purposes of <u>clause (iii)</u> of the definition of "*Benchmark Replacement*," the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to (x) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body on the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date or (y) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities;

*provided* that, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, such adjustment is displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such Benchmark Replacement Adjustment from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "Base Rate," "Business Day", "LIBOR Rate," "Adjusted Eurodollar Rate" and "Interest Period," timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, timing of borrowing requests or prepayments, length of lookback periods, the applicability of breakage provisions, and other technical, administrative, or operational matters) that the Administrative Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the other Facility Documents).

"Benchmark Replacement Date" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

(i) in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> or <u>(ii)</u> of the definition of "*Benchmark Transition Event*," the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

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(ii) in the case of <u>clause (iii)</u> of the definition of "*Benchmark Transition Event*," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein; or

(iii) in the case of an Early Opt-in Election, the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the date notice of such Early Opt-in Election is provided to the Lenders, written notice of objection to such Early Opt-in Election from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders.

For the avoidance of doubt, (x) if the event giving rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination and (y) the "*Benchmark Replacement Date*" will be deemed to have occurred in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> or <u>(ii)</u> with respect to any Benchmark upon the occurrence of the applicable event or events set forth therein with respect to all then-current Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

"Benchmark Transition Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

(i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof), permanently or indefinitely; *provided* that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof);

(ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof), the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of such Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide any Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or such component thereof); or

(iii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof) or a Relevant Governmental Body announcing that all Available Tenors of such Benchmark (or such component thereof) are no longer representative.

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For the avoidance of doubt, a "Benchmark Transition Event" will be deemed to have occurred with respect to any Benchmark if a public statement or publication of information set forth above has occurred with respect to each then-current Available Tenor of such Benchmark (or the published component used in the calculation thereof).

*"Benchmark Unavailability Period"* means the period (if any) (x) beginning at the time that a Benchmark Replacement Date pursuant to <u>clauses</u> (i) or (ii) of that definition has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Facility Document in accordance with <u>Section 2.17</u> and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced the then-current Benchmark Replacement and under any Facility Document in accordance with <u>Section 2.17</u>.

*"Beneficial Owner"* means, with respect to the Borrower, (a) each individual, if any, who, directly or indirectly, owns 25% or more of the equity interests in the Borrower and (b) a single individual with significant responsibility to control, manage, or direct the Borrower.

*"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 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 Code) the assets of any such *"employee benefit plan"* or *"plan"*.

"Borrower" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introduction to this Agreement.

"Borrower LLC Agreement" means the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Borrower, dated as of October 30, 2020.

"Borrowing" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.01.

"Borrowing Base" means, at any time, (a) the Aggregate Collateral Balance *minus* (b) (i) during the Reinvestment Period, any Excess Concentration Amounts, and (ii) after the Reinvestment Period, any Excess Concentration Amounts in existence on the last day of the Reinvestment Period; *provided* that with respect to this <u>clause (ii)</u>, any Excess Concentration Amounts attributable to a Collateral Loan shall not exceed the Principal Balance of such Collateral Loan; *provided further*, that with respect to this <u>clause (ii)</u>, Excess Concentration Amounts attributable to more than one Collateral Loan determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.04(g)</u> shall be attributed to each Collateral Loan on a proportional basis according to the portions of such Collateral Loans used to calculate such Excess Concentration Amounts on the last day of the Reinvestment Period.

"Borrowing Base Calculation Statement" means a statement in substantially the form attached as <u>Schedule I</u> to the form of Notice of Borrowing attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, as such form of Borrowing Base Calculation Statement may be modified by the Administrative Agent (with prior notice to the Borrower) from time to time to the extent such form does not, in the good faith opinion of the Administrative Agent, accurately reflect the calculation of the Borrowing Base required hereunder.

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"Borrowing Date" means the date of a Borrowing.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday, <u>provided</u> that (i) days on which banks are authorized or required to close in New York, New York, Boston, Massachusetts, Charlotte, North Carolina, Chicago, Illinois, Minneapolis, Minnesota or Florence, South Carolina, and (ii) if the applicable Business Day relates to the advance or continuation of, or conversion into, or payment of an Advance bearing interest at the LIBOR Rate or the determination of the LIBOR Rate, days on which banks are dealing in Dollar deposits in the interbank eurodollar market in London, England are closed, shall not constitute Business Days.

"Capitala" means Capitala Finance Corp., a Maryland corporation.

"Capitala Investment Advisors" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introduction to this Agreement.

"Cash" means Dollars immediately available on the day in question.

*"Certificate of Beneficial Ownership"* means, with respect to the Borrower, a certificate certifying, among other things, the Beneficial Owner of the Borrower, delivered on the Closing Date, as the same may be updated or amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"Certificated Security" has the meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(4) of the UCC.

"*Change of Control*" means, at any time, the occurrence of one of the following events: (1) Capitala shall cease to own, directly or indirectly, at least 100% of the equity interests of the Borrower free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens at any time; or (2) Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC fails to direct the management and policies of Capitala.

"Charged-Off Loan" means any Loan as to which any of the following occurs:

(i) any payment of principal or interest thereon remains unpaid for 90 days or more past the related due date;

(ii) unless such Loan is a DIP Loan, the related Obligor of such Loan is the subject of an Insolvency Event or is otherwise generally unable to meet its financial obligations; or

(iii) the Collateral Manager has reasonably determined in accordance with the Collateral Management Standard or the Investment Management Procedures that such Loan shall be placed on "non-accrual" status or "not collectible".

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"*Charged-Off Ratio*" means, on any date of determination, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) equal to (a) the sum of the Assigned Values of all Collateral Loans that became Charged-Off Loans during the previous month, *divided by* (b) (A) the sum of (x) the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Collateral Loans as of the first day of the previous month and (y) the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Collateral Loans as of the last day of the previous month, divided by (B) two.

"Clearing Corporation" means each entity included within the meaning of "clearing corporation" under Section 8-102(a)(5) of the UCC.

"*Clearing Corporation Security*" means securities which are in the custody of or maintained on the books of a Clearing Corporation or a nominee subject to the control of a Clearing Corporation and, if they are Certificated Securities in registered form, properly endorsed to or registered in the name of the Clearing Corporation or such nominee.

"Closing Date" means October 30, 2020.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute.

"Collateral" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.01(a).

*"Collateral Interest Amount"* means, as of any date of determination, the sum of (A) the aggregate amount of "Interest Proceeds" calculated solely pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> of the definition of "Interest Proceeds" that have been received according to the payment schedule(s) under the Related Documents during the Collection Period ending on such Determination Date *plus* (B) all interest and other income that is accrued but unpaid during such Collection Period on the Collateral Loans (excluding any such amounts with respect to Ineligible Loans).

"Collateral Loan" means a Loan owned by the Borrower and included as part of the Collateral.

"Collateral Management Fees" means the monthly fee, accruing from the Closing Date, payable in arrears on each Payment Date for the related Interest Accrual Period, in an amount equal to 0.40% *per annum* (calculated on the basis of a 360 day year and the actual number of days elapsed) of the aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Loans as of the last day of the related Collection Period. For the avoidance of doubt, the Collateral Manager may waive the right to receive the Collateral Management Fees on any Payment Date.

"Collateral Management Standard" means, with respect to any Loan included in the Collateral, to service and administer such Collateral Loans in accordance with the Related Documents and all customary and usual servicing practices (a) which are consistent with the higher of: (i) the customary and usual servicing practices that a prudent loan investor or lender would use in servicing loans like the Collateral Loans for its own account, and (ii) the same care, skill, prudence and diligence with which the Collateral Manager services and administers loans for its own account or for the account of others; (b) to the extent not inconsistent with <u>clause (a)</u>, with a view to maximize the value of the Collateral Loans; and (c) without regard to: (i) any relationship that the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager may have with any Obligor or any Affiliate of any Obligor, (ii) the Collateral Manager's obligations to incur servicing and administrative expenses with respect to a Collateral Loan, (iii) the Collateral Manager's right to receive compensation for its services hereunder or with respect to any particular transaction, (iv) the ownership by the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof of any retained interest or one or more loans of the same class as any Collateral Loans, (v) the ownership, servicing or management for others by the Collateral Manager of any other loans or property by the Collateral Manager, or (vi) any relationship that the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager may have with any holder of other loans of the Obligor with respect to such Collateral Loans.

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"Collateral Manager" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introduction of this Agreement.

"Collateral Manager Breach" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.03(a).

"Collateral Manager Expense Cap" means, for any rolling twelve-month period, an amount equal to \$300,000.

"Collateral Manager Termination Event" means the occurrence of any of the events, acts or circumstances set forth in Section 6.03.

"*Collateral Quality Test*" means each of (i) the Weighted Average Spread Test, (ii) the Weighted Average Coupon Test, (iii) the Weighted Average Life Test, (iv) the Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Ratio Test, (v) the Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio Test, and (vi) the Weighted Average TTM EBITDA.

"Collateral Sale Notice Date" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.02.

"Collection Account" means the account established pursuant to Section 8.02.

*"Collection Period"* means, with respect to any Payment Date, the period commencing on the day following the last Determination Date in the previous Collection Period (or on the Closing Date, in the case of the Collection Period relating to the first Payment Date) and ending on the Determination Date immediately preceding such Payment Date occurs or, in the case of the final Collection Period preceding the Final Maturity Date or the final Collection Period preceding an optional prepayment in whole of the Advances, ending on the day preceding the Final Maturity Date or the date of such prepayment, respectively.

"*Collections*" means all cash collections, distributions, payments and other amounts received, and to be received by the Borrower, from any Person in respect of any Collateral, including all principal, interest, fees, distributions and redemption and withdrawal proceeds payable to the Borrower under or in connection with any such Collateral and all Proceeds from any sale or disposition of any such Collateral.

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"*Commitment*" means, as to each Lender, the obligation of such Lender to make, on and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Advances to the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.01</u> in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding for such Lender up to but not exceeding the amount set forth opposite the name of such Lender on <u>Schedule 1</u> or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender shall have assumed its Commitment, as applicable, as such amount may be reduced from time to time pursuant to <u>Section 2.06</u> or increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to assignments effected in accordance with <u>Section 13.06(a)</u>.

*"Commitment Termination Date"* means the earliest to occur of (a) October 28, 2022 (or such later date as may be agreed by the Borrower and each of the Lenders and notified in writing to the Administrative Agent), (b) the date of the termination of the Commitments in whole pursuant to <u>Section</u> 2.06, and (c) the date of the termination of the Commitments pursuant to <u>Section 6.02</u>.

"*Concentration Limitations*" means, as of any date of determination, the following limitations applied to the Aggregate Collateral Balance of the Eligible Loans owned (or, in relation to a proposed acquisition of a Loan, proposed to be owned) by the Borrower, and calculated as a percentage of the Concentration Test Amount (unless otherwise specified below):

(a) not more than (i) 20.0% consists of Eligible Loans with Obligors in the largest Moody's Industry Classification (measured as the Moody's Industry Classification with the largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance) and (ii) 15.0% consists of Eligible Loans with Obligors in any other Moody's Industry Classification;

(b) not more than (i) 12.0% consists of Eligible Loans of the Obligor which, together with any Affiliates thereof, is the Obligor of the largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance, (ii) 10.0% consists of Eligible Loans of the Obligor which, together with any Affiliates thereof, is the Obligor of the 2nd largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance, (iii) 10.0% consists of Eligible Loans of the Obligor which, together with any Affiliates thereof, is the Obligor of the 3rd largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance, and (iv) not more than 40.0% consists collectively of Eligible Loans of the Obligors which, together with any Affiliates thereof, are the Obligors of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance;

(c) not more than 25.0% consists of Eligible Loans the Obligor of which is located in any single state;

(d) not more than 25.0% consists of Eligible Loans that have an Obligor with a TTM EBITDA of less than \$5,000,000;

(e) to the extent the addition of a Collateral Loan results in less than 80.0% of the Concentration Test Amount consisting of First Lien Obligations, the portion of the Concentration Test Amount attributable to all such Collateral Loans to the extent of such failure to maintain such percentage;

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- (f) not more than 10.0% consists of Eligible Mezzanine Loans;
- (g) not more than 15.0% consists of Second Lien Obligations;
- (h) not more than 10.0% consists of Participation Interests;
- (i) not more than 15.0% consists collectively of Non-Cash Paying PIK Loans, Covenant Lite Loans, and DIP Loans;
- (j) not more than 10.0% consists of Restructured Loans;
- (k) not more than 20.0% consists of Eligible Loans that have a Risk Rating of 4; and
- (l) not more than 50.0% consists of Fixed Rate Obligations.

*"Concentration Test Amount"* means, as of any date of determination (i) from the Closing Date until the Payment Date occurring on July 22, 2021, the greater of (x) \$80,000,000 and (y) the Aggregate Collateral Balance and (ii) thereafter, the Aggregate Collateral Balance.

"Constituent Documents" means in respect of any Person, the certificate or articles of formation or organization, the limited liability company agreement, operating agreement, partnership agreement, joint venture agreement or other applicable agreement of formation or organization (or equivalent or comparable constituent documents) and other organizational documents and by-laws and any certificate of incorporation, certificate of formation, certificate of limited partnership and other agreement, similar instrument filed or made in connection with its formation or organization, in each case, as the same may be amended, restated, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"*Control*" means the direct or indirect possession of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through ownership, by contract, arrangement or understanding, or otherwise. "*Controlled*" and "*Controlling*" have the meaning correlative thereto.

"Control Position Loan" means an instrument that otherwise qualifies as a Collateral Loan, with respect to which (a) there is a warrant or other similar instrument that may be converted or exchanged for an Equity Security (other than Margin Stock) and (b) upon the exercise of such warrant or similar instrument by the Borrower or other Affiliated holder thereof such holder thereof would have (i) more than 25% of the equity interests of the Obligor, (ii) the right to appoint a majority of the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Obligor, or (iii) other rights that would constitute having "Control" of the Obligor.

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"*Corresponding Tenor*" with respect to any Available Tenor means, as applicable, either a tenor (including overnight) or an interest payment period having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as such Available Tenor.

"Covenant Lite Loan" means a Loan the Related Documents for which do not require the Obligor to comply with at least one of the following financial covenants during each reporting period applicable to such Collateral Loan, whether or not any action by, or event relating to, the Obligor has occurred: maximum leverage, maximum senior leverage, minimum fixed charge coverage, minimum tangible net worth, minimum net worth, minimum debt service coverage, minimum interest coverage, maximum capital expenditures, minimum EBITDA, or other customary financial covenants; *provided* that a Loan shall not constitute a Covenant Lite Loan if the Related Documents contain a cross-default or cross-acceleration provisions to, or such Loan is *pari passu* with another loan of the Obligor that requires the Obligor to comply with one or more of the aforementioned financial covenants.

"Coverage Test" means each of (i) the Maximum Advance Rate Test and (ii) the Interest Coverage Ratio Test.

"Covered Account" means the Collection Account.

*"Credit Protection Laws"* means all federal, state and local laws in respect of the business of extending credit to borrowers, including without limitation, the Truth in Lending Act (and Regulation Z promulgated thereunder), Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Financial Privacy Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, Fair Housing Act, anti-discrimination and fair lending laws, laws relating to servicing procedures or maximum charges and rates of interest, privacy laws and other similar laws, each to the extent applicable, and all applicable rules and regulations in respect of any of the foregoing.

"Custodial Certificate" is defined in Section 14.02(b)(i).

"*Custodian*" means U.S. Bank National Association, and any successor thereto appointed under this Agreement, including without limitation in its capacity as custodian hereunder and as the context may require.

"Custodian Facilities" means the office of the Custodian specified on Schedule 5.

*"Custodian Fee Letter"* means the Custodian Fee Letter setting forth the fees payable by the Borrower to, among other parties, the Custodian in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

#### "Custodian Termination Notice" is defined in Section 14.05.

"Daily Simple SOFR" means, for any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which will include a lookback) being established by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining "Daily Simple SOFR" for syndicated business loans; *provided*, that if the Administrative Agent decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, then the Administrative Agent may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion.

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"Data File" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.06.

"Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code, 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.

*"Default"* means any event which, with the passage of time, the giving of notice, or both, would (if not cured or otherwise remedied during such time) constitute an Event of Default.

"Defaulted Loan" means any Loan as to which any of the following occurs:

(a) a default as to all or any portion of one or more payments of principal and/or interest has occurred with respect to such Loan (after giving effect to any grace period applicable thereto but in no event exceeding five (5) Business Days past the applicable due date);

(b) a default other than a payment default described in <u>clause (a)</u> above (after giving effect to any grace period applicable thereto) and for which the Borrower (or the administrative agent or required lenders pursuant to the Related Documents, as applicable) has elected to exercise any of its rights and remedies under such Related Documents (including, without limitation, acceleration or foreclosure on collateral, but excluding (i) the imposition of default pricing if such default, in the good faith business judgment of the Collateral Manager, did not arise for credit-related reasons or (ii) the exercise of any rights to receive reports or conduct audits);

(c) the related Obligor of such Loan is the subject of an Insolvency Event unless such Loan is a DIP Loan;

(d) any or all of the principal amount or interest (other than any default interest) due under such Loan is reduced or forgiven by the Borrower;

(e) the Collateral Manager has reasonably determined in accordance with the Collateral Management Standard or the Investment Management Procedures that such Collateral Loan shall be placed on "non-accrual" status or "not collectible";

(f) a Material Modification (subject to the proviso contained in the definition thereof) has occurred with respect to such Loan; or

(g) such Loan is subject to a mandatory repurchase as a Warranty Loan under the related documents; or

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provided that any Defaulted Loan that subsequently becomes a Restructured Loan shall no longer constitute a Defaulted Loan hereunder.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to Section 2.16(b), any Lender that (a) has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Advances within two (2) Business Days of the date such Advances 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 reasonable determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Administrative Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within two (2) Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower or the Administrative Agent 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 an Advance hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified 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, at any time after the Closing Date (i) become the subject of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or (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; 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 clauses (a) through (d) above shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest or demonstrable error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.16(b)) upon delivery of written notice of such determination to the Borrower and each Lender.

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"Delayed Drawdown Loan" means a Loan that (a) requires the Borrower to make one or more future advances to the Obligor under the Related Documents, (b) specifies a maximum amount that can be borrowed on one or more fixed borrowing dates, and (c) does not permit the re-borrowing of any amount previously repaid by the Obligor thereunder, <u>provided</u> that any such loan will be a Delayed Drawdown Loan only to the extent of undrawn commitments and solely until all commitments by the Borrower to make advances on such loan to the Obligor under the Related Documents expire or are terminated or are reduced to zero.

"Delinquent Loan" means any Loan as to which a default as to all or any portion of one or more payments of principal or interest has occurred with respect to such Loan for more than thirty (30) days but less than ninety (90) days past the applicable Due Date.

"Deliver" or "Delivered" or "Delivery" means the taking of the following steps:

(a) in the case of each Certificated Security (other than a Clearing Corporation Security), Instrument and Participation Interest in which the Participation Interest or the underlying loan is represented by an Instrument:

(i) causing the delivery of such Certificated Security or Instrument to the Custodian or the Account Bank, as applicable, by registering the same in the name of the Custodian or the Account Bank (as applicable) or the Custodian or Account Bank's affiliated nominee or by endorsing the same to the Custodian, the Account Bank or in blank;

(ii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Certificated Security or Instrument is credited to the applicable Covered Account; and

(iii) causing the Custodian or the Account Bank (as applicable) to maintain continuous possession of such Certificated Security or Instrument;

(b) in the case of each Uncertificated Security (other than a Clearing Corporation Security), unless covered by <u>clause (e)</u> below:

(i) causing such Uncertificated Security to be continuously registered on the books of the issuer thereof to the Account Bank; and

(ii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Uncertificated Security is credited to the applicable Covered Account;

(c) in the case of each Clearing Corporation Security:

(i) causing the relevant Clearing Corporation to credit such Clearing Corporation Security to the securities account of the Account Bank, and

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(ii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Clearing Corporation Security is credited to the applicable Covered Account;

(d) in the case of each security issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or agency or instrumentality thereof and that is maintained in book-entry records of a Federal Reserve Bank (*"FRB"*) (each such security, a *"Government Security"*):

(i) causing the creation of a Security Entitlement to such Government Security by the credit of such Government Security to the securities account of the Account Bank at such FRB; and

(ii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Government Security is credited to the applicable Covered Account;

(e) in the case of each Security Entitlement not governed by <u>clauses (a) through (d)</u> above:

(i) causing a Securities Intermediary to receive a Financial Asset from a Securities Intermediary or to acquire the underlying Financial Asset, and in either case, accepting it for credit to the Account Bank's securities account,

(ii) causing such Securities Intermediary to make entries on its books and records continuously identifying such Security Entitlement as belonging to the Custodian and continuously indicating on its books and records that such Security Entitlement is credited to the Account Bank's securities account, and

(iii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Security Entitlement (or all rights and property of the Account Bank representing such Security Entitlement) is credited to the applicable Covered Account;

(f) in the case of Cash or Money:

(i) causing the delivery of such Cash or Money to the Account Bank,

(ii) causing the Account Bank to credit such Cash or Money to a deposit account maintained as a sub-account of the applicable Covered

Account, and

(iii) causing the Account Bank to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Cash or Money is credited to the applicable Covered Account; and

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(g) in the case of each account or general intangible (including any Participation Interest in which neither the Participation Interest nor the underlying loan is represented by an Instrument), causing the filing of a Financing Statement in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

"Designated Loan" means each Loan set forth on Schedule 8.

"Determination Date" means the last day of each calendar month.

"DIP Loan" means an obligation:

(a) obtained or incurred after the entry of an order of relief in a case pending under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code,

(b) to a debtor in possession as described in Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code or a trustee (if appointment of such trustee has been ordered pursuant to Section 1104 of the Bankruptcy Code),

(c) on which the related Obligor is required to pay interest and/or principal on a current basis, and

(d) approved by a Final Order or Interim Order of the bankruptcy court so long as such obligation is (A) fully secured by a lien on the debtor's otherwise unencumbered assets pursuant to Section 364(c)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, (B) fully secured by a lien of equal or senior priority on property of the debtor estate that is otherwise subject to a lien pursuant to Section 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code or (C) is secured by a junior lien on the debtor's encumbered assets (so long as such loan is fully secured based on the most recent current valuation or appraisal report, if any, of the debtor).

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

"Due Date" means each date on which any payment of principal or interest is due on a Loan in accordance with its terms.

"Early Opt-in Election" means, if the then-current Benchmark is the LIBOR Rate, the occurrence of:

(i) a notification by the Administrative Agent to (or the request by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent to notify) each of the other parties hereto that at least five currently outstanding Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time contain (as a result of amendment or as originally executed) a SOFR-based rate (including SOFR, a term SOFR or any other rate based upon SOFR) as a benchmark rate (and such syndicated credit facilities are identified in such notice and are publicly available for review); and

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(ii) the joint election by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower to trigger a fallback from the LIBOR Rate and the provision by the Administrative Agent of written notice of such election to the Lenders.

*"EBITDA"* means earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (determined by the Collateral Manager for any Loan, in the manner provided in the Related Documents). In any case that *"EBITDA"* or such comparable definition is not defined in such Related Documents, *"EBITDA"* shall mean an amount, for the related Obligor and any of its parents or Subsidiaries that are obligated with respect to such Loan pursuant to its Related Documents (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) equal to earnings from continuing operations for such period plus interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization and, to the extent determined by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the Collateral Management Standard, any other costs and expenses reducing earnings and other extraordinary non-recurring costs and expenses for such period (to the extent deducted in determining earnings from continuing operations for such period).

"EEA Member Country" means any member state of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

"Effective Date" means the later of the Closing Date and the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 3.01 are satisfied.

*"Eligible Assignee"* means a Person that (i) is not a natural Person, (ii) is not a Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute a Defaulting Lender or a Subsidiary of a Defaulting Lender, (iii) is not the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, Capitala or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing, (iv) is a Qualified Purchaser and QIB and (v) unless such Person is a Permitted Assignee, has obtained the written consent of the Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the Borrower, prior to any assignment pursuant to <u>Section 13.06</u>.

"Eligible Investments" means any one or more of the following types of investments:

(a) marketable obligations of the United States, the full and timely payment of which are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, that are denominated in Dollars and that have a maturity of not more than 30 days from the date of acquisition;

(b) marketable obligations, the full and timely payment of which are directly and fully guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States, that are denominated in Dollars and that have a maturity of not more than 30 days from the date of acquisition;

(c) bankers' acceptances and certificates of deposit and other interest-bearing obligations (in each case having a maturity of not more than 30 days from the date of acquisition) denominated in Dollars and issued by any bank with capital, surplus and undivided profits aggregating at least \$100,000,000, the short-term obligations of which are rated A-1 by S&P and P-1 by Moody's;

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(d) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than ten days for underlying securities of the types described in <u>clauses (a), (b) and</u> (<u>c)</u> above entered into with any bank of the type described in <u>clause (c)</u> above;

(e) commercial paper rated at least A-1 by S&P and P-1 by Moody's that is denominated in Dollars;

(f) demand deposits, time deposits or certificates of deposit (having original maturities of no more than 30 days) of depository institutions or trust companies incorporated under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (or domestic branches of any foreign bank) and subject to supervision and examination by federal or state banking or depository institution authorities that are denominated in Dollars; *provided, however* that at the time such investment, or the commitment to make such investment, is entered into, the short-term debt rating of such depository institution or trust company shall be at least A-2 by S&P and P-2 by Moody's;

(g) Cash; and

(h) demand and time deposits held in a demand deposit account 100% of the deposits in which are insured by the FDIC, which is backed by the full faith and credit of the United States.

*"Eligible Loan"* means a Loan that meets each of the following criteria at all times (unless otherwise indicated below) unless otherwise waived by the Administrative Agent at the time of acquisition thereof by the Borrower (or its binding commitment to acquire the same) and if (i) such Loan is acquired on the Closing Date or the date of the first Advance hereunder, or (ii) at the time of acquisition of such Loan there are less than twelve Obligors with respect to all Collateral Loans, such Loan is approved by the Administrative Agent as an "Eligible Loan":

(a) except for any Designated Loan, is a First Lien Loan (including an Excess Leverage First Lien Loan), a Second Lien Loan, or a Mezzanine Loan;

(b) is not a Charged-Off Loan or a Delinquent Loan;

(c) was originated, underwritten and closed or acquired in all material respects in accordance with the Collateral Manager's Investment Management Procedures;

- (d) permits the pledge of such Loan to the Administrative Agent;
- (e) except for any Designated Loan, is a Floating Rate Obligation;

(f) such Loan and the Related Documents related thereto do not contravene in any material respect any Applicable Laws (including, without limitation, laws, rules and regulations relating to usury, Credit Protection Laws, privacy laws, OFAC, PATRIOT Act and applicable antimoney laundering law) and, to the knowledge of the Borrower, no party to the Related Documents related thereto is in material violation of any such Applicable Laws;



(g) is denominated and payable in Dollars and is not convertible by the related Obligor into debt denominated in any other currency;

(h) is an obligation of an Eligible Obligor;

(i) is not an Equity Security and does not provide for mandatory or optional conversion or exchange into an Equity Security by the related Obligor; *provided* that the acquisition of an instrument that otherwise qualifies as an Eligible Loan, together with a warrant or other similar instrument that may be converted or exchanged for an Equity Security (other than Margin Stock), will not cause the former instrument to lose its eligibility as an Eligible Loan;

(j) such Loan does not represent a consumer obligation (including, without limitation, a mortgage loan, auto loan, credit card loan or personal loan);

(k) as of the date of acquisition thereof, is not the subject of an offer and has not been called for redemption;

(l) is not a bond or a letter of credit or, to the Borrower's knowledge, any other extension of credit that would constitute a security or derivative under the Volcker Rule;

(m) does not constitute Margin Stock and no part of the proceeds of such Loan or any other extension of credit made thereunder will be used to purchase or carry any Margin Stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying any Margin Stock;

(n) does not subject the Borrower to withholding tax unless the Obligor is required to make "gross-up" payments constituting 100% of such withholding tax;

(o) except in the case of a Restructured Loan that has not been subject to a subsequent Material Modification, has not been the subject of a Material Modification after the date of the acquisition by the Borrower (or its binding commitment to acquire the same);

- (p) is not a Defaulted Loan;
- (q) [reserved];

(r) except for any Designated Loan, is not an obligation pursuant to which any future advances or payments to the Obligor may be required to be made by the Borrower including a Revolving Loan or Delayed Drawdown Loan;

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(s) is not a Structured Finance Obligation, a finance lease or chattel paper;

(t) except for any Designated Loan, provides for (i) regular scheduled payments of interest no less frequently than quarterly and (ii) regular scheduled payments of principal with the full principal balance to be payable in cash at or prior to its maturity;

(u) except for any Designated Loan, has a remaining term to maturity of not more than six years;

(v) as of the date of acquisition thereof, is not subject to material non-credit related risk (such as a Loan the payment of which is expressly contingent upon the non-occurrence of a catastrophe) as determined by the Collateral Manager in good faith;

(w) the Related Documents with respect to such Loan are governed by the laws of the United States (or any state or territory thereof) or Canada (or any province thereof);

(x) will not cause the Borrower or the pool of assets to be required to be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act;

(y) is not primarily secured by real estate;

(z) is, together with any agreement pursuant to which related property is pledged to secure such Collateral Loan and each Related Document, the legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor and is enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as such enforcement may be limited by Debtor Relief Laws and except as such enforceability may be limited by general principles of equity (whether considered in a suit at law or in equity);

(aa) unless such Loan is a Noteless Loan, is in registered form within the meaning of Sections 881(c)(2)(B)(i) and 163(f) of the Code and Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations and issued after July 18, 1984;

(bb) unless such Loan is a Noteless Loan, is evidenced by a note or other instrument and such note or other instrument (together with the applicable assignment agreement or transfer document) with respect to such Loan has been delivered to the Custodian in accordance with <u>Article XIV</u>;

(cc) except for any Designated Loan, has an Obligor with a Senior Debt Ratio of less than 6.0x unless such Loan is a Mezzanine Loan;

(dd) except for any Designated Loan, as of the date of acquisition thereof, has a loan (including all Loans and any other debt senior to or pari passu with such Loan) to total enterprise value ratio of not greater than 65% as calculated by the Collateral Manager in good faith;

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(ee) except for any Designated Loan, (i) as of the date of acquisition thereof, has a Risk Rating of 2 or better and (ii) thereafter, has a Risk Rating of 4 or better;

(ff) except for any Designated Loan, as of the date of origination thereof, has an Obligor with (i) TTM Revenue of at least \$10,000,000 and (ii) TTM EBITDA of at least \$3,000,000;

(gg) except for any Designated Loan, the applicable spread over an index (including any London interbank offered rate based index) or, if such Loan is a Floor Obligation, the excess of the interest rate (including any interest rate spread) *over* Specified LIBOR with respect to the portion of such Loan owned by Borrower is no less than 4.00%;

(hh) has an Obligor (or an agent on its behalf) that is required to make payments or have any payments made by such Obligor transferred directly via wire or ACH into an account of the Borrower over which the Administrative Agent has a perfected security interest and no other Person's assets are commingled in such account; and

(ii) is not a Control Position Loan.

The determination of the total enterprise value for purposes of <u>clause (dd)</u> of this definition shall be based on both (x) an Appraisal or other valuation (including an internal valuation performed by the Collateral Manager) performed on a consistent basis with other loans on or about the date of acquisition by the Borrower, and (y) the Collateral Manager's judgment at the time the Loan originated.

"Eligible Obligor" means, on any day, any Obligor that satisfies each of the following requirements:

- (a) such Obligor is organized or incorporated in the United States (or any state, territory or possession thereof) or Canada;
- (b) such Obligor is not an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or the Borrower;

(c) such Obligor is not engaged in any of the following: (i) assault weapons or firearms manufacturing, (ii) consumer and commercial lending, payday lending, pawn shops, or adult entertainment, (iii) the gaming industry (other than hospitality and/or resorts development or management thereof), or (iv) the sale or cultivation of marijuana or related businesses.

"*Equity Interests*" means, as 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 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.

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*"Equity Security"* means any stock or similar security, certificate of interest or participation in any profit sharing agreement, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, voting trust certificate or certificate of deposit for an equity security, limited partnership interest, interest in a joint venture, or certificate of interest in a business trust; any security future on any such security; or any security convertible, with or without consideration into such a security, or carrying any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase such a security; or any such warrant or right.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated and rulings issued thereunder.

*"ERISA Event"* means (a) any *"reportable event,"* as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder with respect to a Plan (other than an event for which the thirty day notice requirement is waived); (b) the failure with respect to any Plan to satisfy the *"minimum funding standard"* (as defined in Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA); (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Plan; (d) a determination that any Plan is, or is expected to be, in *"at risk"* status (as defined in Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); (e) the incurrence by the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (f) (i) the receipt by the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group from the PBGC of a notice of determination that the PBGC intends to seek termination of any Plan or to have a trustee appointed for any Plan, or (ii) the filing by the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group of a notice of intent to terminate any Plan; (g) the incurrence by the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group of a notice of intent to terminate any Plan; (g) the incurrence by the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group of any liability (i) with respect to a Plan pursuant to Sections 4063 and 4064 of ERISA, (ii) with respect to a facility closing pursuant to Section 4062(e) of ERISA, or (iii) with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Multiemployer Plan; (h) the receipt by the Borrower or any member of its expected to be, in endangered status or critical status, within the meaning of Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA or is or is expected to be insolvent, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA; or (i) the failure of the Borrower or any member of its ERISA Group to make any required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan.

*"ERISA Group"* means each controlled group of corporations or trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control that is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code with the Borrower.

"Eurocurrency Liabilities" is defined in Regulation D of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as in effect from time to time.

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"Eurodollar Disruption Event" means, with respect to any Advance as to which Interest accrues at a rate based upon the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate, the occurrence of any of the following: (a) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent of a determination by such Lender or any of its assignees or participants that, as a result of the introduction of any change in Applicable Law since the Closing Date, it would be contrary to law or to the directive of any central bank or other governmental authority (whether or not having the force of law) to obtain Dollars in the London interbank market to fund any Advance, (b) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent that by reason of circumstances affecting the interbank eurodollar market, adequate and reasonable means do not exist for such Lender or any of its assignees or participants to ascertain the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate, (c) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent of a determination by such Lender or any of its assignees or participants that the rate at which deposits of Dollars are being offered to such Lender or any of its assignees or participants in the London interbank market does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lender, such assignee or such participant of making, funding or maintaining any Advance; *provided* that such Lender has generally made a similar determination with respect to its other borrowers under facilities bearing interest at an index based on the London interbank offered rate or (d) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent of the inability of such Lender or any of its assignees or participants to obtain Dollars in the London interbank market using reasonable commercial efforts to make, fund or maintain any Advance.

*"Eurodollar Reserve Percentage"* means, for any one-month period, the percentage, if any, applicable during such one-month period (or, if more than one such percentage shall be so applicable, the daily average of such percentages for those days in such period during which any such percentage shall be so applicable) under regulations issued from time to time by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (or any successor) for determining the maximum reserve requirement (including, without limitation, any basic, emergency, supplemental, marginal or other reserve requirements) with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including Eurocurrency Liabilities having a term of one month.

"Event of Default" means the occurrence of any of the events, acts or circumstances set forth in Section 6.01.

*"Excess Concentration Amount"* means, at any time in respect of which any one or more of the Concentration Limitations are exceeded, the sum of the portions (calculated by the Collateral Manager without duplication) of each Eligible Loan that cause such Concentration Limitations to be exceeded.

*"Excess Leverage First Lien Loan"* means any portion of a Collateral Loan that is a First Lien Loan that, when added to the Senior Total Funded Debt of such Obligor, would cause the Senior Debt Ratio of such Obligor to be 4.5x or higher but less than 6.0x.

"*Exchange Act*" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, all as from time to time in effect, or any successor law, rules or regulations, and any reference to any statutory or regulatory provision shall be deemed to be a reference to any successor statutory or regulatory provision.

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*"Excluded Amount"* means (a) any amount received in the Collection Account with respect to any Collateral Loan, which amount is attributable to the reimbursement of payment by the Borrower of any Tax, fee or other charge imposed by any Governmental Authority on such Collateral Loan or any related Collateral, (b) any reimbursement of insurance premiums paid by the Borrower, (c) any escrows relating to Taxes, insurance and other amounts in connection with Collateral Loans which are held in an escrow account for the benefit of the Obligor and the secured party pursuant to escrow arrangements under the Related Documents, (d) any amount deposited into the Collection Account in error, and (e) any amount received in the Collection Account with respect to any Collateral Loan that is replaced by a Substitute Loan, or that is otherwise sold or transferred by the Borrower pursuant to Section 10.03, to the extent such amount is attributable to a time after the effective date of such replacement or sale.

"Excluded Collateral" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 7.01(a).

*"Facility Amount"* means (a) on or prior to the Commitment Termination Date, \$25,000,000 (as such amount may be reduced from time to time pursuant to <u>Section 2.06</u>) and (b) following the Commitment Termination Date, the outstanding principal balance of all the Advances; *provided* that the Facility Amount may be increased by the Borrower from time to time in accordance with <u>Section 2.15</u> hereof.

"Facility Amount Increase" means an increase in the Facility Amount pursuant to Section 2.15 hereof.

"Facility Amount Increase Request" is defined in Section 2.15 hereof.

*"Facility Documents"* means this Agreement, the Purchase and Contribution Agreement, the Account Control Agreement, the Custodian Fee Letter, the Administrative Agent Fee Letter, the Lender Fee Letter, and any other security agreements and other instruments entered into or delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(c)</u> to create, perfect or otherwise evidence the Administrative Agent's security interest.

*"FATCA"* means Code Sections 1471 through 1474 (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 (including any Revenue Ruling, Revenue Procedure, Notice or similar guidance issued by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service thereunder as a precondition to relief or exemption from taxes under such provisions), any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, and any intergovernmental agreement and law implementing an intergovernmental agreement or approach thereto.

*"Federal Funds Rate"* means, for any period, a fluctuating interest rate per annum equal for each day during such period to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published for such day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, for the next preceding Business Day) by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day which is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for such day on such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it; *provided* that, if at any time a Lender is borrowing overnight funds from a Federal Reserve Bank that day, the Federal Funds Rate for such Lender for such day shall be the average rate per annum at which such overnight borrowings are made on that day as promptly reported by such Lender to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing. Each determination of the Federal Funds Rate by a Lender pursuant to the foregoing proviso shall be conclusive and binding except in the case of manifest or demonstrable error.

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"Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Website" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source.

*"Final Maturity Date"* means the earlier of (a) the one-year anniversary of the Commitment Termination Date (or such later date as may be agreed by the Borrower and each of the Lenders and notified in writing to the Administrative Agent) or (b) the date of the termination of the Commitments and the acceleration of the Advances pursuant to <u>Section 6.02</u>.

*"Final Order"* means an order, judgment, decree or ruling the operation or effect of which has not been stayed, reversed or amended and as to which order, judgment, decree or ruling (or any revision, modification or amendment thereof) the time to appeal or to seek review or rehearing has expired and as to which no appeal or petition for review or rehearing was filed or, if filed, remains pending.

"Financial Asset" has the meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC.

"Financing Documents" has the meaning set forth in <u>Section 14.02(b)</u>.

"Financing Statements" has the meaning specified in Section 9-102(a)(39) of the UCC.

"First Lien Loan" means any Loan that:

(i) is not (and is not expressly permitted by its terms to become) subordinate in right of payment to any other obligation for borrowed money of the Obligor of such Loan; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, a First Lien Loan may include the last out component of a first out tranche;

(ii) is secured by a valid first priority perfected security interest or lien in, to or on substantially all of the assets of the Obligor other than (w) ABL Collateral, (x) subject to Purchase Money Liens that attach only to specifically financed assets that are not part of an unrelated, stand-alone working capital or revolving facility, (y) other customary Liens for taxes or regulatory charges not then due and payable and (z) Liens that are not described above that are other permitted Liens under the Related Documents; *provided* that, in the case of this <u>clause (z)</u>, such permitted Liens do not directly secure indebtedness for borrowed money;

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(iii) if such Loan includes a first out tranche, the ratio of funded debt under the first out tranche to TTM EBITDA of the related Obligor on any date of determination is less than or equal to 1.5x;

(iv) the enterprise value of the applicable Obligor (including the collateral that is secured pursuant to such first priority perfected security interest or Lien) has a value (determined as set forth below) not less than the Assigned Value of such Loan; and

(v) is not a Loan which is secured solely or primarily by the common stock of its Obligor or any of its Affiliates.

The determination as to whether <u>clause (iv)</u> of this definition is satisfied shall be based on the Collateral Manager's judgment (calculated in good faith in accordance with its Credit and Collection Policies) at the time the loan is acquired by the Borrower. The limitation set forth in <u>clause (y)</u> above shall not apply with respect to a Loan made to a parent entity that is secured solely or primarily by the stock of one or more of the subsidiaries of such parent entity to the extent that the granting by any such subsidiary of a lien on its own property would (1) in the case of a subsidiary that is not part of the same consolidated group as such parent entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, result in a deemed dividend by such subsidiary to such parent entity for such tax purposes, (2) violate law or regulations applicable to such subsidiary (whether the obligation secured is such loan or any other similar type of indebtedness owing to third parties) or (3) cause such subsidiary to suffer adverse economic consequences under capital adequacy or other similar rules, in each case, so long as (x) the Related Documents limit the incurrence of indebtedness by such subsidiary and (y) the aggregate amount of all such indebtedness is not material relative to the aggregate value of the assets of such subsidiary. For purposes of this Agreement, a DIP Loan shall constitute a *"First Lien Loan"*.

"Fixed Rate Obligation" means any Collateral Loan that bears a fixed rate of interest.

"Floating Rate Obligation" means any Collateral Loan that bears a floating rate of interest.

*"Floor"* means the benchmark rate floor provided in this Agreement (as of the execution of this Agreement, the modification, amendment or renewal of this Agreement or otherwise) initially with respect to the LIBOR Rate. For the avoidance of doubt, as of the Closing Date the Floor is three-quarters of one percent (0.75%).

"Floor Obligation" means, as of any date:

(a) a Floating Rate Obligation (1) for which the Related Documents provide for a LIBOR rate option and that such LIBOR rate is calculated as the greater of a specified "floor" rate per annum and the London interbank offered rate for the applicable interest period and (2) that, as of such date, bears interest based on such LIBOR rate option, but only if as of such date the London interbank offered rate for the applicable interest period is less than such floor rate; or

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(b) a Floating Rate Obligation (1) for which the Related Documents provide for a base or prime rate option and such base or prime rate is calculated as the greater of a specified "floor" rate per annum and the base or prime rate for the applicable interest period and (2) that, as of such date, bears interest based on such base or prime rate option, but only if as of such date the base or prime rate for the applicable interest period is less than such floor rate.

*"Fundamental Amendment"* means any amendment, modification, waiver or supplement of or to this Agreement that would (a) increase or extend the term of the Commitments (other than an increase in the Commitment of a particular Lender or addition of a new Lender hereunder agreed to by the relevant Lender(s) pursuant to the terms of this Agreement) or change the Final Maturity Date, (b) extend the date fixed for the payment of principal of or interest on any Advance or any fee hereunder, (c) reduce the amount of any such payment of principal or interest, (d) reduce the rate at which interest is payable thereon or any fee is payable under the Facility Documents, (e) release any material portion of the Collateral, except in connection with dispositions permitted hereunder, (f) alter the terms of <u>Section 6.01</u>, <u>Section 9.01</u>, or <u>Section 13.01(b)</u> or any related definitions or provisions in a manner that would alter the effect of such Sections, (g) modify the definition of the term "Required Lenders" or modify any provision hereof, (h) modify the definition of the terms "Borrowing Base", "Collateral Quality Test", "Coverage Test", "Eligible Loan", "Fundamental Amendment", "Interest Coverage Ratio Test", "Interest Spread Test", "Maximum Advance Rate Test", "Maximum Available Amount", "Minimum Equity Amount", "Weighted Average Spread Test", "Weighted Average Coupon Test", "Weighted Average Life Test", "Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Test", "Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio Test", "Weighted Average TTM EBITDA Test", or any defined term used therein, in each case in a manner which would have the effect of making more credit available to the Borrower, be adverse to the interests of Lenders or less restrictive on the Borrower in any other material fashion, or (i) extend the Reinvestment Period.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time in the United States.

"Governmental Authority" means any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, quasi-regulatory authority, administrative tribunal, central bank, public office, court, arbitration or mediation panel, or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of government, including the SEC, the stock exchanges, any Federal, state, territorial, county, municipal or other government or governmental agency, arbitrator, board, body, branch, bureau, commission, court, department, instrumentality, master, mediator, panel, referee, system or other political unit or subdivision or other entity of any of the foregoing, whether domestic or foreign.

"Governmental Authorizations" means all franchises, permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations of all Governmental Authorities.

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"Governmental Filings" means all filings, including franchise and similar tax filings, and the payment of all fees, assessments, interests and penalties associated with such filings with all Governmental Authorities.

*"Hedge Breakage Costs"* means, for any Hedge Transaction, any amount payable by the Borrower for the early termination of such Hedge Transaction or any portion thereof.

"Hedge Collateral" has the meaning assigned to such term in <u>Section 5.06(b)</u>.

*"Hedge Counterparty"* means KeyBank or any entity that (a) on the date of entering into any Hedge Transaction (i) is an interest rate swap dealer that is either a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender, or has been approved in writing by the Administrative Agent (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), and (ii) has a short-term unsecured debt rating of not less than A-1 by S&P and not less than P-1 by Moody's, and (b) in a Hedging Agreement (i) consents to the assignment of the Borrower's rights under the Hedging Agreement to the Collateral Agent pursuant to <u>Section 5.06(b)</u> and (ii) agrees that in the event that S&P or Moody's reduces its short-term unsecured debt rating below A-1 or P-1, respectively, it shall transfer its rights and obligations under each Hedge Transaction to another entity that meets the requirements of <u>clause (a)</u> and (b) hereof or make other arrangements acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

*"Hedge Notional Amount"* means the aggregate notional amount in effect on any day under all Hedge Transactions entered into pursuant to <u>Section 5.06</u> that have not matured, been terminated or cancelled.

*"Hedge Transaction"* means each interest rate cap transaction between the Borrower and a Hedge Counterparty that is entered into pursuant to <u>Section 5.06</u> and is governed by a Hedging Agreement.

*"Hedge Trigger Event"* means, as of any date of determination, the difference of (i) the Weighted Average Coupon *minus* (ii) the LIBOR Rate is less than seven percent (7.00%).

*"Hedging Agreement"* means each agreement between the Borrower and a Hedge Counterparty that governs one or more Hedge Transactions entered into pursuant to <u>Section 5.06</u>, which agreement shall consist of a "Master Agreement" in a form published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., together with a "Schedule" thereto substantially in a form as the Administrative Agent shall approve in writing, and each "Confirmation" thereunder confirming the specific terms of each such Hedge Transaction.

"Hedging Trigger Date" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.06(a).

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 13.04(b).

"Independent Accountants" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.08.

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*"Ineligible Loan"* means, at any time, a Loan, or any portion thereof, that fails to satisfy any criterion of the definition of "Eligible Loan" after the date of acquisition thereof by the Borrower (i.e., determined as of such date).

"Insolvency Event" means with respect to a specified Person, (a) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction in the premises in respect of such Person or any substantial part of its property in an involuntary case under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable insolvency law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official for such Person or for any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of such Person's affairs, and such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty consecutive days; or (b) the commencement by such Person of a voluntary case under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable insolvency law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by such Person to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, or the consent by such Person to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official for such Person or for any substantial part of its property, or the making by such Person of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the failure by such Person generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of action by such Person in furtherance of any of the foregoing.

"Instrument" has the meaning specified in Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC.

"Interest" means, for each day during an Interest Accrual Period and each Advance outstanding by a Lender on such day, the sum of the products (for each day during such Interest Accrual Period) of:

$$IR \times P \times \frac{1}{D}$$

where:

IR = the Interest Rate for such Advance on such day;

P = the outstanding principal amount of such Advance on such day; and

D = 360.

*"Interest Accrual Period"* means, with respect to each Advance (or portion thereof) (a) with respect to the first Payment Date following such Advance (or portion thereof), the period from and including the Closing Date or the date of such Advance, as applicable, to and including the Determination Date immediately preceding the first Payment Date and (b) with respect to any subsequent Payment Date for such Advance (or portion thereof), the period commencing on the last Determination Date in the previous Interest Accrual Period and ending on the Determination Date immediately preceding such Payment Date; *provided*, that the final Interest Accrual Period for all outstanding Advances hereunder shall end on and include the day prior to the payment in full of the Advances hereunder.

"Interest Coverage Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the percentage equal to:

(a) an amount equal to the applicable Collateral Interest Amount for the Collection Period then ended *plus* any hedge receipts paid to Borrower for the Collection Period under any hedging agreement; *divided by* 

(b) the aggregate amount payable (or expected as of the date of determination to be payable) under <u>Section 9.01(a)(i)(A)</u> through (D) on the Payment Date immediately succeeding such Collection Period.

"Interest Coverage Ratio Test" means a test that will be satisfied on any date of determination occurring after the first anniversary of the Closing Date if the Interest Coverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 200%.

"Interest Proceeds" means, with respect to any Collection Period or the related Determination Date, without duplication, the sum of:

(a) all payments of interest received by the Borrower during such Collection Period on the Collateral Loans (including Ineligible Loans), including the accrued interest received in connection with a sale thereof during such Collection Period;

(b) all principal and interest payments received by the Borrower during such Collection Period on Eligible Investments purchased with Interest Proceeds;

(c) all amendment and waiver fees, late payment fees (including compensation for delayed settlement or trades), and all protection fees and other fees and commissions received by the Borrower during such Collection Period, unless the Collateral Manager notifies the Administrative Agent before such Determination Date that the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion has determined that such payments are to be treated as Principal Proceeds;

(d) commitment fees, facility fees, anniversary fees, ticking fees and other similar fees received by the Borrower during such Collection Period unless the Collateral Manager notifies the Administrative Agent before such Determination Date that the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion has determined that such payments are to be treated as Principal Proceeds; and

(e) all Cash contributions to the Borrower, which are designated as "Interest Proceeds" by the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section <u>10.05</u>.

<u>provided</u> that:

(1) solely after the Reinvestment Period, as to any Defaulted Loan (and only so long as it remains a Defaulted Loan), any amounts received in respect thereof will constitute Principal Proceeds (and not Interest Proceeds) until the aggregate of all Collections in respect thereof since it became a Defaulted Loan equals the outstanding principal balance of such Defaulted Loan at the time as of which it became a Defaulted Loan and all amounts received in excess thereof will constitute Interest Proceeds;

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(2) solely after the Reinvestment Period, all payments received in respect of Equity Securities will constitute Principal Proceeds; and

(3) all Cash received as equity contributions from Capitala will constitute Principal Proceeds unless specified by the Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Section 10.05</u>.

"Interest Rate" means a rate equal the Alternative Rate *plus* the Applicable Margin.

*"Interest Spread Test"* means a test as of any date on which Advances are outstanding, with respect to any Collection Period, calculated as of the end of such Collection Period, which shall be satisfied if ((A-B)/C) x 12 exceeds 5% on a rolling three Collection Period basis (*provided*, that for the first Collection Period occurring after the Closing Date, such test shall be calculated by reference to the calculation for such Collection Period only, and for the second Collection Period occurring after the Closing Date, shall be calculated by reference to the calculation for the first two Collection Periods) where:

- A = the amount of Interest Proceeds on the Aggregate Collateral Balance during such Collection Period;
- B = the sum for such Collection Period of (i) all Interest accrued during such Collection Period, (ii) the Collateral Management Fee, (iii) all fees due and owing to the Administrative Agent during such Collection Period, and (iv) all fees due and owing to the Lenders during such Collection Period; and
- C = the daily average principal balance of Advances outstanding during such Collection Period.

*"Interim Order"* means an order, judgment, decree or ruling entered after notice and a hearing conducted in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c) granting interim authorization, the operation or effect of which has not been stayed, reversed or amended.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Investment Management Procedures" means those underwriting and portfolio management policies and procedures that are consistent with Capitala's investment process and objectives described in its Form N-2 (as amended or supplemented from time to time); provided however that, with respect to any Successor Collateral Manager, means the written credit, collection and portfolio management policies and procedures of such Person at the time such Person becomes the Successor Collateral Manager.

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*"ISDA Definitions"* means the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any successor thereto, as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor definitional booklet for interest rate derivatives published from time to time by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or such successor thereto.

*"Law"* means any action, code, consent decree, constitution, decree, directive, enactment, finding, guideline, law, injunction, interpretation, judgment, order, ordinance, policy statement, proclamation, promulgation, regulation, requirement, rule, rule of law, treaty, rule of public policy, settlement agreement, statute, or writ, of any Governmental Authority, or any particular section, part or provision thereof.

"Lender Fee Letter" means that certain Lender Fee Letter, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Lenders, the Borrower and the Collateral Manager.

*"Lenders"* means the Persons listed on <u>Schedule 1</u> and any other Person that shall have become a party hereto in accordance with the terms hereof pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, other than any such Person that ceases to be a party hereto pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance.

<u>"LIBOR Rate</u>" means, for any day during any applicable Interest Accrual Period and any Advance, an interest rate *per annum* (rounded upward, if necessary, to the next higher 1/100th of 1%), as determined by the Administrative Agent, equal to:

(i) the ICE Benchmark Administration Limited ("*ICE*") London interbank offered rate for deposits for such one-month period in United States dollars as displayed in the Bloomberg Financial Markets System (or such other service as may be nominated by ICE (or any successor thereto if ICE is no longer making a London interbank offered rate available) as the information vendor for the purpose of displaying the London interbank offered rate for United States dollar deposits) at the Reference Time; or

(ii) if such rate is not published at such time and day for any reason, then the LIBOR Rate shall be the rate per annum equal to the average of the rates at which deposits in Dollars are offered by KeyBank National Association at the Reference Time to prime banks in the London interbank market for such one-month period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the LIBOR Rate as determined herein would be less than three-quarters of one percent (0.75%), such rate shall be deemed to be three-quarters of one percent (0.75%) for purposes of this Agreement.

*"Lien"* means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, encumbrance, lien or security interest (statutory or other), or preference, priority or other security agreement, charge or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing, and the filing authorized by the Borrower of any financing statement under the UCC or comparable law of any jurisdiction).

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"Loan" means a loan, debt obligation or Participation Interest.

*"Loan Checklist"* means an electronic (or hard copy, as applicable) checklist delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Custodian, for each Collateral Loan, of all Related Documents to be included within the respective loan file including, but not limited to, an assignment agreement, funding memo, loan or credit agreement, security agreement, promissory note or other instrument and the related transfer document (or specify if such Collateral Loan is a Noteless Loan) and which shall specify in each case whether such Related Document is an original or a copy.

"Margin Stock" has the meaning assigned to such term in Regulation U.

"Market Value" means, for any Loan, the fair market value of such Loan as reasonably determined by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the Collateral Management Standard.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, financial condition, operations or performance of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, both individually or taken as a whole, (b) the validity, enforceability or collectability of this Agreement or any other Facility Document or the validity, enforceability or collectability of the Collateral Loans generally or any material portion of the Collateral Loans, (c) the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Secured Parties with respect to matters arising under this Agreement or any other Facility Document taken as a whole, (d) the ability of each of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager to perform its obligations under any Facility Document to which it is a party, or (e) the status, existence, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Administrative Agent's lien on the Collateral.

*"Material Modification"* means, with respect to any Loan, any amendment, waiver, consent or modification of a Related Document with respect thereto executed or effected after the date on which such Loan is acquired by the Borrower, that:

(a) reduces or waives or postpones one or more interest payments (other than any payment of default interest) or permits any interest due with respect to such Loan in cash to be deferred or capitalized and added to the principal amount of such Loan (other than any deferral or capitalization already expressly permitted by the terms of its Related Documents as of the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower or with respect to any PIK Loan) or extends one or more interest payments with respect to such Loan for more than 93 days in the aggregate during any 12 month successive period;

(b) except for Permitted Liens, contractually or structurally subordinates such Loan by operation of a priority of payments, turnover provisions or the transfer of assets in order to limit recourse to the related Obligor (other than as expressly permitted by the Related Documents as of the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower);

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(c) substitutes or releases the underlying assets securing such Loan (other than as expressly permitted by the Related Documents as of the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower), and such substitution or release materially and adversely affects the value of such Loan (as determined by the Administrative Agent in its commercially reasonable discretion);

(d) waives, extends or postpones any date fixed for any scheduled payment or mandatory prepayment of principal on such Loan for more than 30 days or more than once in any twelve-month period; or

(e) reduces or forgives any principal amount of such Loan;

*provided* that any Loan subject to a Material Modification which subsequently becomes a Restructured Loan shall no longer be considered to have been subject to a Material Modification hereunder unless such Loan is subject to a subsequent Material Modification; *provided*, *further* that for the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) may effectuate a Material Modification with respect to any Ineligible Loan.

*"Maximum Advance Rate Test"* means a test that will be satisfied at any time if (a) the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Advances at such time is less than or equal to (b) the Maximum Available Amount at such time.

"Maximum Available Amount" means, at any time, the least of:

- (a) the Facility Amount at such time;
- (b) the sum of:
  - (i) the product of (x) the Borrowing Base and (y) the lesser of (A) the Weighted Average Advance Rate and (B) 50.0%, plus

(ii) the aggregate amount of Cash other than Cash constituting Interest Proceeds then on deposit in the Collection Account that was received by Borrower since the prior Payment Date; and

- (c) the sum of:
  - (i) the Aggregate Collateral Balance, *minus*
  - (ii) the Minimum Equity Amount, *plus*

(iii) the aggregate amount of Cash other than Cash constituting Interest Proceeds then on deposit in the Collection Account that was received by Borrower since the prior Payment Date.

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"Measurement Date" means, (i) the Closing Date, (ii) each Borrowing Date and (iii) each Monthly Report Determination Date.

*"Mezzanine Loan"* means (i) any assignment of, or participation interest or other interest in, a Loan that is of a rank lower than a Second Lien Loan or (ii) a Loan that would be a Second Lien Loan if the related Obligor had a Senior Debt Ratio of less than 6.0x.

*"Minimum Equity Amount"* means, as of any date of determination, the portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Eligible Loans owned (or, in relation to a proposed acquisition of a Loan, proposed to be acquired) by the Borrower which consist of obligations of any Obligor which, together with its Affiliates, is an Obligor with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th largest percentage of the Aggregate Collateral Balance.

"Money" has the meaning specified in Section 1-201(24) of the UCC.

"Monthly Report" has the meaning specified in Section 8.06.

"Monthly Report Determination Date" has the meaning specified in Section 8.06.

*"Monthly Reporting Date"* means the date that is two Business Days prior to each Payment Date or with respect to each month in which there is no scheduled Payment Date, two (2) Business Days prior to the 22<sup>nd</sup> calendar day of each such month (or if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., together with its successors.

*"Moody's Industry Classification"* means the industry classifications set forth in <u>Schedule 4</u>, as such industry classifications shall be updated at the option of the Collateral Manager if Moody's publishes revised industry classifications. The determination of which Moody's Industry Classification to which an Obligor belongs shall be made in good faith by the Collateral Manager.

*"Multiemployer Plan"* means an employee pension benefit plan within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA that is sponsored by the Borrower or a member of its ERISA Group or to which the Borrower or a member of its ERISA Group is obligated to make contributions or has any liability.

*"Non-Cash Paying PIK Loan"* means, at any time, a PIK Loan that is deferring all of the cash interest that is due at such time or that, at such time, has any capitalized interest unless, in addition to capitalized interest, such PIK Loan requires interest to be paid in cash at a rate of at least (x) if such PIK Loan is a Floating Rate Obligation, LIBOR plus 4.5% per annum, or any balance of due and unpaid cash interest, outstanding and (y) if such PIK Loan is a Fixed Rate Obligation, 6.0% per annum.

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*"Non-Consenting Lender"* means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all affected Lenders in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 13.01</u> and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

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

"Noteless Loan" means a Loan with respect to which the Related Documents either (i) do not require the Obligor to execute and deliver a promissory note to evidence the indebtedness created under such Loan or (ii) require execution and delivery of such a promissory note only upon the request of any holder of the indebtedness created under such Loan, and as to which the Borrower has not requested a promissory note from the related Obligor.

"Notice of Borrowing" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.02.

"Notice of Prepayment" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.05.

"Obligations" means all indebtedness, whether absolute, fixed or contingent (other than contingent obligations that are unknown), at any time or from time to time owing by the Borrower to any Secured Party or any Affected Person under or in connection with this Agreement, the Administrative Agent Fee Letter or any other Facility Document, or any Hedging Agreement, including Hedge Breakage Costs, all amounts payable by the Borrower in respect of the Advances, with interest thereon, and all amounts payable hereunder.

"Obligor" means, in respect of any Loan, the Person primarily obligated to pay Collections in respect of such Loan.

"OFAC" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.01(f).

"Operating Account" means the DDA account number 104796896421 to be credited to the operating account in the name of the Borrower (account number 197759-200) maintained at U.S. Bank N.A.

"Other Taxes" has the meaning given in Section 13.03(b).

"Participant" means any Person to whom a participation is sold as permitted by Section 13.06(c).

"*Participation Interest*" means a participation interest in a loan or other obligation that would, at the time of acquisition, or the Borrower's commitment to acquire the same, constitute a Collateral Loan.

"Past Due Rate" means a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate plus the Applicable Margin plus 2.00%.

"PATRIOT Act" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 13.16.



*"Payment Date"* means the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of each January, April, July and October; *provided* that, if any such day is not a Business Day, then such Payment Date shall be the next succeeding Business Day.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor agency or entity performing substantially the same functions.

*"Percentage"* of any Lender means, (a) with respect to any Lender party hereto on the date hereof, the percentage set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1</u>, as such amount is reduced by any Assignment and Acceptance entered into by such Lender with an assignee or increased by any Assignment and Acceptance entered into by such Lender with an assignment to an Assignment and Acceptance, the percentage set forth therein as such Lender's Percentage, as such amount is reduced by an Assignment and Acceptance entered into between such Lender and an assignee or increased by any Assignment and Acceptance entered into between such Lender and an assignee or increased by any Assignment and Acceptance entered into between such Lender and an assignee or increased by any Assignment and Acceptance entered into by such Lender with an assignor.

"*Permitted Agent*" means, in connection with the Loans, (i) administrative agents, collateral agents, arrangers, trustees and similar agents (and any sub-agents) appointed under the Related Documents, (ii) financial and restructuring advisors, appraisers and evaluators, (iii) foreign agents retained for foreign perfection purposes or other local law requirements, (iv) back-office operations providers and (v) legal counsel.

*"Permitted Assignee"* means a Person that is both a Qualified Purchaser and a QIB that is (i) an Affiliate of any Lender that has a short-term unsecured debt rating or certificate of deposit rating of "A-2" or better by S&P or "P-2" or better by Moody's, and (ii) any Person who is a Lender immediately prior to any assignment, and which, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> and at the time of the related assignment, does not require the Borrower to pay any additional or increased costs or is otherwise approved by the Borrower.

"*Permitted Liens*" means: (a) Liens created in favor of the Administrative Agent hereunder or under the other Facility Documents for the benefit of the Secured Parties; and (b) Liens for Taxes if such Taxes shall not at the time be due and payable or if a Person shall currently be contesting the validity thereof in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in accordance with GAAP have been provided on the books of such Person; (c) customary rights of setoff and liens upon (i) deposits of cash in favor of banks or other depository institutions in which such cash is maintained in the ordinary course of business, (ii) cash and financial assets held in securities accounts in favor of banks and other financial institutions with which such accounts are maintained in the ordinary course of business and (iii) assets held by a custodian in favor of such custodian in the ordinary course of business, in the case of each of <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>iii)</u> above, securing payment of fees, indemnities, charges for returning items and other similar obligations; and (d) with respect to Loans, any permitted liens under the applicable Related Documents for such Loans, including those set forth in "permitted liens" as defined in such Related Documents or such comparable definition if "permitted liens" is not defined therein.

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*"Permitted Securitization"* means any private or public term or conduit securitization transaction undertaken by the Borrower or its Affiliates that is secured, directly or indirectly, by any Loan currently included in the Collateral or any portion thereof or any interest therein released from the Lien of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any collateralized loan obligation or collateralized debt obligation offering or other asset securitization.

"Person" means an individual or a corporation (including a business trust), partnership, trust, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint stock company, limited liability company, government (or an agency or political subdivision thereof) or other entity of any kind.

"PIK Loan" means a Loan that permits the Obligor thereon to defer or capitalize any portion of the accrued interest thereon.

*"Plan"* means an employee pension benefit plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) which is covered by Title IV of ERISA or subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code that is sponsored by the Borrower or a member of its ERISA Group or to which the Borrower or a member of its ERISA Group is obligated to make contributions or has any liability.

"Plan Asset Rule" has the meaning specified in Section 4.01(n).

"Potential Collateral Manager Termination Event" means any event which, with the passage of time, the giving of notice, or both, would (if not cured or otherwise remedied during such time) constitute a Collateral Manager Termination Event.

"Prime Rate" means the rate announced by KeyBank National Association from time to time as its prime rate in the United States, such rate to change as and when such designated rate changes. The Prime Rate is not intended to be the lowest rate of interest charged by KeyBank National Association in connection with extensions of credit to debtors. KeyBank National Association may make commercial loans or other loans at rates of interest at, above, or below the Prime Rate.

"Principal Balance" means, with respect to any Loan, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount of such Loan (excluding any capitalized interest).

"*Principal Proceeds*" means, with respect to any Collection Period or the related Determination Date, all amounts received by the Borrower during such Collection Period that do not constitute Interest Proceeds, including unapplied proceeds of the Advances and any Cash equity contributions (unless specified by the Collateral Manager to constitute Interest Proceeds in accordance with <u>Section 10.05</u>).

"Priority of Payments" has the meaning specified in Section 9.01(a).

"Private Authorizations" means all franchises, permits, licenses, approvals, consents and other authorizations of all Persons (other than Governmental Authorities).

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"*Proceeds*" has, with reference to any asset or property, the meaning assigned to it under the UCC and, in any event, shall include, but not be limited to, any and all amounts from time to time paid or payable under or in connection with such asset or property.

"Professional Independent Manager" means an individual who is employed by a nationally-recognized company that provides professional independent directors or independent managers and other corporate services in the ordinary course of its business for special purpose entities created with the purpose of being "bankruptcy remote" and whose organizational documents contain restrictions on its activities and impose requirements intended to preserve such entity's separateness.

"Prohibited Assignee" means any (i) so-called "vulture fund", "loan-to-own fund", distressed debt fund or other fund that is similar to the foregoing, in each case, whose primary business is distressed investing; (ii) business development company under the Investment Company Act (or entity which has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission to become a business development company under the Investment Company Act as of such date), hedge fund, non-bank asset manager, credit opportunities fund or specialty finance company, in each case, that directly and routinely competes with Capitala's senior debt business and which derives substantially all of its revenue from lending to and making investments in middle market companies; or (iii) any Affiliate of any entity described under <u>clause (ii)</u> above.

"Prohibited Transaction" means a non-exempt prohibited transaction described in Section 406(a) of ERISA.

"*PTE*" means a prohibited transaction class exemption issued by the U.S. Department of Labor, as any such exemption may be amended from time to time.

"Purchase and Contribution Agreement" means that certain Purchase and Contribution Agreement dated as of the Closing Date between Capitala, as seller, and the Borrower, as purchaser.

"Purchase Money Lien" means a Lien that secures indebtedness (including under a capital lease) for borrowed money so long as (i) substantially all of the proceeds of the indebtedness for borrowed money (including under a capital lease) that is the subject of such Lien was used to acquire, construct or improve the asset(s) that are the subject of such Lien, and (ii) such Lien does not attach to assets other than those acquired, constructed or improved with such proceeds.

"QIB" has the meaning specified in Section 13.06(e).

"*Qualified Institution*" means a depository institution or trust company organized under the laws of the United States of America or any one of the States thereof or the District of Columbia (or any domestic branch of a foreign bank), (i)(a) that has either (1) a long-term unsecured debt rating of "A" or better by S&P and "A2" or better by Moody's or (2) a short-term unsecured debt rating or certificate of deposit rating of "A-1" or better by S&P and "A2" or better by S&P and "P-1" or better by Moody's or (c) is otherwise acceptable to the Administrative Agent and (ii) the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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"Qualified Purchaser" means (i) with respect to KeyBank National Association, a person that is a "gualified purchaser" as that term is defined in and under the Investment Company Act and (ii) with respect to any other Person, a "qualified purchaser" as that term is defined in and under the Investment Company Act that meets each of the following conditions: (a) the person was not formed, reformed, capitalized, recapitalized or operated for the purpose of acquiring the interest or asset to be acquired; (b) the person is not a company (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act) formed before April 30, 1996 that would be an investment company under the Investment Company Act but for the exception provided in either Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act; (c) the value (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act) of interest or asset to be acquired by such person, if a company, constitutes less than 40% of the value of the person's total assets and, as applicable, less than 40% of the person's committed capital (measured at the time of acquisition and thereafter at all times while such interest or other asset held); (d) the shareholders, partners or other holders of equity or beneficial interests in the person, if a company: (i) are not able to decide individually whether to participate, or the extent of their participation, in the company's acquisition of the asset to be purchased or otherwise acquired; (ii) participate in all of the company's investments or other assets such that profits and losses from the asset to be acquired are shared by such holders in the same proportions as all other assets of the company; (iii) do not use the company as a device for facilitating individual investment decisions of such holders; and (iv) did not and will not contribute additional capital (other than previously committed capital) for the purpose of effecting the purchase or other acquisition of the interest or other asset to be acquired... Qualified Purchaser also means a company each beneficial owner of which is itself a "qualified purchaser" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act and which meets all of the conditions set out above (except that with respect to condition (c) above, each such beneficial owner's interest in the company constitutes less than 40% of such owner's total assets and, as applicable, less than 40% of such owner's committed capital (measured at the time of the purchaser's acquisition of the relevant asset to be acquired and thereafter at all times while such interest or other asset is held by the company).

"Rate Setting Day" means, with respect to each Advance (or portion thereof) the Business Day prior to the start of each one-month period.

*"Reference Time"* with respect to any setting of the then-current Benchmark means (i) if such Benchmark is the LIBOR Rate, 11:00 a.m. (London time) at approximately 11:00 a.m. (London time) on the Rate Setting Day, and (ii) if such Benchmark is not the LIBOR Rate, the time determined by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 13.06(d).

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*"Regulation T", "Regulation U"* and *"Regulation X"* mean Regulation T, Regulation U and Regulation X, respectively, of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, as in effect from time to time.

"Regulatory Change" has the meaning specified in Section 2.09(a).

"*Reinvestment Period*" means the period from and including the Closing Date to and including the Commitment Termination Date.

"*Related Documents*" means, with respect to any Loan, all agreements or documents evidencing, guaranteeing, securing, governing or giving rise to such Loan (including those identified on the Loan Checklist).

"*Related Party*" has the meaning assigned to such term in <u>Section 13.04(b)</u>.

*"Relevant Governmental Body"* means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor thereto including without limitation the Alternative Reference Rates Committee.

"Requested Amount" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 2.02.

*"Required Lenders"* means, as of any date of determination, one or more Lenders having aggregate Percentages more than 50%; *provided*, *however* that at any time there are two (2) or more Lenders, "Required Lenders" must include at least two (2) Lenders (who are not Affiliates of each other). To the extent provided in the last paragraph of <u>Section 13.01(c)</u>, the Percentage of any Defaulting Lender shall be disregarded in determining Required Lenders at any time.

"*Responsible Officer*" means (a) in the case of a corporation, partnership or limited liability company that, pursuant to its Constituent Documents, has officers, any chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief administrative officer, president, senior vice president, vice president, assistant vice president, treasurer, director or manager, and, in any case where two Responsible Officers are acting on behalf of such entity, the second such Responsible Officer may be a secretary or assistant secretary, (b) in the case of a limited partnership, the Responsible Officer of the general partner, acting on behalf of such entity as general partner, (c) in the case of a limited liability company that does not have officers, any Responsible Officer of the sole member, managing member or manager, acting on behalf of the sole member, managing member or manager, (d) in the case of a trust, the Responsible Officer of the trustee, acting on behalf of such trustee in its capacity as strustee, and (e) in the case of the Custodian or the Administrative Agent, a vice president, assistant vice president, secretary, assistant secretary or officer of the Custodian or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, in each case responsible for the administration of this Agreement.

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"Restricted Payments" means the declaration of any distribution or dividends or the payment of any other amount (including in respect of redemptions permitted by the Constituent Documents of the Borrower) to any shareholder, partner, member or other equity investor in the Borrower on account of any share, membership interest, partnership interest or other equity interest in respect of the Borrower, or the payment on account of, or the setting apart of assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, or the purchase or other acquisition of any class of stock of or other equity interest in the Borrower or of any warrants, options or other rights to acquire the same (or to make any "phantom stock" or other similar payments in the nature of distributions or dividends in respect of equity to any Person), whether now or hereafter outstanding, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash, property (including marketable securities), or any payment or setting apart of assets for the redemption, withdrawal, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any share, membership interest, partnership interest or other equity interest in respect of the Borrower.

### "Restructured Loan" means:

(a) with respect to any Defaulted Loan, after the date on which such Loan became a Defaulted Loan, (i) it is current on all required payments for a period of three months (if such Loan pays monthly) or two quarters (if such Loan pays quarterly) and (ii) it would satisfy the definition of Eligible Loan if originated or acquired at such time; and

(b) with respect to any Loan which has been the subject of a Material Modification, either (i) after the date on which such Loan became the subject of a Material Modification, (A) it is current on all required payments for a period of three months (if such Loan pays monthly) or two quarters (if such Loan pays quarterly) and (B) it would satisfy the definition of Eligible Loan if originated or acquired at such time, or (ii) the Administrative Agent has consented in writing to such Loan no longer constituting a Loan which has been the subject of a Material Modification hereunder.

# "Review Criteria" is defined in Section 14.02(b)(i).

## "Review Period" is defined in Section 14.02(b)(i).

*"Revolving Loan"* means any Loan other than a Delayed Drawdown Loan (including, without limitation, revolving loans, including funded and unfunded portions of revolving credit lines and letter of credit facilities, unfunded commitments under specific facilities and other similar loans and investments) that by its terms may require one or more future advances to be made to the Obligor by the Borrower; *provided* that any such Loan will be a Revolving Loan only until all commitments to make revolving advances to the Obligor expire or are terminated or irrevocably reduced to zero.

*"Risk Rating"* means, for any Collateral Loan, the rating assigned thereto by the Collateral Manager under the five-level numeric rating system used by the Collateral Manager to rate the credit profile on Collateral Loans, as described in the Collateral Manager's Investment Management Procedures, applied consistently and in good faith.

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"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business.

"Sanctioned Country" means, at any time, a country or territory that is, or whose government is, the subject or target of any Sanctions.

*"Sanctioned Person"* means, at any time, (a) any Person listed in any Sanctions-related list of designated Persons maintained by OFAC, the U.S. Department of State, the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or any EU member state, (b) any Person located, organized or resident in a Sanctioned Country or (c) any Person controlled by any such Person.

"Sanctions" means economic or financial sanctions or trade embargos administered or enforced from time to time by (a) the U.S. government, including those administered by OFAC or the U.S. Department of State or (b) the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or Her Majesty's Treasury of the United Kingdom.

"Scheduled Distribution" means, with respect to any Loan, for each Due Date, the scheduled payment of principal and/or interest and/or fees due on such Due Date with respect to such Loan.

*"SEC"* means the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other governmental authority of the United States of America at the time administrating the Securities Act, the Investment Company Act or the Exchange Act.

"Second Lien Loan" means a Loan that:

(a) would be a First Lien Loan if the first out tranche (if any) had a ratio of funded debt under the first out tranche to TTM EBITDA of the related Obligor on any date of determination of less than or equal to 1.5x; or

(b) meets the following criteria:

(i) is not (and is not expressly permitted by its terms to become) subordinate in right of payment to any other obligation for borrowed money of the Obligor of such Loan (excluding customary terms applicable to a second lien lender under customary intercreditor provisions, such as subordination in right to payment to a first lien lender following an event of default under the related first lien credit agreement with respect to the liquidation of the Obligor or of specified collateral);

(ii) is secured by a valid second priority perfected security interest or lien in, to or on specified collateral securing the Obligor's obligations under such Loan (whether or not such Loan is also secured by any higher or lower priority security interest or lien on other collateral) (w) other than ABL Collateral, (x) subject to Purchase Money Liens, (y) customary Liens for taxes or regulatory charges not then due and payable and (z) other permitted Liens under the Related Documents, provided, in the case of this <u>clause (z)</u>, that such permitted Liens do not directly secure indebtedness for borrowed money;

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(iii) the enterprise value of the applicable Obligor (including the collateral that is secured pursuant to such second priority perfected security interest or Lien) has a value (determined as set forth below) not less than the original Assigned Value of such Loan plus the aggregate outstanding Principal Balances of all other loans of equal or higher seniority secured by a first or second lien or security interest in the same collateral;

- (iv) is not a loan which is secured solely or primarily by the common stock of its Obligor or any of its Affiliates; and
- (v) the Senior Debt Ratio of such Obligor is less than 6.0x.

The limitation set forth in <u>clause (iv)</u> of <u>clause (b)</u> above shall not apply with respect to a loan made to a parent entity that is secured solely or substantially by the stock of one or more of the subsidiaries of such parent entity to the extent that the granting by any such subsidiary of a lien on its own property would (1) in the case of a subsidiary that is not part of the same consolidated group as such parent entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, result in a deemed dividend by such subsidiary to such parent entity for such tax purposes, (2) violate law or regulations applicable to such subsidiary (whether the obligation secured is such loan or any other similar type of indebtedness owing to third parties) or (3) cause such subsidiary to suffer adverse economic consequences under capital adequacy or other similar rules, in each case, so long as (x) the Related Documents limit the incurrence of indebtedness by such subsidiary and (y) the aggregate amount of all such indebtedness is not material relative to the aggregate value of the assets of such subsidiary.

*"Secured Parties"* means the Administrative Agent, the Account Bank, the Custodian, the Collateral Manager, the Lenders and their respective permitted successors and assigns and, if applicable, each Hedge Counterparty that is either a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender if that Affiliate executes a counterpart of this Agreement agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement applicable to a Secured Party.

*"Securities Act"* means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, all as from time to time in effect.

"Securities Intermediary" has the meaning assigned to it in Section 8-102(a)(14) of the UCC.

"Security Entitlement" has the meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC.

"Senior Debt Ratio" means, with respect to any Loan, the ratio of Senior Total Funded Debt to TTM EBITDA of the related Obligor.

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*"Senior Total Funded Debt"* means, with respect to any Loan at any time the same is to be determined, the sum (but without duplication) of (a) all indebtedness for borrowed money of the related Obligor and its Subsidiaries ranking senior or pari passu to such Loan at such time, (b) all indebtedness for borrowed money of the related Obligor documented under the same single credit agreement as such Loan (including for the avoidance of doubt the first out and last out tranche of such Loan), and (c) all indebtedness for borrowed money of any other Person which is directly or indirectly guaranteed by the Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries has agreed (contingently or otherwise) to purchase or otherwise acquire or in respect of which the Obligor or any of its Subsidiaries has otherwise assured a creditor against loss; <u>provided</u> that, in the case of this <u>clause (c)</u>, any such obligation under such guarantee, agreement or assurance ranks senior or pari passu with respect to such Collateral Loan.

"SOFR" means, with respect to any Business Day, a rate per annum equal to the secured overnight financing rate for such Business Day published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website on the immediately succeeding Business Day.

"SOFR Administrator" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the secured overnight financing rate).

"SOFR Administrator's Website" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, currently at http://www.newyorkfed.org, or any successor source for the secured overnight financing rate identified as such by the SOFR Administrator from time to time.

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person, that as of the date of determination, both (i) (a) the sum of such Person's debt (including contingent liabilities) does not exceed the present fair saleable value of such Person's assets; (b) such Person's capital is not unreasonably small in relation to its business as contemplated on the Closing Date and will not be unreasonably small with respect to any transaction contemplated to be undertaken after the Closing Date; and (c) such Person has not incurred debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they become due; and (ii) such Person is "solvent" within the meaning given that term under the Bankruptcy Code, Section 271 of the Debtor and Creditor Law of the State of New York and applicable laws relating to fraudulent transfers under the Bankruptcy Code and New York State law. For purposes of this definition, the amount of any contingent liability at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in light of all of the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability (irrespective of whether such contingent liabilities meet the criteria for accrual under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5).

"Specified LIBOR" means at any time the LIBOR Rate then in effect as determined by the Collateral Manager (and subject to confirmation and agreement by the Administrative Agent in its commercially reasonable discretion).

"Structured Finance Obligation" means any debt obligation owing by a finance vehicle that is secured directly and primarily by, primarily referenced to, and/or primarily representing ownership of, a pool of receivables or a pool of other assets, including collateralized debt obligations, residential mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgage-backed securities, other asset-backed securities, "future flow" receivable transactions and other similar obligations: provided that ABL facilities, and loans to financial service companies, factoring businesses, health care providers and other genuine operating businesses do not constitute Structured Finance Obligations.

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"Subject Laws" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.01(f).

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company, trust, or other Person (a) of which securities or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions are at the time directly or indirectly owned by such Person or (b) that is directly or indirectly controlled by such Person within the meaning of control under Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Successor Collateral Manager" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 11.09(a).

"Taxes" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 13.03(a).

*"Term SOFR"* means, for the applicable Corresponding Tenor as of the applicable Reference Time, the forward-looking term rate based on SOFR that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

"Third Party Expense Cap" means, for any rolling twelve-month period, an amount equal to \$150,000.

*"TTM EBITDA"* means, at any time the same is to be determined with respect to any Obligor of a Loan, the trailing twelve-month EBITDA of such Obligor as determined by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the underlying Related Documents.

*"TTM Revenue"* means, at any time the same is to be determined with respect to any Obligor, the trailing twelve-month revenue of such Obligor calculated in accordance with the corresponding amount or ratio in the underlying Related Documents for such Loan utilizing the most recently delivered financial results for the related Obligor.

"UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code, as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; <u>provided</u> that if, by reason of any mandatory provisions of law, the perfection, the effect of perfection or non-perfection or priority of the security interests granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement are governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction of the United States of America other than the State of New York, then "UCC" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in such other jurisdiction for purposes of such perfection, effect of perfection or non-perfection or priority.

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"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement excluding the related Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

"Uncertificated Security" has the meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(18) of the UCC.

"Unused Fees" has the meaning assigned to such term in the Lender Fee Letter.

"USD LIBOR" means the London interbank offered rate for U.S. dollars.

"Volcker Rule" means Section 13 of the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended, and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.

"Warranty Loan" has the meaning specified in the Purchase and Contribution Agreement.

*"Weighted Average Advance Rate"* means, as of any date of determination with respect to all Eligible Loans, the number obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying:

The Advance Rate at such time applicable to each such Eligible Loan The portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance attributable to such Eligible Loan

and dividing such sum by:

The Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Eligible Loans as of such date of determination.

"Weighted Average Coupon" means, as of any date, an amount equal to the number, expressed as a percentage, obtained by dividing:

(a) the sum, for each Fixed Rate Obligation, of the stated interest coupon on such Eligible Loan *times* the portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance attributable to such Eligible Loan; by

(b) the Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Fixed Rate Obligations as of such date.

"Weighted Average Coupon Test" means a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average Coupon as calculated on the date of determination is greater than or equal to 8.5%.

"Weighted Average Spread" means, as of any date of determination, the number obtained by dividing:

(a) the Aggregate Funded Spread (with respect to all Floating Rate Obligations) paid in Cash, by

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(b) the Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Floating Rate Obligations as of such date.

*"Weighted Average Spread Test"* means, as of any date of determination, a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average Spread as calculated on the date of determination is greater than 7.0%.

"Weighted Average Life" means, as of any date of determination with respect to all Eligible Loans, the number of years following such date obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying:

The Average Life at such time of each such Eligible Loan

**X** The portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance attributable to such Eligible Loan

and dividing such sum by:

The Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Eligible Loans as of such date of determination.

For the purposes of the foregoing, the "Average Life" is, on any date of determination with respect to any Eligible Loan, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the sum of the products of (a) the number of years (rounded to the nearest one hundredth thereof) from such date of determination to the respective dates of each successive Scheduled Distribution of principal of such Eligible Loan and (b) the respective amounts of principal of such Scheduled Distributions by (ii) the sum of all successive Scheduled Distributions of principal on such Eligible Loan.

"Weighted Average Life Test" means a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average Life as calculated on the date of determination is less than 4 years.

*"Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Ratio"* means, as of any date of determination with respect to all Eligible Loans, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying:

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The ratio of the total amount of all Eligible Loans and any other debt senior to or pari passu with such Eligible Loan to total enterprise value ratio at such time of the Obligor of each such Eligible Loan The portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance

attributable to such Eligible Loan

and dividing such sum by:

The Aggregate Collateral Balance as of such date of determination.

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"Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Test" means a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Ratio as calculated on the date of determination is less than 60.00%; provided, however, that for purposes of determining the foregoing, with respect to each Eligible Loan, the Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Ratio shall be calculated in accordance with the corresponding amount or ratio in the underlying Related Documents for such Eligible Loan using the most recently delivered financial results for the related Obligor.

*"Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio"* means, as of any date of determination with respect to all Eligible Loans, the ratio (expressed as a number) obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying:

The Senior Debt Ratio at such time of each suchEligible Loan other than Restructured LoansX

The portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance attributable to such Eligible Loan other than

Restructured Loans

and dividing such sum by:

The Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Eligible Loans other than Restructured Loans as of such date of determination.

*"Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio Test"* means a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio as calculated on the date of determination is less than 4.5x; *provided*, *however*, that for purposes of determining the foregoing, (i) in the case of an Obligor that has acquired a business (whether through an asset acquisition, a merger or otherwise), the TTM EBITDA ratio(s) shall be calculated based on the TTM EBITDA figures for the consolidated business, after giving pro forma effect to the transactions resulting in such acquisition, plus the results of any portion of such trailing twelve-month period elapsing after the date of such acquisition; and (ii) for any Eligible Loan, the Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio shall be calculated in accordance with the corresponding amount or ratio in the underlying Related Documents for such Eligible Loan using the most recently delivered financial results for the related Obligor.

*"Weighted Average TTM EBITDA"* means, as of any date of determination with respect to all Eligible Loans other than Restructured Loans, the number obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying:

The TTM EBITDA at such time with respect to the Obligor of each such Eligible Loan other than **X** Restructured Loans

The portion of the Aggregate Collateral Balance attributable to such Eligible Loan other than Restructured Loans

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and dividing such sum by:

The Aggregate Collateral Balance of all Eligible Loans other than Restructured Loans as of such date of determination.

"Weighted Average TTM EBITDA Test" means a test that is satisfied at any such time if the Weighted Average TTM EBITDA as calculated on the date of determination is greater than \$10,000,000.

*"Withdrawal Liability"* means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

*Section 1.02. Rules of Construction.* For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires (i) singular words shall connote the plural as well as the singular, and vice versa (except as indicated), as may be appropriate, (ii) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import used in this Agreement refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular article, schedule, section, paragraph, clause, exhibit or other subdivision, (iii) the headings, subheadings and table of contents set forth in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement nor shall they affect the meaning, construction or effect of any provision hereof, (iv) references in this Agreement to "include" or "including" shall mean include or including, as applicable, without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term, and for purposes hereof the rule of ejusdem generis shall not be applicable to limit a general statement, followed by or referable to an enumeration of specific matters, to matters similar to those specifically mentioned, (v) any definition of or reference to any Facility Document, agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein), (vi) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns (subject to any restrictions set forth herein or in any other applicable agreement), (vii) any reference to any law or regulation herein shall refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time and (viii) unless otherwise provided herein, each reference to any time means New York, New York time.

*Section 1.03. Computation of Time Periods.* Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, in the computation of a period of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" both mean "to but excluding". Periods of days referred to in this Agreement shall be counted in calendar days unless Business Days are expressly prescribed.

*Section 1.04. Collateral Value Calculation Procedures.* In connection with all calculations required to be made pursuant to this Agreement with respect to Scheduled Distributions on any Collateral Loans, or any payments on any other assets included in the Collateral, with respect to the sale of and reinvestment in Collateral Loans, and with respect to the income that can be earned on Scheduled Distributions on such Collateral Loans and on any other amounts that may be received for deposit in the Collection Account, the provisions set forth in this <u>Section 1.04</u> shall be applied. The provisions of this <u>Section 1.04</u>, whether or not reference is specifically made to <u>Section 1.04</u>, unless some other method of calculation or determination is expressly specified in the particular provision.

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(a) All calculations with respect to Scheduled Distributions on the Collateral Loans shall be made on the basis of information as to the terms of each such Collateral Loan and upon reports of payments, if any, received on such Collateral Loans that are furnished by or on behalf of the Obligor of such Collateral Loans and, to the extent they are not manifestly in error, such information or reports may be conclusively relied upon in making such calculations.

(b) For purposes of calculating the Coverage Tests, except as otherwise specified in the Coverage Tests, such calculations will not include (i) scheduled interest and principal payments on Defaulted Loans and Ineligible Loans unless or until such payments are actually made and (ii) ticking fees in respect of Collateral Loans, and other similar fees, unless or until such fees are actually paid.

(c) For each Collection Period and as of any date of determination, the Scheduled Distribution on any Collateral Loans (other than Defaulted Loans and Ineligible Loans, which, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be assumed to have Scheduled Distributions of zero) shall be the total amount of payments and collections to be received during such Collection Period in respect of such Collateral Loans.

(d) Each Scheduled Distribution receivable with respect to a Collateral Loan shall be assumed to be received on the applicable Due Date.

(e) References in the Priority of Payments to calculations made on a "pro forma basis" shall mean such calculations after giving effect to all payments, in accordance with the Priority of Payments, that precede (in priority of payment) or include the clause in which such calculation is made.

(f) For purposes of calculating all Concentration Limitations, in both the numerator and the denominator of any component of the Concentration Limitations, Defaulted Loans and Ineligible Loans will be treated as having a value equal to zero.

(g) Determinations of the Eligible Loans, or portions thereof, that constitute Excess Concentration Amounts will be determined in the way that produces the highest Borrowing Base at the time of determination, it being understood that an Eligible Loan (or portion thereof) that falls into more than one category of Concentration Limitation shall be determined in a way that produces the highest such Borrowing Base at such time without duplication.

(h) Except as otherwise provided herein, Defaulted Loans and Ineligible Loans will not be included in the calculation of the Weighted Average Coupon, Weighted Average Spread, the Weighted Average Life Ratio, the Weighted Average Loan to Enterprise Value Ratio, the Weighted Average Senior Debt Ratio, and Weighted Average TTM EBITDA.

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(i) For purposes of determining the Weighted Average Spread (and related computations of stated interest coupons and Aggregate Funded Spread), capitalized or deferred interest (and any other interest that is not paid in cash) will be excluded until paid in cash.

(j) References in this Agreement to the Borrower's "acquisition" of a Loan include references to the Borrower's acquisition of such Loan by way of a sale and/or contribution and the Borrower's making or acquisition of such Loan. Portions of the same Loan acquired by the Borrower on different dates (whether through purchase, receipt by contribution or the making or acquisition thereof) will, for purposes of determining the purchase price of such Loan, be treated as separate purchases on separate dates (and not a weighted average purchase price for any particular Loan).

(k) For the purposes of calculating compliance with each of the Concentration Limitations all calculations will be rounded to the nearest 0.01%.

(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all monetary calculations under this Agreement shall be in Dollars. For purposes of this Agreement, calculations with respect to all amounts received or required to be paid in a currency other than Dollars shall be valued at zero.

(m) Other than for purposes of determining whether the conditions for each Advance have been satisfied, for purposes of calculating compliance with any test under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Maximum Advance Rate Test, Interest Coverage Ratio Test, any Concentration Limitation and any Collateral Quality Test), the trade date with respect to any acquisition or disposition of a Loan shall be used to determine whether and when such acquisition or disposition has occurred. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of calculating compliance with any test under this Agreement to determine whether the conditions for each Advance have been satisfied, the trade date with respect to any acquisition or disposition of a Loan shall be used to determine whether and when such acquisition or disposition has occurred.

*Section 1.05. Calculation of Borrowing Base.* In connection with amounts to be calculated for purposes of determining the Borrowing Base and generally preparing the Borrowing Base Calculation Statement, all amounts shall be expressed in Dollars.

*Section 1.06. Divisions.* For all purposes under the Facility Documents, in connection with any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws): (a) if any asset, right, obligation or liability of any Person becomes the asset, right, obligation or liability of a different Person, then it shall be deemed to have been transferred from the original Person to the subsequent Person, and (b) if any new Person comes into existence, such new Person shall be deemed to have been organized on the first date of its existence by the holders of its Equity Interests at such time.

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LIBOR Notification. The Interest Rate on Advances is determined by reference to the LIBOR Rate, which is derived from the Section 1.07. London interbank offered rate. The London interbank offered rate is intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. In July 2017, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority announced that, after the end of 2021, it would no longer persuade or compel contributing banks to make rate submissions to ICE for purposes of ICE setting the London interbank offered rate. As a result, it is possible that commencing in 2022, the London interbank offered rate may no longer be available or may no longer be deemed an appropriate reference rate upon which to determine the Interest Rate on Advances. In light of this eventuality, public and private sector industry initiatives are currently underway to identify new or alternative reference rates to be used in place of the London interbank offered rate. In the event that the London interbank offered rate is no longer available or in certain other circumstances as set forth in Section 2.17 of this Agreement, such Section 2.17 provides a mechanism for determining an alternative rate of interest. The Administrative Agent will notify the Borrower, pursuant to Section 2.17, in advance of any change to the reference rate upon which the interest rate on Advances is based. However, the Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission or any other matter related to the London interbank offered rate or other rates in the definition of "LIBOR Rate" or with respect to any alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate therefor or thereof, including, without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate, as it may or may not be adjusted pursuant to Section 2.17, will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of, the LIBOR Rate or have the same volume or liquidity as did the London interbank offered rate prior to its discontinuance or unavailability.

### ARTICLE II

### Advances

*Section 2.01. Revolving Credit Facility.* On the terms and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, including <u>Article III</u>, each Lender severally agrees to make loans in Dollars to the Borrower (each, an "*Advance*") from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Effective Date until the Commitment Termination Date, on a pro rata basis in each case in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding up to but not exceeding such Lender's Commitment and, as to all Lenders, in an aggregate principal amount up to but not exceeding the Maximum Available Amount as then in effect. Each such borrowing of an Advance on any single day is referred to herein as a "*Borrowing*". Within such limits and subject to the other terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Borrower may borrow (and re-borrow) Advances under this <u>Section 2.01</u> and prepay Advances under <u>Section 2.05</u>.

*Section 2.02. Making of the Advances.* (a) If the Borrower desires to make a Borrowing under this Agreement, the Borrower, or the Collateral Manager on its behalf, shall give the Administrative Agent a written notice (each, a "*Notice of Borrowing*") for such Borrowing (which notice shall be irrevocable and effective upon receipt) not later than 12:00 noon on the date that is two (2) Business Days prior to the day of the requested Borrowing; *provided, however* that notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no more than two Advances may be made in a calendar week. A Notice of Borrowing received after 3:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the following Business Day.

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Promptly following receipt of a Notice of Borrowing in accordance with this Section, the Administrative Agent shall advise each applicable Lender of the details thereof and of the amounts of such Lender's Advance to be made as part of the requested Borrowing. Each Notice of Borrowing shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u>, dated the date the request for the related Borrowing is being made, signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, shall attach a Borrowing Base Calculation Statement as of the Borrowing Date after giving effect to the requested Borrowing and shall otherwise be appropriately completed. The proposed Borrowing Date specified in each Notice of Borrowing shall be a Business Day falling on or prior to the Commitment Termination Date, and the amount of the Borrowing requested in such Notice of Borrowing (the *"Requested Amount"*) shall be equal to at least \$500,000 or an integral multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof.

(b) Each Lender shall, not later than 1:00 p.m. on each Borrowing Date, make its Percentage of the applicable Requested Amount on each Borrowing Date by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the account of the Administrative Agent most recently designated by it for such purpose by notice to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent will make such Advances available to the Borrower by promptly crediting the amounts so received, in like funds, to the Operating Account.

*Section 2.03. Evidence of Indebtedness.* (a) *Maintenance of Records by Lender*. Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrower to it and resulting from the Advances made by such Lender to the Borrower, from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest thereon and paid to it, from time to time hereunder, *provided* that the failure of any Lender to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Advances in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) *Maintenance of Records by Administrative Agent.* The Administrative Agent shall maintain records in which it shall record (i) the amount of each Advance made hereunder, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder, and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder for the account of the Lenders and each Lender's share thereof.

(c) *Effect of Entries.* The entries made in the records maintained pursuant to paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section shall be prima facie evidence, absent obvious error, of the existence and amounts of the obligations recorded therein; *provided* that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such records or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Advances in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and, in the case of any inconsistency with the records in the Register, the Register shall prevail.

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Section 2.04. Payment of Principal and Interest. The Borrower shall pay principal and Interest on the Advances as follows:

(a) 100% of the outstanding principal amount of each Advance, together with all accrued and unpaid Interest thereon, shall be payable on the Final Maturity Date.

(b) Interest shall accrue on the unpaid principal amount of each Advance at the applicable Interest Rate from the date of such Advance until such principal amount is paid in full. The Administrative Agent shall determine the unpaid Interest and Unused Fees payable thereto prior to each Payment Date (using the applicable Interest Rate for each day during the related Interest Accrual Period) to be paid by the Borrower with respect to each Advance on each Payment Date for the related Interest Accrual Period and shall advise the Collateral Manager and the Custodian on the sixth Business Day prior to such Payment Date.

(c) Accrued Interest on each Advance shall be payable in arrears (x) on each Payment Date, and (y) in connection with any prepayment in full of the Advances pursuant to <u>Section 2.05(a)</u>; <u>provided</u> that (i) with respect to any prepayment in full of the Advances outstanding, accrued Interest on such amount to but excluding the date of prepayment may be payable on such date or as otherwise agreed to between the Lenders and the Borrower and (ii) with respect to any partial prepayment of the Advances outstanding, unless otherwise required by the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 2.05(d)</u>, accrued Interest on such amount to but excluding the date of prepayment shall be payable following such prepayment on the applicable Payment Date for the Collection Period in which such prepayment occurred.

(d) Subject in all cases to <u>Section 2.04(f)</u>, the obligation of the Borrower to pay the Obligations, including the obligation of the Borrower to pay the Lenders the outstanding principal amount of the Advances and accrued Interest thereon, shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms hereof (including <u>Section 2.14</u>), under any and all circumstances and irrespective of any setoff, counterclaim or defense to payment which the Borrower or any other Person may have or have had against any Secured Party or any other Person.

(e) As a condition to the payment of principal of and Interest on any Advance without the imposition of withholding tax, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent may require certification acceptable to it to enable the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes or other charges that they may be required to deduct or withhold from payments in respect of such Advance under any present or future law or regulation of the United States and any other applicable jurisdiction, or any present or future law or regulation of any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein or to comply with any reporting or other requirements under any such law or regulation.

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(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement are limited recourse obligations of the Borrower payable solely from the Collateral and, following realization of the Collateral, and application of the proceeds thereof in accordance with the Priority of Payments and, subject to <u>Section 2.12</u>, all obligations of and any claims against the Borrower hereunder or in connection herewith after such realization shall be extinguished and shall not thereafter revive. No recourse or personal liability shall be had against any officer, director, employee, shareholder, Affiliate, member, manager, agent, partner, principal or incorporator of the Borrower or their respective successors or assigns for any amounts payable under this Agreement. It is understood that the foregoing provisions of this <u>clause (f)</u> shall not (i) prevent recourse to the Collateral for the sums due or to become due under any security, instrument or agreement which is part of the Collateral or (ii) constitute a waiver, release or discharge of any indebtedness or obligation evidenced by this Agreement until such Collateral has been realized. It is further understood that the foregoing provisions of this <u>clause (f)</u> shall not limit the right of any Person to name the Borrower as a party defendant in any proceeding or in the exercise of any other remedy under this Agreement, so long as no judgment in the nature of a deficiency judgment or seeking personal liability shall be asked for or (if obtained) enforced against the Borrower.

(g) All repayments of any Advance or any portion thereof, including without, limitation, a mandatory prepayment pursuant to <u>Section 2.05(b)</u>, shall be made together with payment of all Hedge Breakage Costs and any other amounts payable by the Borrower under or with respect to any Hedging Agreement.

Section 2.05. Prepayment of Advances. (a) Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may, from time to time on any Business Day but no more than twice during any calendar week, voluntarily prepay Advances in whole or in part, without penalty or premium; provided that the Borrower or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Custodian written notice of such prepayment (such notice, a "Notice of Prepayment") in the form of Exhibit B not later than 3:00 p.m. at least two (2) Business Days prior to the day of such prepayment (provided that same day notice may be given to cure any non-compliance with the Maximum Advance Rate Test); provided, further that after giving effect to such prepayment, the total amount of Collections then on deposit in the Collection Account shall be no less than an amount equal to the amounts due under clauses (A) through (D) of Section 9.01(a)(i) that will be required to be paid on the next occurring Payment Date (as estimated in good faith by the Collateral Manager). Each such Notice of Prepayment shall be irrevocable and effective upon receipt and shall be dated the date such notice is being given, signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, and otherwise appropriately completed. Each prepayment of any Advance by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.05(a) (other than a prepayment made in order to cure any non-compliance with the Maximum Advance Rate Test) shall in each case be in a principal amount of at least \$500,000 or, if less, the entire outstanding principal amount of the Advances of the Borrower. If a Notice of Prepayment 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. The Borrower shall make the payment amount specified in such notice by wire transfer of immediately available funds by 2:00 p.m. to the Agent's Account. The Administrative Agent promptly will make such payment amount specified in such notice available to each Lender in the amount of each Lender's Percentage of the payment amount by wire transfer to such Lender's account. Any funds for purposes of a voluntary prepayment received by the Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next Business Day.

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(b) *Mandatory Prepayments*. The Borrower shall prepay the Advances on each Payment Date in the manner and to the extent provided in the Priority of Payments. The Borrower shall provide, in each Monthly Report, notice of the aggregate amounts of Advances that are to be prepaid on the related Payment Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

(c) Additional Prepayment Provisions. Each prepayment pursuant to this <u>Section 2.05</u> shall be subject to <u>Sections 2.04(c)</u> and <u>2.10</u> and applied to the Advances in accordance with the Lenders' respective Percentages.

(d) *Interest on Prepaid Advances*. If requested by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall pay all accrued and unpaid Interest on Advances prepaid on the date of such prepayment.

*Section 2.06. Changes of Commitments.* (a) *Automatic Reduction and Termination.* The Commitments of all Lenders shall be automatically reduced to zero at 5:00 p.m. on the Commitment Termination Date.

(b) Optional Reductions. Prior to the Commitment Termination Date, the Borrower shall have the right to terminate or reduce the unused amount of the Facility Amount at any time or from time to time without any fee or penalty upon not less than two Business Days' prior notice to the Custodian, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent of each such termination or reduction, which notice shall specify the effective date of such termination or reduction and the amount of any such reduction; *provided* that (i) the amount of any such reduction of the Facility Amount shall be equal to at least \$2,000,000 or an integral multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, if less, the remaining unused portion thereof, and (ii) no such reduction will reduce the Facility Amount below the aggregate principal amount of Advances outstanding at such time (after giving effect to any payment to be made on such date). Such notice of termination or reduction shall be irrevocable and shall be applied *pro rata* to reduce the respective Commitments of each Lender.

(c) *Effect of Termination or Reduction.* The Commitments of the Lenders once terminated or reduced may not be reinstated. Each reduction of the Facility Amount pursuant to this <u>Section 2.06</u> shall be applied ratably among the Lenders in accordance with their respective Commitments.

*Section 2.07. Maximum Lawful Rate.* It is the intention of the parties hereto that the interest on the Advances shall not exceed the maximum rate permissible under Applicable Law. Accordingly, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event any interest is charged to, collected from or received from or on behalf of the Borrower by the Lenders pursuant hereto or thereto in excess of such maximum lawful rate, then the excess of such payment over that maximum shall be applied first to the payment of amounts then due and owing by the Borrower to the Secured Parties under this Agreement (other than in respect of principal of and interest on the Advances) and then to the reduction of the outstanding principal amount of the Advances of the Borrower.

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*Section 2.08. Several Obligations.* The failure of any Lender to make any Advance to be made by it on the date specified therefor shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation to make its Advance on such date, the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the failure of any Lender to make any Advance, and no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make an Advance to be made by such other Lender.

Section 2.09. Increased Costs. (a) Except with respect to taxes, which shall be governed exclusively by <u>Section 13.03</u>, if, due to either (i) the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation, application or implementation of any Applicable Law or GAAP or other applicable accounting policy after the date hereof, or (ii) the compliance with any guideline or change in the interpretation, application or implementation of any guideline or request from any central bank or other Governmental Authority (whether or not having the force of law) after the date hereof (a *"Regulatory Change"*), there shall be any increase in the cost to any Affected Person of agreeing to make or making, funding or maintaining Advances to the Borrower, then the Borrower shall from time to time, on the Payment Date first occurring following such Affected Person's demand, pay in accordance with the Priority of Payments such Affected Person such additional amounts as may be sufficient to compensate such Affected Person for such increased cost. A certificate setting forth in reasonable detail the amount of such increased cost, submitted to the Borrower by an Affected Person (with a copy to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent), shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest or demonstrable error; *provided* that such Affected Person charges such increased costs to borrowers that are substantially similar to the Borrower in financing transactions materially similar to the financing transaction set forth in this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, each of (i) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all rules and regulations promulgated 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 authoritites, in each case pursuant to Basel II

(b) If an Affected Person determines that compliance with any Applicable Law, request from any central bank or other Governmental Authority charged with the interpretation or administration thereof (whether or not having the force of law) or any Regulatory Change, in each case, introduced or made after the date hereof (i) affects the amount of capital or liquidity required to be maintained by such Affected Person and that the amount of such capital or liquidity is increased by or based upon the existence of such Affected Person's Commitment under this Agreement or upon such Affected Person's making, funding or maintaining Advances or (ii) reduces the rate of return of an Affected Person to a level below that which such Affected Person could have achieved but for such compliance (taking into consideration such Affected Person's policies with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then the Borrower shall from time to time, on the Payment Date first occurring following such Affected Person's demand, pay in accordance with the Priority of Payments such additional amounts which are sufficient to compensate such Affected Person for such increase in capital or liquidity or reduced return. If any Affected Person becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this <u>Section 2.09(b)</u>, it shall notify, within a commercially reasonable time, the Borrower (with a copy to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent) of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled. A certificate setting forth in reasonable detail such amounts submitted to the Borrower by an Affected Person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest or demonstrable error; *provided* that such Affected Person charges such increased costs to borrowers that are substantially similar to the Borrower in financing transactions materially similar to the financing transaction set forth in this Agreement.

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(c) Upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the Borrower's obligation to pay additional amounts to a Lender pursuant to <u>clauses (a) or</u> (b) of this <u>Section 2.09</u>, such Lender shall (at the request of the Borrower), use reasonable efforts (subject to the customary practices of such Lender) to minimize any increased amounts payable by the Borrower which at first shall include, but not be limited to, designating a different lending office for the funding or the booking of its Advances hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment would reduce or obviate the obligations of the Borrower to make future payments of such additional amounts; *provided* that such designation is made on such terms that such Lender and its lending office suffer no unreimbursed cost or material legal or regulatory disadvantage (as reasonably determined by such Lender), with the object of avoiding future consequence of the event giving rise to the operation of any such provision. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

*Section 2.10. Compensation; Breakage Payments.* The Borrower agrees to compensate each Affected Person from time to time, on the Payment Dates, following such Affected Person's written request (which request shall set forth the basis for requesting such amounts), in accordance with the Priority of Payments for all reasonable losses, expenses and liabilities (including any interest paid by such Affected Person to lenders of funds borrowed to make or carry an Advance and any loss sustained by such Affected Person in connection with the re-employment of such funds but excluding loss of anticipated profits), which such Affected Person may sustain: (i) if for any reason (including any failure of a condition precedent set forth in <u>Article III</u> but excluding a default by the applicable Lender) a Borrowing of any Advance by the Borrower does not occur on the Borrowing Date specified therefor in the applicable Notice of Borrowing delivered by the Borrower (other than as a result of a Defaulting Lender's actions), (ii) if any payment, prepayment or conversion of any of the Borrower's Advances occurs on a date that is not the last day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period or a Payment Date, (iii) if any payment or prepayment of any Advance is not made on any date specified in a Notice of Prepayment given by the Borrower or (iv) as a consequence of any other default by the Borrower to repay its Advances when required by the terms of this Agreement. A certificate as to any amounts payable pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10</u> submitted to the Borrower by any Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent and accompanied by a reasonably detailed calculation of such amounts and a description of the basis for requesting such amounts) shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest or demonstrable error.

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*Section 2.11.* Illegality; Inability to Determine Rates. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, in the event of a Eurodollar Disruption Event, the affected Lender shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent, the Custodian and the Borrower thereof, and such Lender's obligation to make or maintain Advances hereunder based on the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate shall be suspended until such time as such Lender may again make and maintain Advances based on the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate.

(b) Upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to a Lender's suspension of its obligation to make or maintain Advances based on the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate pursuant to <u>Section 2.11(a)</u>, such Lender shall use reasonable efforts (subject to the customary practices of such Lender) to designate a different lending office if such designation would enable such Lender to again make and maintain Advances based on the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate; *provided* that such designation is made on such terms that such Lender and its lending office suffer no unreimbursed cost or material legal or regulatory disadvantage (as reasonably determined by such Lender), with the object of avoiding future consequence of the event giving rise to the operation of any such provision.

(c) If, prior to the first day of any Interest Accrual Period or prior to the date of any Advance, as applicable, either (i) the Administrative Agent determines that for any reason adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the LIBOR Rate for the applicable Advances, or (ii) the Required Lenders determine and notify the Administrative Agent that the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate with respect to such Advances does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding such Advances (provided that each such Lender has generally made a similar determination with respect to its other borrowers under facilities bearing interest at an index based on the London interbank offered rate), the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify the Borrower, the Custodian and each Lender. Thereafter, the obligation of the Lenders to make or maintain Advances based on the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate shall be suspended until the Administrative Agent (upon the instruction of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice.

*Section 2.12. Rescission or Return of Payment.* The Borrower agrees that, if at any time (including after the occurrence of the Final Maturity Date) all or any part of any payment theretofore made by it to any Secured Party or any designee of a Secured Party is or must be rescinded or returned for any reason whatsoever (including the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates), the obligation of the Borrower to make such payment to such Secured Party shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, to the extent that such payment is or must be rescinded or returned, be deemed to have continued in existence and this Agreement shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, as to such obligations, all as though such payment had not been made.

*Section 2.13. Past Due Interest.* The Borrower shall pay interest on all Obligations other than amounts due under <u>Section 13.04(a)</u> and other Administrative Expenses that are not paid when due for the period from the due date thereof until the date the same is paid in full at the Past Due Rate. Interest payable at the Past Due Rate shall be payable on each Payment Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

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*Section 2.14.* Payments Generally. (a) All amounts owing and payable to any Secured Party, any Affected Person or any Indemnified Party, in respect of the Advances and other Obligations, including the principal thereof, interest, fees, indemnities, expenses or other amounts payable under this Agreement, shall be paid by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent for account of the applicable recipient in Dollars, in immediately available funds, in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and all without counterclaim, setoff, deduction, defense, abatement, suspension or deferment. The Administrative Agent and each Lender shall provide wire instructions to the Borrower, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent (if applicable). Payments must be received by the Administrative Agent for account of the Lenders on or prior to 3:00 p.m. on a Business Day; *provided* that, payments received by the Administrative Agent after 3:00 p.m. on a Business Day will be deemed to have been paid on the next following Business Day.

(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all computations of interest, fees and other Obligations shall be made on the basis of a year of 360 days for the actual number of days elapsed in computing interest on any Advance, the date of the making of the Advance shall be included and the date of payment shall be excluded; *provided* that, if an Advance is repaid on the same day on which it is made, one day's Interest shall be paid on such Advance. All computations made by a Lender or the Administrative Agent under this Agreement shall be conclusive absent manifest or demonstrable error.

Increase in Facility Amount. The Borrower may, on any Business Day prior to the Commitment Termination Date, increase the Section 2.15. Facility Amount by delivering a request substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F (each, a "Facility Amount Increase Request") or in such other form acceptable to the Administrative Agent at least five (5) Business Days prior to the desired effective date of such increase (the "Facility Amount Increase") identifying an additional Lender that is a Permitted Assignee (or additional Commitments for existing Lender(s) which have consented to such increase), and the amount of its Commitment (or additional amount of its Commitment(s)); provided, however, that (i) the Facility Amount shall not exceed \$100,000,000 without the consent of all Lenders, (ii) any increase of the aggregate amount of the Facility Amount shall be in an amount not less than \$10,000,000, (iii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the request or the effective date of the Facility Amount Increase, (iv) all representations and warranties contained in Article IV hereof (as the same may be amended from time to time) shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for representations and warranties already qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which shall be true and correct) at the time of such request and on the effective date of such Facility Amount Increase, and (v) unless such increase is increasing the Commitment of, and with the consent of, an existing Lender, the Administrative Agent shall have provided its written consent to such increase (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). The effective date of the Facility Amount Increase shall be agreed upon by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. Upon the effectiveness thereof, the new Lender(s) (or, if applicable, existing Lender(s)) shall make Advances in an amount sufficient such that after giving effect to its advance each Lender shall have outstanding its Percentage of Advances. It shall be a condition to such effectiveness that (i) if any Advances are bearing interest at the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate on the date of such effectiveness, such Advances shall be deemed to be prepaid on such date and the Borrower shall pay any amounts owing to the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.10 hereof, provided, however, that if a Facility Amount Increase is made among the existing Lenders and the amount of the increase in each such Lender's Commitment is on a pro rata basis in accordance with the existing Commitments of such Lenders on the date of such Facility Amount Increase, such Advances bearing interest at the Adjusted Eurodollar Rate shall not be deemed to be prepaid on such date and (ii) the Borrower shall not have terminated any portion of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.06 hereof. The Borrower agrees to promptly pay any reasonable expenses of the Administrative Agent and the affected Lender(s) relating to any Facility Amount Increase. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Lender shall have any obligation to increase its Commitment and no Lender's Commitment shall be increased without its consent thereto, and each Lender may at its option, unconditionally and without cause, decline to increase its Commitment. For the avoidance of doubt, each Advance made under a Facility Amount Increase shall be subject to the same terms (including pricing) as an Advance under the existing Facility Amount.

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*Section 2.16. Defaulting Lenders.* (a) *Defaulting Lender Adjustments.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:

(i) *Waivers and Amendments*. 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.

(ii) Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VI or otherwise) shall be applied at such time or times as may be 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, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Advance in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; third, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Advances under this Agreement; fourth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; fifth, so long as no Default or Event of 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 *sixth*, 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 Advances in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Advances were made at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 3.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Advances of all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Advances of such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Advances are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with their Percentages of the Commitments. 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 2.16(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

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(iii) *Certain Fees.* No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any Unused Fee 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) Defaulting Lender Cure. If the Borrower and the Administrative Agent 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, that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Advances of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Advances to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with their respective Percentages of the Commitments, 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.

Benchmark Replacement Setting . (a) Benchmark Replacement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Section 2.17. Facility Document, if a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred prior to the Reference Time in respect of any setting of the then-current Benchmark, then (x) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with clause (i) or (ii) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Facility Document in respect of such Benchmark setting and subsequent Benchmark settings without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Facility Document and (y) if a Benchmark Replacement is determined in accordance with <u>clause (iii)</u> of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" for such Benchmark Replacement Date, in each instance notwithstanding the requirements of Section 13.01 or anything else contained herein or in any other Facility Document, such Benchmark Replacement will replace such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder and under any Facility Document in respect of any Benchmark setting at or after 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Business Day after the date notice of such Benchmark Replacement is provided to the Lenders without any amendment to, or further action or consent of any other party to, this Agreement or any other Facility Document so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such Benchmark Replacement from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders; provided that, at any time the Benchmark Replacement has been determined other than in accordance with clause (i) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement" due to the unavailability of Term SOFR and Term SOFR becomes available such that the Benchmark Replacement could be determined in accordance with clause (i) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement", the Administrative Agent and the Borrower each agree to cooperate in good faith to enter into amendments to this Agreement and the Facility Documents as applicable to implement such Benchmark Replacement pursuant to clause (i) of the definition of "Benchmark Replacement".

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(b) *Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes.* In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Facility Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement or any other Facility Document.

(c) Notices; Standards for Decisions and Determinations. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders in writing of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event or an Early Opt-in Election, as applicable, and its related Benchmark Replacement Date, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, (iv) the removal or reinstatement of any tenor of a Benchmark pursuant to <u>clause (d)</u> below and (v) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or, if applicable, any Lender (or group of Lenders) pursuant to this <u>Section 2.17</u>, including, without limitation, any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment, or implementation of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding on all parties hereto absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party to this Agreement or any other Facility Document, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this <u>Section 2.17</u> and shall not be a basis of any claim of liability of any kind or nature by any party hereto, all such claims being hereby waived individually be each party hereto.

(d) Unavailability of Tenor of Benchmark. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Facility Document, at any time (including in connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement), (i) if the then-current Benchmark is a term rate (including Term SOFR or USD LIBOR) and either (A) any tenor for such Benchmark is not displayed on a screen or other information service that publishes such rate from time to time as selected by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion or (B) the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark or a Relevant Governmental Body has provided a public statement or publication of information announcing that any tenor for such Benchmark is or will be no longer representative, then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for any Benchmark settings at or after such time to remove such unavailable or non-representative tenor and (ii) if a tenor that was removed pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above either (A) is subsequently displayed on a screen or information service for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement) or (B) is not, or is no longer, subject to an announcement that it is or will no longer be representative for a Benchmark (including a Benchmark Replacement), then the Administrative Agent may modify the definition of "Interest Period" for all Benchmark settings at or after such time to reinstate such previously removed tenor.

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(e) *Benchmark Unavailability Period.* Upon the Borrower's receipt of notice of the commencement of a Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Borrower may revoke any request for a Borrowing during any Benchmark Unavailability Period and, failing that, the applicable Interest Rate for such Borrowing shall be the Base Rate. During any Benchmark Unavailability Period or at any time that a tenor for the then-current Benchmark is not an Available Tenor, the components of Base Rate based upon the then-current Benchmark for or such tenor for such Benchmark, as applicable, will not be used in any determination of the Base Rate.

# ARTICLE III

## **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

*Section 3.01. Conditions Precedent to Initial Advances.* The obligation of each Lender to make its initial Advance hereunder shall be subject to the conditions precedent that the Administrative Agent shall have received on or before the date of such initial Advance the following, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

- (a) each of the Facility Documents duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto, which shall each be in full force and effect;
- (b) true and complete copies of the Constituent Documents of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager as in effect on the Closing Date;

(c) true and complete copies certified by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower of all Governmental Authorizations, Private Authorizations and Governmental Filings, if any, required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

(d) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying (i) as to its Constituent Documents, (ii) as to its resolutions or other action of its board of directors or members approving this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (iii) that its representations and warranties set forth in the Facility Documents to which it is a party are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to any earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date), (iv) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and (v) as to the incumbency and specimen signature of each of its Responsible Officers authorized to execute the Facility Documents to which it is a party;

(e) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager certifying (i) as to its Constituent Documents, (ii) as to its resolutions or other action of its board of directors or members approving this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (iii) that its representations and warranties set forth in the Facility Documents to which it is a party are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to any earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date), (iv) to the knowledge of the Collateral Manager, no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and (v) as to the incumbency and specimen signature of each of its Responsible Officers authorized to execute the Facility Documents to which it is a party;

(f) a closing certificate from the Borrower substantially in the form set forth on Exhibit H hereto;

(g) UCC financing statements, under the UCC with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and any other applicable filing office in any applicable jurisdiction that the Administrative Agent deems necessary or desirable in order to perfect the interests in the Collateral contemplated by this Agreement;

(h) copies of proper financing statements, if any, necessary to release all security interests and other rights of any Person in the Collateral previously granted by the Borrower or any transferor;

(i) legal opinions (addressed to each of the Secured Parties) of Mayer Brown LLP, counsel to the Borrower and the Collateral Manager and Nixon Peabody LLP, counsel to the Custodian covering such matters as the Administrative Agent and its counsel shall reasonably request including security interest, corporate and investment company act, and true sale and non-consolidation matters;

(j) evidence reasonably satisfactory to it that all of the Covered Accounts shall have been established; and the Account Control Agreement shall have been executed and delivered by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Custodian, and shall be in full force and effect;

(k) evidence that (x) all fees due and owing to the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the Custodian, on or prior to the Closing Date have been received or will be contemporaneous with closing; and (y) the reasonable and documented accrued fees and expenses of Chapman and Cutler LLP, counsel to the Administrative Agent, and Nixon Peabody LLP, counsel to the Custodian, in its respective capacities hereunder, in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (to the extent invoiced prior to the Closing Date and required to be paid by the Borrower hereunder), shall have been paid by the Borrower or will be contemporaneous with closing;

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(1) delivery of such Collateral (including any promissory note, executed assignment agreements and word or pdf copies of the principal credit agreement for each initial Collateral Loan, to the extent received by the Borrower) in accordance with the provisions of <u>Article XIV</u> shall have been effected;

(m) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that, in the case of each item of Collateral pledged to the Administrative Agent, on the Closing Date and immediately prior to the delivery thereof on the Closing Date:

(i) the Borrower is the owner of such Collateral free and clear of any liens, claims or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever except for (A) those which are being released on the Closing Date and (B) Permitted Liens;

(ii) the Borrower has acquired its ownership in such Collateral in good faith without notice of any adverse claim, except as described in <u>clause (i)</u> above;

(iii) the Borrower has not assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered any interest in such Collateral (or, if any such interest has been assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered, it has been released) other than interests granted pursuant to this Agreement;

(iv) the Borrower has full right to grant a security interest in and assign and pledge such Collateral to the Administrative Agent; and

(v) upon grant by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent has a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral, except as permitted by this Agreement;

(n) an executed Certificate of Beneficial Ownership and all documentation and other information requested by any such Lender required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Patriot Act; and the Administrative Agent shall have received a fully executed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or its equivalent) for the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and Capitala; and

(o) such other instruments, certificates and documents from the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and Capitala as the Administrative Agent or any Lender shall have reasonably requested.

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*Section 3.02. Conditions Precedent to Each Borrowing.* The obligation of each Lender to make each Advance to be made by it (including the initial Advance) on each Borrowing Date shall be subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions; *provided* that the conditions described in <u>clauses (d) and (e)</u> (other than a Default or Event of Default described in <u>Sections 6.01(b) or (l)</u> or in <u>Section 6.03 (e)</u>) below need not be satisfied if the proceeds of the Borrowing are used to settle trades committed to by the Borrower prior to the end of the Reinvestment Period:

(a) the Reinvestment Period shall not have ended;

(b) the Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing with respect to such Advance (including the Borrowing Base Calculation Statement attached thereto, all duly completed) delivered in accordance with <u>Section 2.02</u>;

(c) immediately after the making of such Advance on the applicable Borrowing Date, (i) each Coverage Test shall be satisfied, as demonstrated on the Borrowing Base Calculation Statement and attached to such Notice of Borrowing, and (ii) each Collateral Quality Test shall be satisfied (or if any Collateral Quality Test is not satisfied, such test is maintained or improved after giving effect to such Advance and any related acquisition and/or concurrent sale of Loans), as demonstrated in reasonably detailed calculations attached to such Notice of Borrowing;

(d) each of the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for representations and warranties already qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which shall be true and correct) as of such Borrowing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to any earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date as if made on such date); and

(e) no Default, Event of Default, Potential Collateral Manager Termination Event or Collateral Manager Termination Event shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of the making of such Advance or shall result upon the making of such Advance.

## ARTICLE IV

## **R**EPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

*Section 4.01. Representations and Warranties of the Borrower.* The Borrower represents and warrants to each of the Secured Parties on and as of each Measurement Date (and, in respect of <u>clause (i)</u> below, each date such information is provided by or on behalf of it), as follows:

(a) *Due Organization*. The Borrower is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with full power and authority to own and operate its assets and properties, conduct the business in which it is now engaged and to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party.

(b) *Due Qualification and Good Standing*. The Borrower is in good standing in the State of Delaware. The Borrower is duly qualified to do business and, to the extent applicable, is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which the nature of its business, assets and properties, including the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the other Facility Documents to which it is a party and its Constituent Documents, requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) *Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery; Legal, Valid and Binding; Enforceability.* The execution and delivery by the Borrower of, and the performance of its obligations under the Facility Documents to which it is a party and the other instruments, certificates and agreements contemplated thereby are within its powers and have been duly authorized by all requisite action by it and have been duly executed and delivered by it and constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, (ii) general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law or (iii) implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

(d) *Non-Contravention*. None of the execution and delivery by the Borrower of this Agreement or the other Facility Documents to which it is a party, the Borrowings or the pledge of the Collateral hereunder, the consummation of the transactions herein or therein contemplated, or compliance by it with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof or thereof, will (i) conflict with, or result in a material breach or violation of, or constitute a default under its Constituent Documents, (ii) conflict with or contravene (A) any Applicable Law, (B) any indenture, agreement or other contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets, including any Related Document, or (C) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or any of its assets or properties or (iii) result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, or permit the acceleration of any obligation or liability in, or but for any requirement of the giving of notice or the passage of time (or both) would constitute such a conflict with, breach or violation of, or default under, or permit any such acceleration in, any contractual obligation or any agreement or document to which it is a party or by which it or any of its assets are bound (or to which any such obligation, agreement or document relates), except in the case of <u>clauses (ii) and (iii)</u> above, where such conflicts, contravention, breaches, violations or defaults could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) *Governmental Authorizations; Private Authorizations; Governmental Filings.* The Borrower has obtained, maintained and kept in full force and effect all Governmental Authorizations and Private Authorizations which are necessary for it to properly carry out its business, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and made all material Governmental Filings necessary for the execution and delivery by it of the Facility Documents to which it is a party, the Borrower of its obligations under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party, and no material Governmental Authorization, Private Authorization or Governmental Filing which has not been obtained or made, is required to be obtained or made by it in connection with the execution and delivery by it of any Facility Document to which it is a party, the Borrower under this Agreement, the pledge of the Collateral by the Borrowings by the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party, and no material Governmental Authorization, Private Authorization or Governmental Filing which has not been obtained or made, is required to be obtained or made by it in connection with the execution and delivery by it of any Facility Document to which it is a party, the Borrower under this Agreement, the pledge of the Collateral by the Borrower under this Agreement or the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party.

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(f) *Compliance with Agreements, Laws, Etc.* The Borrower has duly observed and complied in all material respects with all Applicable Laws relating to the conduct of its business and its assets. The Borrower has preserved and kept in full force and effect its rights, privileges, qualifications and franchises, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Without limiting the foregoing, (x) to the extent applicable, the Borrower is in compliance in all material respects with the regulations and rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Treasury and/or administered by the U.S. Office of Foreign Asset Controls ("*OFAC*"), including U.S. Executive Order No. 13224, and other related statutes, laws and regulations (collectively, the "*Subject Laws*"), (y) the Borrower has adopted internal controls and procedures designed to ensure its continued compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Subject Laws and to the extent applicable, will adopt procedures consistent in all material respects with the PATRIOT Act and implementing regulations, and (z) to the knowledge of the Borrower (based on the implementation of its internal procedures and controls), no investor in the Borrower is a Person whose name appears on the "List of Specially Designated Nationals" and "Blocked Persons" maintained by the OFAC.

(g) *Location*. The Borrower's chief place of business and its chief executive office are located in the State of North Carolina. The Borrower's registered office and the jurisdiction of organization of the Borrower is the jurisdiction referred to in <u>Section 4.01(a)</u>.

(h) *Investment Company Act.* Assuming compliance by each of the Lenders and any participant with <u>Section 13.06(e)</u>, neither the Borrower nor the pool of Collateral is required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act. To the Borrower's knowledge, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Facility Documents do not result in the Administrative Agent or the Lenders holding an "ownership interest" in a "covered fund" for purposes of the Volcker Rule.

(i) *Reports Accurate.* All Monthly Reports (if prepared by the Borrower, or to the extent that information contained therein is supplied by the Borrower), Borrowing Base Calculation Statements, written information, exhibits, financial statements, documents, books, records or reports furnished or to be furnished by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower) to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement or any other Facility Document (other than projections, forward-looking information, general economic data, industry information or information relating to third parties and with respect to any information or documentation prepared by the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates for internal use or consideration, statements as to (or the failure to make a statement as to) the value of, collectability of, prospects of or potential risks or benefits associated with a Collateral Loan or Obligor) furnished by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Account Bank or the Custodian in connection with this Agreement (after taking into account all updates, modifications and supplements to such information) are, as of their date, accurate, true and correct in all material respects when taken as a whole and in the context that such information was provided and no such document or certificate omits to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in any material respect, in each case as of the date so furnished (or, in the case of certificates, notices, reports, financial statements or similar information or records, the stated date thereof); provided that, solely with respect to written or electronic information furnished by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) from a third party, such information need only be accurate, true and correct in all material respects to the knowledge of the Borrower.

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(j) *ERISA*. Neither the Borrower nor, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any member of the ERISA Group has, or during the past five years had, any liability or obligation with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

(k) *Taxes*. The Borrower has filed all U.S. federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by it, if any, and has paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns, if any, or pursuant to any assessment received by any such Person, other than any such taxes, assessments or charges that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves in accordance with GAAP have been established.

(l) *Tax Status*. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Borrower is (i) disregarded as an entity separate from its owner and (ii) has not made an election under U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3 and is not otherwise treated as an association taxable as a corporation.

(m) *Collections*. The Borrower has instructed, or has caused the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to instruct all Obligors or the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to remit all Collections directly to the Collection Account. The Borrower has instructed, or has caused the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to instruct the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to remit all Collections directly to the Collection Account. The Borrower has instructed, or has caused the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to instruct the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to cause all Collections for any Collateral Loan deposited into a payment account maintained by such administrative agent or paying agent that are owed to the Borrower to be identified and deposited into the Collection Account no later than two (2) Business Days after receipt thereof or such longer period for identification and deposit of collections as may be required under the Related Documents for such Collateral Loan<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Capitala to confirm typical period for identification and deposit of collections for third-party agented Loans.

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(n) *Plan Assets*. The assets of the Borrower are not treated as "plan assets" for purposes of 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 and Section 3(42) of ERISA (the "*Plan Asset Rule*"). The Borrower has not taken, or omitted to take, any action which would result in any of the Collateral being treated as "plan assets" for purposes of the Plan Asset Rule or, assuming that the assets of the Lenders and the Administrative Agent are not deemed to be "plan assets" for the purposes of the Plan Asset Rule, the occurrence of any Prohibited Transaction in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder.

(o) *Solvency*. After giving effect to each Advance hereunder, and the disbursement of the proceeds of such Advance, the Borrower is and will be Solvent.

(p) *Representations Relating to the Collateral.* The Borrower hereby represents and warrants that:

(i) it owns and has legal and beneficial title to all Collateral Loans and other Collateral free and clear of any Lien, claim or encumbrance of any Person, other than Permitted Liens;

(ii) other than Permitted Liens, the Borrower has not pledged, assigned, sold, granted a security interest in, or otherwise conveyed any of the Collateral. The Borrower has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any financing statements or any equivalent filing in any applicable jurisdiction against the Borrower that include a description of collateral covering the Collateral other than any financing statement or any equivalent filing in any applicable jurisdiction relating to the security interest granted to the Administrative Agent hereunder or that has been terminated; and the Borrower is not aware of any judgment, PBGC liens or tax lien filings against the Borrower or any of its assets;

(iii) the Collateral constitutes Money, Cash, accounts (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(2) of the UCC), Instruments, general intangibles (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(42) of the UCC), Uncertificated Securities, Certificated Securities or Security Entitlements to Financial Assets resulting from the crediting of Financial Assets to a "securities account" (as defined in Section 8-501(a) of the UCC);

(iv) all Covered Accounts constitute "deposit accounts" under Section 9-102(a) of the UCC;

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(v) this Agreement creates a valid, continuing and, upon Delivery of Collateral, filing of the financing statement referred to in <u>clause (vii)</u> and execution of the Account Control Agreement, perfected security interest (as defined in Section 1-201(37) of the UCC) in the Collateral in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties, which security interest is prior to all other liens, claims and encumbrances (other than Permitted Liens), and is enforceable as such against creditors of and purchasers from the Borrower;

(vi) the Borrower has received all material consents and approvals required by the terms of the Related Documents in respect of such Collateral to the pledge hereunder to the Administrative Agent of its interest and rights in such Collateral;

(vii) with respect to the Collateral that constitutes accounts or general intangibles (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(42) of the UCC), the Borrower has caused or will have caused, on or prior to the Closing Date, the filing of all appropriate financing statements in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under applicable law in order to perfect the security interest in the Collateral granted to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties, hereunder. Such filing of a financing statement is sufficient to perfect such security interest under applicable law (to the extent a security interest may be perfected under the UCC solely by filing of a financing statement); and

(viii) with respect to Collateral that constitutes Security Entitlements, all such Collateral has been and will have been credited to the applicable Covered Account.

(q) *Eligibility*. Each Eligible Loan included in a Monthly Report or a Borrowing Base Calculation Statement required to be delivered by it under this Agreement as an Eligible Loan was, in fact, an Eligible Loan and not an Ineligible Loan at such time, unless identified as an Ineligible Loan on such Monthly Report or Borrowing Base Calculation Statement, as applicable.

(r) *Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions.* The Borrower and its directors, officers, managers and, to its knowledge, its agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions. None of (a) the Borrower or its directors, officers or managers, or (b) to its knowledge, any of its agents that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facilities established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. No Borrowing, use of proceeds thereof or other transactions hereunder will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

(s) *Certificate of Beneficial Ownership.* The Certificate of Beneficial Ownership executed and delivered to the Administrative Agent and Lenders on or prior to the Closing Date, as updated from time to time in accordance with this Agreement, is accurate, complete and correct as of the Closing Date and as of the date any such update is delivered.

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(t) *Value Given*. The Borrower has given fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value to the seller in exchange for the purchase of the Collateral Loans (or any number of them) from Capitala pursuant to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement. No such transfer has been made for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by the Borrower to the seller of a Collateral Loan and no such transfer is or may be voidable or subject to avoidance under any section of the Bankruptcy Code.

*Section 4.02. Representations and Warranties of the Collateral Manager.* The Collateral Manager (and the Borrower, where so indicated) represents and warrants to each of the Secured Parties on and as of each Measurement Date (and in respect of <u>clause (i)</u> below, each date such information is provided by or on behalf of it), as follows:

(a) *Due Organization*. The Collateral Manager is a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with full power and authority to own and operate its assets and properties, conduct the business in which it is now engaged and to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party.

(b) *Due Qualification and Good Standing.* The Collateral Manager is in good standing in the State of Delaware. The Collateral Manager is duly qualified to do business and, to the extent applicable, is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which the nature of its business, assets and properties, including the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the other Facility Documents to which it is a party and its Constituent Documents to which it is a party, requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) *Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery; Legal, Valid and Binding; Enforceability.* The execution and delivery by the Collateral Manager of, and the performance of its obligations under the Facility Documents to which it is a party and the other instruments, certificates and agreements contemplated thereby are within its powers and have been duly authorized by all requisite action by it and have been duly executed and delivered by it and constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally (ii) general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law or (iii) implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

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(d) *Non-Contravention.* None of the execution and delivery by the Collateral Manager of this Agreement or the other Facility Documents to which it is a party, the consummation of the transactions herein or therein contemplated, or compliance by it with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof or thereof, will (i) conflict with, or result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under its Constituent Documents in any material respect, (ii) conflict with or contravene (A) any Applicable Law, (B) any indenture, agreement or other contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets, including any Related Document, or (C) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or any of its assets or properties, or (iii) result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, or permit the acceleration of any obligation or liability in, or but for any requirement of the giving of notice or the passage of time (or both) would constitute such a conflict with, breach or violation of, or default under, or permit any such acceleration of, any contractual obligation or any agreement or document to which it is a party or by which it or any of its assets are bound (or to which any such obligation, agreement or document relates), except in the case of <u>clauses (ii) and (iii)</u> above, where such conflicts, contravention, breaches, violations or defaults could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) *Governmental Authorizations; Private Authorizations; Governmental Filings.* The Collateral Manager has obtained, maintained and kept in full force and effect all Governmental Authorizations and Private Authorizations which are necessary for it to properly carry out its business, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and made all material Governmental Filings necessary for the execution and delivery by it of the Facility Documents to which it is a party, and the performance by the Collateral Manager of its obligations under this Agreement, the other Facility Documents, and no material Governmental Authorization, Private Authorization or Governmental Filing which has not been obtained or made, is required to be obtained or made by it in connection with the execution and delivery by it of any Facility Document to which it is a party or the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party.

(f) *Compliance with Agreements, Laws, Etc.* The Collateral Manager has duly observed and complied in all material respects with all Applicable Laws, including the Securities Act and the Investment Company Act, relating to the conduct of its business and its assets. The Collateral Manager has preserved and kept in full force and effect its rights, privileges, qualifications and franchises, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. Without limiting the foregoing, (x) to the extent applicable, the Collateral Manager is in compliance in all material respects with Subject Laws, (y) the Collateral Manager has adopted internal controls and procedures designed to ensure its continued compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the Subject Laws and to the extent applicable, will adopt procedures consistent in all material respects with the PATRIOT Act and implementing regulations, once such regulations have been finalized, and (z) to the knowledge of the Collateral Manager (based on the implementation of its internal procedures and controls), no investor in the Collateral Manager is a Person whose name appears on the "List of Specially Designated Nationals" and "Blocked Persons" maintained by the OFAC.

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(g) *Location of Records*. The Collateral Manager's chief place of business, its chief executive office and the office in which the Collateral Manager maintains its books and records are located in the State of North Carolina. The Collateral Manager's registered office and the jurisdiction of organization of the Collateral Manager is the jurisdiction referred to in <u>Section 4.02(a)</u>.

(h) Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions. The Collateral Manager and its subsidiaries and their respective directors, officers, managers and, to its knowledge, its agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions. None of (a) the Collateral Manager, its subsidiaries or their respective directors, officers or managers, or (b) to their respective knowledge, any of their agents that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facilities established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person.

(i) *Reports Accurate.* All Monthly Reports (if prepared by the Collateral Manager), Borrowing Base Calculation Statements, written information, exhibits, financial statements, documents, books, records or reports furnished or to be furnished by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement or any other Facility Document (other than projections, forward-looking information, general economic data, industry information or information relating to third parties and with respect to any information or documentation prepared by the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates for internal use or consideration, statements as to (or the failure to make a statement as to) the value of, collectability of, prospects of or potential risks or benefits associated with a Collateral Loan or Obligor) furnished by the Collateral Manager to the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Account Bank or the Custodian in connection with this Agreement (after taking into account all updates, modifications and supplements to such information) are, as of their date, accurate, true and correct in all material respects when taken as a whole and in the context that such information was provided and no such document or certificate omits to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in any material respect, in each case as of the date so furnished (or, in the case of certificates, notices, reports, financial statements or similar information or records, the stated date thereof): *provided* that, solely with respect to written or electronic information furnished by the Collateral Manager which was provided to the Borrower (or Collateral Manager on its behalf) from a third party, such information need only be accurate, true and correct in all material respects to the knowledge of the Collateral Manager.

(j) *ERISA*. Neither the Collateral Manager nor, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any member of the ERISA Group has, or during the past five years had, any liability or obligation with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

(k) *Taxes*. The Collateral Manager has filed all income tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by it, if any, and has paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns, if any, or pursuant to any assessment received by any such Person, other than any such taxes, assessments or charges that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves in accordance with GAAP have been established.

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(1) *Eligibility.* Each Eligible Loan included in a Monthly Report or a Borrowing Base Calculation Statement required to be delivered by it under this Agreement as an Eligible Loan was, in fact, an Eligible Loan and not an Ineligible Loan at such time, unless identified as an Ineligible Loan on such Monthly Report or Borrowing Base Calculation Statement, as applicable.

#### ARTICLE V

### COVENANTS

*Section 5.01. Affirmative Covenants of the Borrower*. The Borrower covenants and agrees that, until the date that all Obligations have been paid in full, other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted, and all Commitments hereunder have been terminated:

(a) *Compliance with Agreements, Laws, Etc.* It shall (i) duly observe and comply in all material respects with all Applicable Laws relative to the conduct of its business or to its assets, (ii) preserve and keep in full force and effect its legal existence, (iii) preserve and keep in full force and effect its rights, privileges, qualifications and franchises, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (iv) comply in all material respects with the terms and conditions of each Facility Document to which it is a party, its Constituent Documents and each Related Document to which it is a party and (v) obtain, maintain and keep in full force and effect all Governmental Authorizations, Private Authorizations and Governmental Filings which are necessary to carry out its business and the transactions contemplated to be performed by it under the Facility Documents to which it is a party, its a party.

(b) *Enforcement*. (i) It shall not take any action, and will use commercially reasonable efforts not to permit any action to be taken by others on its behalf, that would release any Person from any of such Person's material covenants or obligations under any instrument included in the Collateral, except in the case of (A) repayment of Collateral Loans, (B) subject to the terms of this Agreement, (i) amendments to Related Documents that govern Defaulted Loans or Ineligible Loans, (ii) amendments to Collateral Loans in accordance with the provisions hereof, and (iii) actions taken in connection with the work-out or restructuring of any Collateral Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and (C) other actions by the Collateral Manager to the extent not prohibited by this Agreement or as otherwise required hereby.

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(ii) Except as provided for in this Agreement, it will not, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, contract with other Persons for the performance of actions and obligations to be performed by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager hereunder. Notwithstanding any such arrangement, the Borrower shall remain primarily liable with respect thereto. The Borrower will punctually perform, and use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Collateral Manager and such other Person to perform, all of their obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement or any other Facility Document.

(c) *Further Assurances.* It shall promptly upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (through the Administrative Agent), at the Borrower's expense, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action in order to maintain and protect the Administrative Agent's first-priority perfected security interest in the Collateral pledged by the Borrower for the benefit of the Secured Parties free and clear of any Liens (other than Permitted Liens). At the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (through the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall promptly take, at the Borrower's expense, such further action in order to establish and protect the rights, interests and remedies created or intended to be created under this Agreement in favor of the Secured Parties in the Collateral, including all actions which are necessary to (x) enable the Secured Parties to enforce their rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents, and (y) effectuate the intent and purpose of, and to carry out the terms of, the Facility Documents. Subject to Section 7.02, and without limiting its obligation to maintain and protect the Administrative Agent's first priority security interest in the Collateral) and other filing or recording documents or instruments with respect to the Collateral in such form and in such offices as are necessary to perfect the security interests of the Administrative Agent does not hereby assume any obligation of the Borrower to maintain and protect its security interest under this <u>Section 5.01</u> or <u>Section 7.07</u>.

In addition, the Borrower will take such reasonable action from time to time as shall be necessary to ensure that all assets described in <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> (including all Covered Accounts, but excluding all Excluded Collateral) of the Borrower constitute "Collateral" hereunder. Subject to the foregoing, the Borrower will, and, upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent shall, at the Borrower's expense, take such other action (including executing and delivering or authorizing for filing any required UCC financing statements) as shall be necessary to create and perfect a valid and enforceable first-priority security interest on all Collateral acquired by the Borrower as collateral security for the Obligations and will in connection therewith deliver such proof of corporate action, incumbency of officers, opinions of counsel and other documents as is consistent with those delivered by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> on the Effective Date or as the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (through the Administrative Agent) shall have reasonably requested.

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(d) *Financial Statements; Other Information.* It shall provide to the Administrative Agent or cause to be provided to the Administrative Agent (with enough additional copies for each Lender and the Custodian):

(i) Annual Statements. Within ninety days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, the Borrower's unaudited consolidated balance sheet and related line item profit and loss statements as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all certified by a Responsible Officer as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;

(ii) *Quarterly Statements.* Within sixty days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of the Borrower, each of its unaudited consolidated balance sheet and related line item profit and loss statements as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, in each case, to the extent produced, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous fiscal year, all certified by a Responsible Officer as presenting fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Borrower in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;

(iii) Valuation Statements. Within sixty days after the end of a fiscal quarter (other than a fiscal year-end) in which a quarterly valuation statement for Capitala is to be delivered to Capitala investors, copies of such quarterly valuation statement and ninety days after the end of each fiscal year, copies of the quarterly valuation statements for Capitala, *provided* that in no case shall less than two separate quarterly valuation statements be delivered for any fiscal year;

(iv) *Significant Events.* As soon as possible, and in any event within two Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Borrower obtains actual knowledge of the occurrence and continuance of any Collateral Manager Termination Event, Potential Collateral Manager Termination Event, Potential Collateral Manager Termination Event, Default or Event of Default, a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth the details thereof and the action which the Borrower is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

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(v) Breaches of Representations and Warranties. Upon a Responsible Officer obtaining actual knowledge that any representation or warranty set forth in Section 4.01 was incorrect in any material respect (except for representations and warranties already qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which shall be true and correct), the Borrower shall within two (2) Business Days of obtaining such knowledge deliver to the Administrative Agent a written notice setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such facts and circumstances. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in the manner set forth in the preceding sentence before any Borrowing Date of any facts or circumstances within the knowledge of the Borrower which would render any of the said representations and warranties incorrect in any material respect at the date when such representations and warranties were made or deemed to have been made;

(vi) *Compliance Certificate.* As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than each Monthly Reporting Date, a Compliance Certificate in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit J</u> calculating the Maximum Advance Rate Test;

(vii) *Borrowing Base Calculation Statement.* On each Monthly Reporting Date, Borrowing Date, on the date of each discretionary sale under <u>Section 10.01</u> and on any other date reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion (upon no less than three (3) Business Days' notice), the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a Borrowing Base Calculation Statement in the form of <u>Schedule I</u> to the form of Notice of Borrowing attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> setting forth the calculation of the Borrowing Base as of such date;

(viii) *Material Adverse Effect.* Promptly upon a Responsible Officer obtaining knowledge thereof, notice of any development that results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect, including, without limitation, the filing or commencement of any action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Affiliates or any Collateral Loan or any portion of the Collateral (other than any such event the disclosure of which is prohibited by law, rule, court order or regulations) that, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

(ix) *Purchase and Contribution Agreement Reporting.* Promptly, but in no event later than two (2) Business Days after its receipt thereof, copies of any and all notices, certificates, documents, or reports delivered to it by the Originator under the Purchase and Contribution Agreement;

(x) *Income Tax Liability.* Within ten (10) Business Days after the receipt of revenue agent reports or other written proposals, determinations or assessments of the IRS or any other taxing authority which propose, determine or otherwise set forth positive adjustments to the Tax liability of, or assess or propose the collection of Taxes required to have been withheld by, the Borrower which equal or exceed \$100,000 in the aggregate, telephonic or facsimile notice (confirmed in writing within five (5) Business Days) specifying the nature of the items giving rise to such adjustments and the amounts thereof;

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(xi) *ERISA*. Promptly after receiving notice of any ERISA Event with respect to the Borrower (or any member of its ERISA Group), a copy of such notice;

(xii) *Corporate Changes.* As soon as practical and in any event within five (5) Business Days after the effective date thereof, notice of any change in the name, jurisdiction of organization, corporate structure, tax characterization, other than in connection with releases of documents contemplated hereby, or location of records of the Borrower; *provided* that, the Borrower agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filing have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Administrative Agent to continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected security interest in all the Collateral;

(xiii) *Accounting Changes.* As soon as practical and in any event within thirty (30) days after the effective date thereof, notice of any material change in the accounting policies of the Borrower relating to the loan accounting or revenue recognition;

(xiv) *Quarterly Performance Data*. As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal quarter, a copy of the loan level performance data with respect to each Collateral Loan including, with respect to each Collateral Loan and the related Obligor, calculations of (A) the Senior Debt Ratio, (B) the ratio of total funded debt to EBITDA, (C) the ratio of EBITDA to interest, (D) the Senior Debt Ratio, (E) the loan to Enterprise Value ratio, and (F) the fixed charge ratio;

(xv) Internally Prepared Appraisal. As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than sixty (60) days after the end of each fiscal quarter, a copy of the internally prepared appraised value pursuant to the most recently completed Appraisal with respect to each Collateral Loan as performed by the Collateral Manager (which shall include calculations of the appraised value pursuant to the most recently completed Appraisal and loan valuation with respect to each Collateral Loan as of the most recently ended fiscal quarter);

(xvi) *Third-Party Appraisal*. As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than three (3) days after request thereof, a copy of the most recent independent Third-Party Appraisal performed on the Collateral Loans;

(xvii) *Certificate of Beneficial Ownership and Other Information.* As soon as practical: (i) confirmation of the accuracy of the information set forth in the most recent Certificate of Beneficial Ownership provided to the Administrative Agent and Lenders; (ii) a new Certificate of Beneficial Ownership, in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, when the individual(s) to be identified as a Beneficial Owner have changed; and (iii) such other information and documentation as may reasonably be requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender from time to time for purposes of compliance by the Administrative Agent or such Lender with Applicable Laws (including without limitation the Patriot Act and other "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations), and any policy or procedure implemented by the Administrative Agent or such Lender to comply therewith;

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(xviii) *Litigation*. As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than three (3) Business Days upon becoming aware thereof, written notice of the occurrence of any proceeding, action, litigation or investigation pending before or with any Governmental Authority, or, to the actual knowledge of the Borrower which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Borrower or the Collateral Manager; and

(xix) *Collateral Information.* Promptly upon reasonable request, copies of such other information, documents, records or reports in respect of the Collateral Loans or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties under or as contemplated by this Agreement including, without limitation, any underwriting or credit memorandums prepared with respect to any Collateral Loan (including reasonably detailed calculations of each Coverage Test and each Collateral Quality Test) and any modifications, amendments or waivers granted with respect to any Collateral Loan to the extent that such information, documents, records or reports are within the possession of the Borrower or may be obtained without undue burden or expense.

(e) Access to Records and Documents. It shall permit the Administrative Agent and each Lender (or any Person designated by the Administrative Agent or such Lender) to, upon reasonable advance notice (which, so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, shall not be less than four Business Days) and during normal business hours, visit and inspect and make copies thereof at reasonable intervals (i) of its books, records and accounts relating to its business, financial condition, operations, assets and its performance under the Facility Documents and the Related Documents and to discuss the foregoing with its and such Person's officers, partners, employees and accountants, and (ii) all of its Related Documents, in each case all as often as the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may reasonably request; *provided* that so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, each Person entitled to so visit and inspect the Borrower's records under this <u>Section 5.01(e)</u> once during any fiscal year of the Borrower (it being understood that the Borrower shall be responsible for all costs and expenses for such visit per fiscal year absent the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default). The Administrative Agent and each Lender agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to coordinate with each other Lender in exercising their respective rights under this <u>Section 5.01(e)</u>, and under <u>Section 5.03(d)</u> below with a view to minimizing duplication of effort and expense by the Borrower.

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(f) *Use of Proceeds*. It shall use the proceeds of each Advance made hereunder solely to fund or pay the purchase price of Eligible Loans acquired by the Borrower in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein or for general corporate purposes.

Without limiting the foregoing, it shall use the proceeds of each Advance in a manner that does not, directly or indirectly, violate any provision of its Constituent Documents or any Applicable Law, including Regulation T, Regulation U and Regulation X.

(g) Audit Rights. It will permit the Administrative Agent and any Lender (or any representatives thereof (including any consultants, accountants, lawyers and appraisers)) to conduct evaluations and appraisals of the Borrower's and the Collateral Manager's collection and administration of the Collateral Loans, compliance by the Collateral Manager with the Investment Management Procedures as well as with this Agreement, the Borrower's computation of the Borrowing Base and the assets included in the Borrowing Base at least once during any fiscal year of the Borrower shall pay the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of any representatives retained by the Administrative Agent or any Lender to conduct any such evaluation or appraisal; *provided* that (i) the Borrower shall not be required to pay such fees and expenses for more than one such evaluation or appraisal during any calendar year unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) such evaluation or appraisal shall not be duplicative of any audit under <u>Section 5.03(e)</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent and any Lender may exercise its rights under this <u>Section 5.01(g)</u> without limitation.

(h) *Opinions as to Collateral.* On or before each five (5) year anniversary of the Closing Date until the Final Maturity Date, upon the written request of the Administrative Agent at least thirty (30) days prior to such anniversary, the Borrower shall furnish to the Administrative Agent an opinion of counsel, addressed to the Borrower, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent, relating to the continued perfection of the security interest granted by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent hereunder.

(i) *No Other Business.* The Borrower shall not engage in any business or activity other than borrowing Advances pursuant to this Agreement, originating, funding, acquiring, owning, holding, administering, selling, enforcing, lending, exchanging, redeeming, pledging, contracting for the management of and otherwise dealing with Loans, Eligible Investments and the other Collateral in connection therewith and entering into and performing its obligations under the Facility Documents, any applicable Related Documents and any other agreements contemplated by this Agreement, and shall not engage in any activity or take any other action that would cause the Borrower to be subject to U.S. Federal or material state or local income tax on a net income basis.

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(j) *Tax Matters*. The Borrower shall (and each Lender hereby agrees to) treat the Advances as debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will take no contrary position, except to the extent required by law. Assuming that such treatment is correct, the Borrower shall at all times maintain its status as an entity disregarded as an entity separate from its owner for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Borrower shall at all times ensure that its owner is and will remain a United States person as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code. Notwithstanding any contrary agreement or understanding, the Collateral Manager, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders (and each of their respective employees, representatives or other agents) may disclose to any and all Persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. The foregoing provision shall apply from the beginning of discussions between the parties. For this purpose, the tax treatment of a transaction is the purported or claimed U.S. tax treatment of the transaction under applicable U.S. federal, state or local law, and the tax structure of a transaction is any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed U.S. tax treatment of the transaction under applicable U.S. federal, state or local law.

(k) *Collections.* The Borrower shall direct, or shall cause the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to direct all Obligors or the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to remit all Collections directly to the Collection Account. The Borrower shall direct, or shall cause the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to direct the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to cause all Collections for any Collateral Loan deposited into a payment account maintained by such administrative agent or paying agent that are owed to the Borrower to be identified and deposited into the Collection Account no later than two (2) Business Days after receipt thereof or such longer period for identification and deposit of collections as may be required under the Related Documents for such Collateral Loan.

(1) *Priority of Payments*. The Borrower shall apply all Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds solely in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(m) *Compliance with Legal Opinions.* The Borrower shall take all other actions necessary to maintain the accuracy of the factual assumptions set forth in the legal opinions of Mayer Brown LLP, as counsel to the Borrower, issued in connection with the Purchase and Contribution Agreement and relating to the issues of substantive consolidation and true sale of certain Loans.

*Section 5.02. Negative Covenants of the Borrower.* The Borrower covenants and agrees that until the date that all Obligations have been paid in full, other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted, and all Commitments hereunder have been terminated:

(a) *Restrictive Agreements.* It shall not enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any agreement that prohibits, limits or imposes any condition upon its ability to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of its property or revenues constituting Collateral, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to secure its obligations under the Facility Documents other than this Agreement and the other Facility Documents.

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(b) *Liquidation; Merger; Sale of Collateral.* It shall not consummate any plan of division, liquidation, dissolution, partial liquidation, merger or consolidation (or suffer any liquidation, dissolution or partial liquidation) nor sell, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of any of its assets, or enter into an agreement or commitment to do so or enter into or engage in any business with respect to any part of its assets, except as expressly permitted by <u>Section 10.01</u> of this Agreement (including in connection with the repayment in full of the Obligations) or with the prior written consent of the Required Lenders.

(c) Amendments to Constituent Documents, etc. Without the consent of the Administrative Agent, (i) it shall not amend, modify or take any action inconsistent with its Constituent Documents, or in any manner that would have a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) it will not amend, modify or waive any term or provision in any Facility Document (other than in accordance with its terms, including any provision thereof requiring the consent of the Administrative Agent or all or a specified percentage of the Lenders).

(d) *ERISA*. Neither it nor, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any member of the ERISA Group shall establish any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

(e) *Liens*. It shall not create, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any of its assets now owned or hereafter acquired by it at any time, except for Permitted Liens or as otherwise expressly permitted by the Agreement and the other Facility Documents.

(f) *Margin Requirements.* It shall not (i) extend credit to others for the purpose of buying or carrying any Margin Stock in such a manner as to violate Regulation T or Regulation U or (ii) use all or any part of the proceeds of any Advance, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, for any purpose that violates the provisions of the Regulations of the Board of Governors, including, to the extent applicable, Regulation U and Regulation X.

(g) *Restricted Payments*. It shall not make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment (whether in the form of cash or other assets) or incur any obligation (contingent or otherwise) to do so (other than payments made pursuant to the Priority of Payments).

(h) *Changes to Filing Information.* It shall not change its name, its chief place of business, its chief executive office, the office in which the Borrower maintains its principal books and records or its jurisdiction of organization, unless it gives ten days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and takes all actions necessary to protect and perfect the Administrative Agent's perfected security interest in the Collateral and promptly files appropriate amendments to all previously filed financing statements that are necessary to continue to perfect the security interests of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement under each method of perfection required herein with respect to the Collateral (and shall provide copy of such amendments to the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent).

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(i) *Transactions with Affiliates.* Except as permitted or required under the Facility Documents, it shall not sell, lease or otherwise transfer any property or assets to, or purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any property or assets from, or otherwise engage in any other transactions with, any of its Affiliates (including, without limitation, sales of Defaulted Loans and other Loans) unless such transaction is upon terms no less favorable to the Borrower than it would obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate (it being agreed that any purchase or sale at par shall be deemed to comply with this provision).

(j) *Investment Company Restriction*. It shall not become required to register as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act.

(k) *Subject Laws*. It shall not to its knowledge utilize directly or indirectly the proceeds of any Advance for the benefit of any Person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with any other Person, whose name appears on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by OFAC or otherwise in violation of any Subject Laws.

(1) *No Claims Against Advances*. Subject to Applicable Law, it shall not claim any credit on, make any deduction from, or dispute the enforceability of payment of the principal or interest payable (or any other amount) in respect of the Advances or assert any claim against any present or future Lender, by reason of the payment of any taxes levied or assessed upon any part of the Collateral.

(m) *Indebtedness; Guarantees; Securities; Other Assets.* It shall not incur or assume or guarantee any indebtedness, obligations (including contingent obligations) or other liabilities, or issue any additional securities, whether debt or equity, in each case other than (i) pursuant to or as expressly permitted by this Agreement and the other Facility Documents or (ii) pursuant to customary indemnification and expense reimbursement and similar provisions under the Related Documents or otherwise in the ordinary course of business. The Borrower shall not acquire any Loans or other property other than as expressly permitted hereunder or by the other Facility Documents; it being understood and agreed that the Borrower shall be permitted to acquire Loans from its Affiliates and from unaffiliated third parties.

(n) *Validity of this Agreement.* It shall not (i) take any action to permit or fail to take any action that would cause the validity or effectiveness of this Agreement or any grant of Collateral hereunder to be impaired, or permit the Lien of this Agreement to be amended, hypothecated, subordinated, terminated or discharged, or permit any Person to be released from any covenants or obligations with respect to this Agreement (except in accordance with its terms) and (ii) take any action that would permit the Lien of this Agreement not to constitute a valid first priority security interest in the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens).

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(o) Independent Manager. The Borrower shall at all times (other than in connection with the resignation, death, incapacity or disability of a current independent manager) maintain at least one independent manager who (A) for the five year period prior to his or her appointment as independent manager has not been, and during the continuation of his or her service as independent manager, is not: (i) an employee, manager, member, stockholder, partner or officer of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than his or her service as an independent manager of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates that are structured to be "bankruptcy remote"), (ii) a significant customer or supplier of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates, (iii) a Person controlling or under common control with any partner, shareholder, member, manager, Affiliate or supplier of the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower, or (iv) any member of the immediate family of a Person described in <u>clauses (i), (ii) or (iii)</u>; provided that an independent manager may serve in similar capacities for other special purpose entities established from time to time by Affiliates of the Borrower and (B) is a Professional Independent Manager. The criteria set forth above in this Section 5.02(o) are referred to herein as the "Independent Manager Criteria". The Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of any decision to appoint a new manager of the Borrower as the "independent manager" for purposes of this Agreement, such notice shall be delivered not less than ten days prior to the proposed effective date of such appointment (unless such appointment is due to the resignation, death, incapacity, disability or unwillingness to serve of the prior independent manager, in which case the Borrower shall deliver notice promptly upon identifying the successor independent manager) and shall certify that the designated Person satisfies the Independent Manager Criteria. Except for the appointment of a successor independent manager employed by any of AMACAR Group LLC, Global Securitization Services, LLC, Lord Securities Corporation, Cogency Global Inc., Maples Fiduciary Services (Delaware) Inc., Intertrust Corporate Services Delaware Ltd., Citadel SPV LLC, Puglisi & Associates or CT Corporation following the death, disability or incapacity of the previous independent manager, the Borrower shall not appoint a new manager as the independent manager without first confirming that such proposed new independent manager is acceptable to the Administrative Agent as evidenced in a writing executed by the Administrative Agent. In no event shall any independent manager be removed or expelled except as permitted under the Borrower's Constituent Documents.

(p) *Subsidiaries*. It shall not have or permit the formation of any subsidiaries (other than equity interests in Obligors in connection with the exercise of any remedies with respect to a Collateral Loan or any exchange offer, work-out or restructuring of a Collateral Loan).

- (q) *Name*. It shall not conduct business under any name other than its own.
- (r) *Employees*. It shall not have any employees (other than officers and directors to the extent they are employees).

(s) *Certificated Securities*. The Borrower shall not acquire or hold any Certificated Securities in bearer form (other than securities not required to be in registered form under Section 163(f)(2)(A) of the Code) in a manner that does not satisfy the requirements of United States Treasury Regulations section 1.165-12(c) (as determined by the Collateral Manager).

(t) *Changes to Related Documents.* If any amendment, consent, waiver or other modification with respect to a Related Document (other than a Defaulted Loan or an Ineligible Loan) would constitute a Material Modification and would cause the Maximum Advance Rate Test to not be satisfied, then the Borrower shall not cause or vote in favor of any such Material Modification without the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

(u) Anti-Corruption and Sanctions. The Borrower will not request any Borrowing, and shall not use the proceeds of any Borrowing (i) in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay, or authorization of the payment or giving of money, or anything else of value, to any Person in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws, (ii) for the purpose of funding, financing or facilitating any activities, business or transaction of or with any Sanctioned Person or in any Sanctioned Country or (iii) in any manner that would result in the violation of any Sanctions applicable to the Borrower.

(v) *Non-Petition.* The Borrower shall not be party to any agreements under which it has any material obligations or liability (direct or contingent) without using commercially reasonable efforts to include customary "non-petition" and "limited recourse" provisions therein (and shall not amend or eliminate such provisions in any agreement to which it is party), except for loan agreements, related loan documents, bond indentures and related bond documents, any agreements related to the purchase and sale of any Loans which contain customary (as determined by the Collateral Manager) purchase or sale terms or which are documented using customary (as determined by the Collateral Manager) loan trading documentation, and customary service contracts and engagement letters entered into with Permitted Agents in connection with the Loans.

*Section 5.03. Affirmative Covenants of the Collateral Manager.* The Collateral Manager covenants and agrees that until the date that all Obligations have been paid in full, other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted, and all Commitments hereunder have been terminated:

(a) *Compliance with Agreements, Laws, Etc.* It shall (i) duly observe, comply in all material respects with all Applicable Laws relative to the conduct of its business or to its assets, (ii) preserve and keep in full force and effect its legal existence, (iii) preserve and keep in full force and effect its rights, privileges, qualifications and franchises, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (iv) comply in all material respects with the terms and conditions of each Facility Document, Constituent Document and each Related Document to which it is a party, and (v) obtain, maintain and keep in full force and effect all Governmental Authorizations, Private Authorizations and Governmental Filings which are necessary to carry out its business and the transactions contemplated to be performed by it under the Facility Documents, the Constituent Documents and the Related Documents to which it is a party.

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(b) *Enforcement*. (i) It shall not take any action, and will use commercially reasonable efforts not to permit any action to be taken by others, that would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under any instrument included in the Collateral , except in the case of (A) repayment of Collateral Loans, (B) subject to the terms of this Agreement, (1) amendments to Related Documents that govern Defaulted Loans or Ineligible Loans, (2) amendments to Collateral Loans in accordance with the provisions hereof, and (3) actions taken in connection with the work-out or restructuring of any Collateral Loan in accordance with the provisions hereof, and (C) other actions by the Collateral Manager to the extent not prohibited by this Agreement or as otherwise required hereby.

(ii) Except as otherwise expressly permitted hereunder, it will not, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, contract with other Persons for the performance of actions and obligations to be performed by the Collateral Manager hereunder. Notwithstanding any such arrangement, the Collateral Manager shall remain primarily liable with respect thereto. In the event of such contract, the performance of such actions and obligations by such Persons shall be deemed to be performance of such actions and obligations by the Collateral Manager, and the Collateral Manager will punctually perform all of its obligations and agreements contained in this Agreement or any such other agreement.

(c) *Further Assurances.* It shall promptly at the Borrower's expense, execute and deliver such further instruments and take such further action in order to maintain and protect the Administrative Agent's first-priority perfected security interest in the Collateral pledged by the Borrower for the benefit of the Secured Parties free and clear of any Liens (subject to Permitted Liens). The Collateral Manager shall promptly take, at the Borrower's expense, such further action necessary to establish and protect the rights, interests and remedies created or intended to be created under this Agreement in favor of the Secured Parties in the Collateral, including all actions which are necessary to (x) enable the Secured Parties to enforce their rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Facility Documents, and (y) effectuate the intent and purpose of, and to carry out the terms of, the Facility Documents.

In addition, the Collateral Manager will take such reasonable action from time to time as shall be necessary to ensure that all assets described in <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> (including all Covered Accounts, but excluding all Excluded Collateral) of the Borrower constitute "*Collateral*" hereunder. Subject to the foregoing, the Collateral Manager will at the Borrower's expense, take such other action (including executing and delivering or authorizing for filing any required UCC financing statements) as shall be necessary to create and perfect a valid and enforceable first-priority security interest on all Collateral acquired by the Borrower as collateral security for the Obligations.

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(d) Access to Records and Documents. It shall permit the Administrative Agent and each Lender (or any Person designated by the Administrative Agent or such Lender) to, upon reasonable advance notice (which, so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, shall not be less than five Business Days) and during normal business hours, visit and inspect and make copies thereof at reasonable intervals (i) its books, records and accounts relating to its business, financial condition, operations, assets and its performance under the Facility Documents and the Related Documents and to discuss the foregoing with its and such Person's officers, partners, employees and accountants, and (ii) all of its Related Documents, in each case all as often as the Administrative Agent or the Lenders may reasonably request; *provided* that so long as no Event of Default has occurred, each Person entitled to so visit and inspect the Collateral Manager's records under this <u>paragraph (d)</u> may only exercise its rights under this <u>paragraph (d)</u> twice during any fiscal year of the Collateral Manager (it being understood that the Borrower shall be responsible for all costs and expenses for only one such visit per fiscal year absent the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default). The Administrative Agent and each Lender agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to coordinate with each other Lender in exercising their respective rights under this <u>paragraph (d)</u> and under <u>Section 5.01(e)</u> with a view to minimizing duplication of effort and expense by the Borrower and the Collateral Manager.

(e) Audit Rights. It will permit the Administrative Agent and any Lender (or any representatives thereof (including any consultants, accountants, lawyers and appraisers)) to conduct evaluations and appraisals of the Borrower's and the Collateral Manager's collection and administration of the Collateral Loans, compliance by the Collateral Manager with the Investment Management Procedures as well as with this Agreement, the Collateral Manager's computation of the Borrowing Base and the assets included in the Borrowing Base at least once during any fiscal year of the Collateral Manager. The Borrower shall pay the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of any representatives retained by the Administrative Agent or any Lender to conduct any such evaluation or appraisal; *provided* that (i) the Borrower shall not be required to pay such fees and expenses for more than one such evaluation or appraisal during any calendar year unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) such evaluation or appraisal shall not be duplicative of any audit under <u>Section 5.01(g)</u>. Each Lender agrees to use commercially reasonable terms to coordinate with the other Lenders in exercising their respective rights under this <u>paragraph (e)</u> and under <u>paragraph (d)</u> above with a view to minimizing duplication of effort and expense by the Borrower.

(f) *Investment Management Procedures*. The Collateral Manager will (i) comply in all material respects with the Investment Management Procedures in regard to each Collateral Loan and the related property included in the Collateral, and in regard to compliance with the Related Documents, including determinations with respect to the enforcement of the Borrower's rights thereunder and (ii) furnish to the Administrative Agent, at least twenty (20) days prior to its proposed effective date, prompt notice of any material change in the Investment Management Procedures.

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(g) Information and Reports. Each Notice of Borrowing, each Monthly Report and all other written information, reports, certificates and statements furnished by or on behalf of the Collateral Manager to any other Secured Party for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement, the other Facility Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be true, complete and correct in all material respects as of the date such information is stated or certified; *provided* that solely with respect to information furnished by the Collateral Manager which was provided to the Collateral Manager from an Obligor with respect to a Collateral Loan, such information shall only need to be true, complete and correct in all material respects to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager.

# (h) Financial Statements and Reports.

(i) *Capitala Annual Audited Financials.* Within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of Capitala, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent Capitala's audited consolidated balance sheet and related line item profit and loss statements as of the end of and for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all reported on by independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Capitala, and each of its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied. The furnishing of Capitala's annual report on Form 10-K for such year, as filed with the SEC, shall satisfy this <u>Section 5.03(h)(i)</u> with respect to such year, including with respect to the requirement that such financial statements be reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification arising out of the scope of the audit, so long as the report included in such Form 10-K does not contain any "going concern" or like qualification or exception and such; *provided, however*, that such Form 10-K need not be furnished directly to the Administrative Agent if it is publicly available at no charge on the EDGAR system of the SEC.

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(ii) *Capitala Quarterly Audited Financials*. Within sixty (60) days after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of Capitala, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent each of its audited consolidated balance sheet and related line item profit and loss statements as of the end of and for such fiscal quarter and the then elapsed portion of the fiscal year, in each case, to the extent produced, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding period or periods of (or, in the case of the balance sheet, as of the end of) the previous fiscal year, all reported on by independent public accountants of recognized national standing (without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit) to the effect that such consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of Capitala, and each of its consolidated subsidiaries on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes. The furnishing of Capitala's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for such quarter, as filed with the SEC, shall satisfy this <u>Section 5.03(h)(ii)</u> with respect to such year, including with respect to the requirement that such financial statements be reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception and such; *provided, however*, that such Form 10-Q does not contain any "going concern" or like qualification or exception and such; *provided, however*, that such Form 10-Q need not be furnished directly to the Administrative Agent if it is publicly available at no charge on the EDGAR system of the SEC.

(iii) *Collateral Manager Annual Statements.* Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Collateral Manager, an auditor's opinion with respect to the Collateral Manager setting forth the amount of liquidity and revenue of the Collateral Manager and confirming that the Collateral Manager was profitable.

(iv) *Compliance Certificate.* Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, a certificate (a *"Collateral Manager's Certificate"*), signed by a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager and substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit L</u> certifying as to its performance of all obligations and duties hereunder and the absence of any Collateral Manager Termination Event.

(v) *Significant Events.* As soon as possible and in any event within two (2) Business Days after a Responsible Officer obtains actual knowledge of the occurrence of an Event of Default, a Default, a Potential Collateral Manager Termination Event or a Collateral Manager Termination Event, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a written statement, signed by a Responsible Officer, setting forth the details of such event and the action that the Collateral Manager proposes to take with respect thereto.

(vi) *Litigation.* As soon as practicable, but in any event not later than three (3) Business Days upon becoming aware thereof, written notice of the occurrence of any proceeding, action, litigation or investigation pending before or with any Governmental Authority, or, to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager which, if adversely determined, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Borrower or the Collateral Manager.

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*Section 5.04. Negative Covenants of the Collateral Manager.* The initial Collateral Manager covenants and agrees that until the date that all Obligations have been paid in full, other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted, and all Commitments hereunder have been terminated:

(a) *Restrictive Agreements.* It shall not enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any agreement that prohibits, limits or imposes material any condition upon its ability to perform its obligations under the Facility Documents.

(b) *Validity of this Agreement.* It shall not (i) take any action to permit or fail to take any action that would cause the validity or effectiveness of this Agreement or any grant of Collateral hereunder to be impaired, or permit the lien of this Agreement to be amended, hypothecated, subordinated, terminated or discharged, or permit any Person to be released from any covenants or obligations with respect to this Agreement (except in accordance with its terms) and (ii) except as permitted by this Agreement, take any action that would permit the lien of this Agreement not to constitute a valid first priority security interest in the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens).

(c) *Liquidation; Merger; Disposition of Assets.* It shall not consummate any plan of liquidation, dissolution, partial liquidation, merger or consolidation (or suffer any liquidation, dissolution or partial liquidation) nor sell, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or enter into any agreement or commitment to do so, except (i) with the prior written consent of the Required Lenders and (ii) that the Collateral Manager shall be allowed to merge with any entity so long as the Collateral Manager remains the surviving corporation of such merger, with a net worth not less than the net worth of the Collateral Manager immediately prior to such merger, and such merger does not result in an Event of Default under <u>Section 6.01</u> The Collateral Manager shall give 30 days prior written notice of any merger to the Administrative Agent.

(d) *Changes to Related Documents.* If any amendment, consent, waiver or other modification with respect to a Related Document (other than a Defaulted Loan or an Ineligible Loan) would constitute a Material Modification and would cause the Maximum Advance Rate Test to not be satisfied, then the Collateral Manager shall not cause or vote in favor of any such Material Modification to occur without the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

*Section 5.05. Certain Undertakings Relating to Separateness.* (a) Without limiting any, and subject to all, other covenants of the Borrower contained in this Agreement, the Borrower shall conduct its business and operations separate and apart from that of any other Person (including the Collateral Manager, Capitala and their respective Affiliates) and in furtherance of the foregoing:

(1) The Borrower shall maintain its accounts, financial statements, books, accounting and other records, and other Borrower documents separate from those of any other Person, *provided* that the Borrower may be consolidated with Capitala solely for tax and accounting purposes.

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(2) The Borrower shall not commingle or pool any of its funds or assets with those of any Affiliate or any other Person (other than as expressly contemplated herein with respect to the Excluded Amounts), and it shall hold all of its assets in its own name, except as otherwise permitted or required under the Facility Documents.

(3) The Borrower shall conduct its own business in its own name and, for all purposes, shall not operate, or purport to operate, collectively as a single or consolidated business entity with respect to any Person; provided that this <u>clause (3)</u> shall not bind the Borrower's position for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(4) The Borrower shall pay its own debts, liabilities and expenses (including overhead expenses, if any) only out of its own assets as the same shall become due.

(5) The Borrower has observed, and shall observe all (A) limited liability company formalities and (B) other organizational formalities, in each case to the extent necessary or advisable to preserve its separate existence, and shall preserve its existence, and it shall not, nor shall it permit any Affiliate or any other Person to, amend, modify or otherwise change its limited liability company agreement in a manner that would adversely affect the existence of the Borrower as a bankruptcy-remote special purpose entity.

(6) The Borrower shall not (A) guarantee, become obligated for, or hold itself or its credit out to be responsible for or available to satisfy, the debts or obligations of any other Person or (B) control the decisions or actions respecting the daily business or affairs of any other Person except as permitted by or pursuant to the Facility Documents.

(7) The Borrower shall, at all times, hold itself out to the public as a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person *provided* that the assets of the Borrower may be consolidated into Capitala for tax and accounting purposes and included in consolidated financial statements of Capitala.

(8) The Borrower shall not identify itself as a division of any other Person; *provided* that this <u>clause (8)</u> shall not bind the Borrower's position for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(9) The Borrower shall maintain its assets in such a manner that it will not be costly or difficult to segregate, ascertain or identify its individual assets from those of any Affiliate or any other Person.

(10) The Borrower shall not use its separate existence to perpetrate a fraud in violation of Applicable Law.

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(11) The Borrower shall not, in connection with the Facility Documents, act with an intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of its creditors in violation of Applicable Law.

(12) Except as permitted by or pursuant to the Facility Documents, the Borrower shall maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates and Capitala.

(13) Except as permitted by or pursuant to the Facility Documents, the Borrower shall not grant a security interest or otherwise pledge its assets for the benefit of any other Person.

(14) Except as provided in the Facility Documents, the Borrower shall not acquire any securities or debt instruments of Capitala, its Affiliates or any other Person.

(15) The Borrower shall not make loans or advances to any Person, except for the Collateral Loans and as permitted by or pursuant to the Facility Documents.

(16) The Borrower shall make no transfer of its assets except as permitted by or pursuant to the Facility Documents.

(17) The Borrower shall file its own tax returns separate from those of any other Person or entity, except to the extent that the Borrower is not required to file tax returns under applicable law or is not permitted to file its own tax returns separate from those of any other Person.

(18) The Borrower shall not acquire obligations or securities of its members.

(19) The Borrower shall use separate invoices and checks.

(20) The Borrower shall correct any known misunderstanding regarding its separate identity; *provided* that this clause (20) shall not bind the Borrower's position for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

(21) The Borrower shall maintain adequate capital in light of its contemplated business operations.

(22) The Borrower shall at all times be organized as a special purpose entity.

(23) The Borrower shall at all times conduct its business so that any assumptions made with respect to the Borrower in any "substantive non-consolidation" opinion letter delivered in connection with the Facility Documents will continue to be true and correct in all material respects.

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*Section 5.06. Hedging Agreement.* (a) If on any date more than 25% of the Aggregate Collateral Balance consists of Fixed Rate Obligations and a Hedge Trigger Event shall have occurred (such date the *"Hedging Trigger Date"*), the Borrower shall, by no later than the end of the first full Collection Period commencing after such Hedging Trigger Date unless waived in writing by the Administrative Agent, with a Hedge Notional Amount in an amount no less than the Advances hereunder made against such Principal Balance of Fixed Rate Obligations, enter into and maintain a Hedge Transaction with a Hedge Counterparty which Hedge Transaction shall: (i) in form and substance as shall be reasonably approved by the Administrative Agent and (ii) shall provide for payments to the Borrower to the extent that the LIBOR Rate shall exceed a rate agreed upon between the Administrative Agent and the Borrower. Notwithstanding the foregoing, absent the occurrence of a Hedging Trigger Date, the Borrower may enter into and maintain a Hedge Transaction with a Hedge Counterparty with respect to all or part of the Advances made hereunder against the aggregate Principal Balance of Fixed Rate Obligations.

(b) As additional security hereunder, the Borrower hereby assigns to the Administrative Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, all right, title and interest of the Borrower in any and all Hedging Agreements, any and all Hedge Transactions, and any and all present and future amounts payable by a Hedge Counterparty to the Borrower under or in connection with its respective Hedging Agreement and Hedge Transaction(s) (collectively, the "*Hedge Collateral*"), and grants a security interest to the Administrative Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, in the Hedge Collateral. The Borrower acknowledges that, as a result of that assignment, the Borrower may not at any time a Default or Event of Default exists (or would result from the Borrower exercising any rights under the Hedging Agreement in accordance with this <u>clause (b)</u>), without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, exercise any rights under any Hedging Agreement or Hedge Transaction, except for the Borrower's right under any Hedging Agreement to enter into Hedge Transactions in order to meet the Borrower's obligations under <u>Section 5.06(a)</u> hereof. Nothing herein shall have the effect of releasing the Borrower from any of its obligations under any Hedging Agreement or any Hedge Transaction, nor be construed as requiring the consent of the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party for the performance by the Borrower of any such obligations.

# ARTICLE VI

### **EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

*Section 6.01. Events of Default. "Event of Default*", wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(a) a default by the Borrower in the payment, when due and payable, of any Interest or Unused Fee and such default is not cured within two (2) Business Days; or

or

(b) the Borrower or Collateral Manager becomes an investment company required to be registered under the Investment Company Act;

(c) a default in the performance, or breach in a covenant by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or Capitala with respect to the management and distribution of funds received with respect to the Collateral Loans and such default is not cured within two (2) Business Days; or

(d) except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 6.01</u>, a default in any material respect in the performance, or breach in any material respect, of any other covenant or other agreement of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or Capitala under this Agreement or the other Facility Documents (other than failure to comply with any Concentration Limitation or Collateral Quality Test), or the failure of any representation or warranty of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or Capitala made in this Agreement, in any other Facility Document or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith to be correct in each case in all material respects when the same shall have been made, and the continuation of such default, breach or failure for a period of thirty (30) days after the earlier of (x) written notice to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or Capitala (which may be by email) by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Manager (as the case may be), and (y) actual knowledge of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or Capitala; or

(e) (i) a failure by the Borrower to deliver (or cause to be delivered) any Monthly Report, Borrowing Base Calculation Statement, quarterly financial report pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(d)(ii)</u> or notice of a Default or Event of Default pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(d)(iv)</u> when due and such default is not cured within three (3) Business Days; or (ii) a failure by the Borrower to deliver (or cause to be delivered) any material information requested by the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(d)(v)</u> within ten (10) Business Days of such request; or

(f) the Borrower ceases to have a valid ownership interest in all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) or the Administrative Agent shall fail to have a first priority perfected security interest in any part of the Collateral (other than in respect of a de minimis amount of Collateral and subject to Permitted Liens); or

(g) the Borrower or the Collateral Manager shall assign or attempt to assign any of its rights, obligations, or duties under the Facility Documents without the prior written consent of each Lender; or

(h) a default in any material respect in the performance, or breach in any material respect, of any other covenant, obligation or agreement of the Borrower contained in <u>Section 5.02</u>; or

(i) a Change of Control occurs; or

(j) any two of Joseph B. Alala, III, Peter Sherman or Stephen A. Arnall shall fail to provide active and material participation in Capitala's daily activities, including, but not limited to, general management, underwriting and credit approval process, and credit monitoring activities and such Persons are not replaced with other individuals satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion within sixty (60) days;

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(k) (i) any Facility Document to which the Borrower or Capitala is a party shall (except in accordance with its terms) terminate, cease to be effective or cease to be the legally valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Borrower or Capitala , as applicable, or (ii) the Borrower, Capitala or any of their Affiliates shall, directly or indirectly, contest in any manner the effectiveness, validity, binding nature or enforceability of any Facility Document or any Lien purported to be created thereunder; or

(l) an Insolvency Event relating to the Borrower or Capitala occurs; or

(m) any change to the Investment Management Procedures that has a material adverse effect at any time on the interests and rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent; or

- (n) the failure to reduce the outstanding Advances to \$0 on the Final Maturity Date; or
- (o) any Collateral Manager Termination Event shall have occurred and be continuing; or
- (p) as of the Monthly Report Determination Date, the rolling trailing 6-month annualized Charged-Off Ratio shall exceed 10.0%; or
- (q) the Interest Coverage Ratio Test or the Interest Spread Test shall not be satisfied as of any Determination Date; or
- (r) the Maximum Advance Rate Test shall not be satisfied and such failure shall continue for three (3) Business Days; or

(s) the rendering of one or more final judgments, decrees or orders by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction for the payment of money in excess individually or in the aggregate of \$2,000,000 against Capitala, or \$500,000 against the Borrower (exclusive of any amounts fully covered by insurance), and the aforementioned parties shall not have either (x) discharged or provided for the discharge of any such judgment, decree or order in accordance with its terms or (y) perfected a timely appeal of such judgment, decree or order and caused the execution of same to be stayed during the pendency of the appeal, in each case, within thirty (30) days from the date of entry thereof; or

(t) (i) the Internal Revenue Service shall file notice of a Lien pursuant to Section 6323 of the Code with regard to any assets of the Borrower and such Lien shall not have been released within five (5) Business Days or (ii) the PBGC shall file notice of a Lien pursuant to Section 4068 of ERISA with regard to any of the assets of the Borrower or Capitala and such Lien shall not have been released within five (5) Business Days, unless in each case a reserve has been established therefor in accordance with GAAP and such action is being diligently contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings (except to the extent that the amount secured by such Lien exceeds \$750,000); or

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(u) Capitala shall fail to maintain unencumbered liquidity (calculated as the sum of cash plus committed, undrawn and available amounts under any of Capitala's facilities) on any date in an amount at least equal to the product of (i) the Aggregate Collateral Balance with respect to the Eligible Loans with the first and second largest outstanding Assigned Value of all Eligible Loans as of such date *times* (ii) the Weighted Average Advance Rate; or

(v) the Borrower shall fail to maintain at least one independent manager as required pursuant to <u>Section 5.02(o)</u>, *provided* that, upon the resignation, death, disability, incapacity or unwillingness to serve of the current independent manager, the Borrower shall have 10 Business Days to replace such independent manager with a successor independent manager that satisfies the Independent Manager Criteria.

Section 6.02. Remedies upon an Event of Default. (a) Upon a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or Collateral Manager obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of an Event of Default, each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall notify each other and the Administrative Agent and the Custodian, in accordance with Section 5.01(d)(iv). Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default known to a Responsible Officer of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders of such Event of Default in writing.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default, in addition to all rights and remedies specified in this (b)Agreement and the other Facility Documents, including Article VII, and the rights and remedies of a secured party under Applicable Law, including the UCC (which rights shall be cumulative), the Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may with the consent of, the Required Lenders, by notice to the Borrower (with a copy to the Collateral Manager and the Custodian), do any one or more of the following: (1) declare the Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Commitments shall forthwith terminate, and (2) declare the principal of and the accrued Interest on the Advances and all other Obligations whatsoever payable by the Borrower hereunder to be forthwith due and payable, whereupon such amounts shall be immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other formalities of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower; provided that, upon the occurrence of any Event of Default described in clause (1) of Section 6.01, the Commitments shall automatically terminate and the Advances and all such other amounts shall automatically become due and payable, without any further action by any party. The Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby agree that they will, at the Borrower's expense and at the direction of the Administrative Agent, (i) assemble all or any part of the Collateral as directed by the Administrative Agent and make the same available to the Administrative Agent at a place to be designated by the Administrative Agent that is reasonably convenient to such parties and (ii) without notice except as specified below, sell the Collateral or any part thereof at a public or private sale in accordance with Applicable Law. The Administrative Agent shall provide notice to the Borrower, Collateral Manager or Capitala of its election to sell the Collateral hereunder on the date that is twelve (12) Business Davs prior to the proposed date of such sale (the date such notice is delivered, the "Collateral Sale Notice Date"), and the Borrower agrees that such notice shall constitute reasonable notification. All cash proceeds received by the Administrative Agent or Administrative Agent in respect of any sale of, collection from, or other realization upon, all or any part of the Collateral (after payment of any amounts incurred in connection with such sale) shall be deposited into the Collection Account and to be applied pursuant to Section 9.01(a)(ii).

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If the Administrative Agent elects to sell the Collateral in whole or in part, at a public or private sale, the Borrower, Capitala, the Collateral Manager (so long as it is an Affiliate of Capitala) or any of their respective Affiliates or designees shall have the right of first refusal to repurchase the Collateral, in whole but not in part, prior to such sale at a purchase price that is equal to the amount of the Obligations as of the date of such proposed sale. Such right of first refusal shall terminate not later than 4:00 p.m. on the twelfth Business Day following the Collateral Sale Notice Date.

If none of the Borrower, Capitala, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective Affiliates or assignees elects to exercise its right of first refusal, the Administrative Agent may sell such Collateral or portion thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower, Capitala, the Collateral Manager or their respective Affiliates or designees may participate in any public or private sale of the Collateral directed by the Administrative Agent.

(c) In addition, upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, following written notice by the Administrative Agent (provided in its sole discretion or at the direction of the Required Lenders) of the exercise of control rights with respect to the Collateral, which notice shall be delivered to the Borrower, Capitala and the Collateral Manager (with a copy to the Custodian): (w) the Collateral Manager's power to consent to modifications to and direct the acquisition, sales and other dispositions of Collateral Loans will be immediately suspended, (x) the Collateral Manager will be required to obtain the consent of the Administrative Agent before causing the Borrower to agree to any modification of any Collateral Loan or before causing the Borrower to acquire, sell or otherwise dispose of any Collateral Loan, and (y) the Collateral Manager (so long as it is an Affiliate of the Borrower) will cause the Borrower to sell or otherwise dispose of any Collateral Loan as directed by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion (so long as, in the case of this <u>clause (y)</u>, the Collateral Manager and Capitala are afforded a commercially reasonable opportunity to bid for and acquire such Collateral Loan in such sale or disposition).

*Section 6.03. Collateral Manager Termination Events. "Collateral Manager Termination Event"*, wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Collateral Manager Termination Event and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):

(a) except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 6.03</u>, a default in any material respect in the performance, or breach in any material respect, of any other covenant or other agreement of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement or the other Facility Documents, or the failure of any representation or warranty of the Collateral Manager made in this Agreement, in any other Facility Document (other than failure to comply with any Concentration Limitation, Coverage Test or Collateral Quality Test) or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith to be correct in each case in all material respects when the same shall have been made, and the continuation of such default, breach or failure for a period of thirty days after the earlier of (x) written notice to the Collateral Manager by the Administrative Agent, and (y) actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager; or

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(b) (i) any Facility Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party shall (except in accordance with its terms) terminate, cease to be effective or cease to be the legally valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Collateral Manager, (ii) the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates shall, directly or indirectly, contest in any manner the effectiveness, validity, binding nature or enforceability of any Facility Document or any Lien purported to be created thereunder, or (iii) any Lien securing any obligation under any Facility Document shall, in whole or in part (other than in respect of a de minimis amount of Collateral), cease to be a first priority perfected security interest of the Administrative Agent except for Permitted Liens; or

(c) the rendering of one or more final judgments, decrees or orders by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction for the payment of money in excess individually or in the aggregate of \$5,000,000 against the Collateral Manager (exclusive of any amounts fully covered by insurance), and the Collateral Manager shall not have either (x) discharged or provided for the discharge of any such judgment, decree or order in accordance with its terms or (y) perfected a timely appeal of such judgment, decree or order and caused the execution of same to be stayed during the pendency of the appeal, in each case, within sixty (60) days from the date of entry thereof; or

(d) the Collateral Manager shall default in making any payment required to be made under any agreement for indebtedness for borrowed money in excess of \$5,000,000 to which it is a party and such default is not cured within the relevant cure period and the effect of such event or condition results in the acceleration of such debt; or

(e) an Insolvency Event relating to the Collateral Manager occurs; or

(f) a failure by the Collateral Manager to deliver (or cause to be delivered) any Monthly Report or Borrowing Base Calculation Statement when due and such default is not cured within three Business Days; or (ii) a default in the performance or breach in a covenant by the Collateral Manager with respect to the management and distribution of funds received with respect to the Collateral Loans, and such failure or default is not cured within two Business Days; or (iii)

(g) any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; or

(h) (i) the Collateral Manager shall fail to comply with the first sentence of <u>Section 5.04(c)</u>, or (ii) the occurrence of a Change of Control with respect to the Collateral Manager; or

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(i) (i) one or more acts (including any failure(s) to act) by the Collateral Manager occurs that constitutes fraud (as determined in a final, non-appealable adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction) in the performance of investment advisory services comparable to those contemplated to be provided by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement or (ii) the Collateral Manager or any senior officer of the Collateral Manager is convicted of (with no further right of appeal) a felony criminal offense materially related to the performance of investment advisory services comparable to those contemplated to be provided by the Collateral Manager in this Agreement, and such senior officer has not been removed from performing investment advisory services within five (5) Business Days after the date that a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager becomes aware of such conviction; or

(j) the Management Agreement between Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC and Capitala is terminated or otherwise ceases to be in full force and effect; or

(k) Capitala fails to qualify as a "business development company" under the Investment Company Act or fails to maintain its tax status as a "regulated investment company" under Subchapter M of the Code and such failure is not cured within 30 days.

*Section 6.04. Remedies upon a Collateral Manager Termination Event.* Upon a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or Collateral Manager obtaining knowledge of the occurrence of Collateral Manager Termination Event, each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall notify each other and the Administrative Agent and the Custodian, specifying the specific Collateral Manager Termination Event(s) that occurred as well as all other Collateral Manager Termination Events that are then known to be continuing. Upon the occurrence of a Collateral Manager Termination Event actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Lenders of such Collateral Manager Termination Event in writing.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of a Collateral Manager Termination Event, the Administrative Agent, by written notice to the Collateral Manager (with a copy to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent) (a "*Collateral Manager Termination Notice*"), may terminate all of the rights and obligations of the Collateral Manager as Collateral Manager under this Agreement in accordance with <u>Section 11.09</u> and appoint a successor Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Section 11.09</u> hereto.

## ARTICLE VII

## PLEDGE OF COLLATERAL; RIGHTS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

*Section 7.01. Grant of Security.* (a) The Borrower hereby grants, pledges, transfers and collaterally assigns to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as collateral security for all Obligations, a continuing security interest in, and a Lien upon, all of the Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under, the following property, in each case whether tangible or intangible, wheresoever located, and whether now owned by the Borrower or hereafter acquired and whether now existing or hereafter coming into existence (all of the property described in this <u>Section 7.01(a)</u> being collectively referred to herein as the "*Collateral*"):

(i) all Collateral Loans and Related Documents (listed, as of the Closing Date, in <u>Schedule 3</u>), both now and hereafter owned, including all Collections and other proceeds thereon or with respect thereto;

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(ii) each Covered Account and all money and all investment property (including all securities, whether certificated or uncertificated, all security entitlements with respect to such Covered Account and all financial assets carried in such Covered Account) from time to time on deposit in or credited to each Covered Account;

(iii) all interest, dividends, stock dividends, stock splits, distributions and other money or property of any kind distributed in respect of the Collateral Loans of the Borrower, which the Borrower is entitled to receive, including all Collections in respect of its Collateral Loans;

(iv) each Facility Document (other than this Agreement) and all rights, remedies, powers, privileges and claims under or in respect thereto (whether arising pursuant to the terms thereof or otherwise available to the Borrower at law or equity), including the right to enforce each such Facility Document and to give or withhold any and all consents, requests, notices, directions, approvals, extensions or waivers under or with respect thereto, to the same extent as the Borrower could but for the assignment and security interest granted to the Administrative Agent under this Agreement;

- (v) all Cash or Money in possession of the Borrower or delivered to the Administrative Agent (or any bailee of the foregoing);
- (vi) all Hedge Collateral;

(vii) all accounts, chattel paper, deposit accounts, financial assets, general intangibles, instruments, investment property, letterof-credit rights and other supporting obligations relating to the foregoing (in each case as defined in the UCC);

(viii) all other property of the Borrower and all property of the Borrower which is delivered to the Administrative Agent (or the Custodian on its behalf) by or on behalf of the Borrower (whether or not constituting Collateral Loans or Eligible Investments);

(ix) all security interests, liens, collateral, property, guaranties, supporting obligations, insurance and other agreements or arrangements of whatever character from time to time supporting or securing payment of the assets, investments and properties described above; and

(x) all Proceeds of any and all of the foregoing.

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*provided, however,* that the term "Collateral" shall exclude all Excluded Amounts, the Operating Account and any Cash or Money deposited in the Operating Account in accordance with this Agreement (the "*Excluded Collateral*").

(b) All terms used in this <u>Section 7.01</u> that are defined in the UCC but are not defined in <u>Section 1.01</u> shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in the UCC.

(c) The Borrower confirms that, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default until the Obligations are paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted) and all Commitments are terminated, the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties shall have the sole right to enforce the Borrower's rights and remedies under the Purchase and Contribution Agreement and any UCC financing statements filed under or in connection therewith for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

*Section 7.02. Release of Security Interest.* If and only if all Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted) and all Commitments have been terminated, the Administrative Agent, for itself and on behalf of the Secured Parties, shall, at the expense of the Borrower, promptly execute, deliver and file or authorize for filing such instruments as the Borrower shall reasonably request in order to reassign, release or terminate the Administrative Agent's security interest in the Collateral. The Secured Parties acknowledge and agree that upon the sale or disposition of any Collateral by the Borrower in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the security interest of the Secured Parties in such Collateral shall immediately terminate and the Administrative Agent, for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Parties, shall, at the expense of the Borrower, execute, deliver and file or authorize for filing such instrument as the Borrower shall reasonably request to reflect or evidence such termination. Any and all actions under this <u>Article VII</u> in respect of the Collateral shall be without any recourse to, or representation or warranty by any Secured Party and shall be at the sole cost and expense of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager.

*Section 7.03. Rights and Remedies.* The Administrative Agent (for itself and on behalf of the other Secured Parties) shall have all of the rights and remedies of a secured party under the UCC and other Applicable Law. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent or its designees may, or in accordance with the written direction of the Required Lenders shall, (i) instruct the Borrower to deliver any or all of the Collateral, the Related Documents and any other documents relating to the Collateral to the Administrative Agent or its designees and otherwise give all instructions for the Borrower regarding the Collateral; (ii) sell or otherwise dispose of the Collateral in a commercially reasonable manner, all without judicial process or proceedings; (iii) take control of the Proceeds of any such Collateral; (iv) subject to the provisions of the applicable Related Documents, exercise any consensual or voting rights in respect of the Collateral; (v) release, make extensions, discharges, exchanges or substitutions for, or surrender all or any part of the Collateral; (vi) enforce the Borrower's rights and remedies with respect to the Collateral; (vii) institute and prosecute legal and equitable proceedings to enforce collection of, or realize upon, any of the Collateral; (viii) require that the Borrower immediately take all actions necessary to cause the liquidation of the Collateral in order to pay all amounts due and payable in respect of the Obligations; (x) make copies of or, if necessary, remove from the Borrower's, the Collateral Manager's and their respective agents' place of business all books, records and documents relating to the Collateral; and (xi) endorse the name of the Borrower upon any items of payment relating to the Collateral or upon any proof of claim in bankruptcy against an account debtor.

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The Borrower hereby agrees that, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, at the request of the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders (acting through the Administrative Agent), it shall execute all documents and agreements which are necessary or appropriate to have the Collateral be assigned to the Administrative Agent or its designee. For purposes of taking the actions described in <u>clauses</u> (<u>i) through (xi)</u> of this <u>Section 7.03</u> the Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as its attorney-in-fact (which appointment being coupled with an interest and is irrevocable while any of the Obligations remain unpaid, with power of substitution), in the name of the Administrative Agent or in the name of the Borrower or otherwise, for the use and benefit of the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties), but at the cost and expense of the Borrower and, except as permitted by applicable law, without notice to the Borrower.

*Section 7.04. Remedies Cumulative.* Each right, power, and remedy of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, or any of them, as provided for in this Agreement or in the other Facility Documents or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise shall be cumulative and concurrent and shall be in addition to every other right, power, or remedy provided for in this Agreement or in the other Facility Documents or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise, and the exercise or beginning of the exercise by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party of any one or more of such rights, powers, or remedies shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise by such Persons of any or all such other rights, powers, or remedies.

*Section 7.05. Related Documents.* (a) Each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby agrees that, to the extent not expressly prohibited by the terms of the Related Documents, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, it shall (i) upon the written request of the Administrative Agent, promptly forward to the Administrative Agent all material information and notices which it receives under or in connection with the Related Documents relating to the Collateral, and (ii) upon the written request of the Administrative Agent, act and refrain from acting in respect of any request, act, decision or vote under or in connection with the Related Documents relating to the Collateral only in accordance with the direction of the Administrative Agent.

(b) The Borrower agrees that, to the extent the same shall be in the Borrower's possession, it will hold all Related Documents relating to the Collateral in trust for the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties, and upon request of the Administrative Agent following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default or as otherwise provided herein, promptly deliver the same to the Administrative Agent or its designee (including the Custodian). In addition, in accordance with <u>Article XIV</u>, promptly following its acquisition of any Loan the Borrower shall deliver to the Custodian the note or other instrument with respect to such Loan together copies of the principal underlying documentation with respect to such Loan (e.g., loan or credit agreement, primary security agreement and guarantees, etc.) no later than five (5) Business Days after the acquisition of such Collateral Loan.

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*Section 7.06.* Borrower Remains Liable. (a) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the Borrower shall remain liable under the contracts and agreements included in and relating to the Collateral (including the Related Documents) to the extent set forth therein, and shall perform all of its duties and obligations under such contracts and agreements to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, and (ii) the exercise by any Secured Party of any of its rights hereunder shall not release the Borrower from any of its duties or obligations under any such contracts or agreements included in the Collateral.

(b) No obligation or liability of the Borrower is intended to be assumed by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party under or as a result of this Agreement or the other Facility Documents, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including under any Related Document or any other agreement or document that relates to Collateral and, to the maximum extent permitted under provisions of law, the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties expressly disclaim any such assumption.

*Section 7.07. Protection of Collateral.* The Borrower shall from time to time execute and deliver all such supplements and amendments hereto and file or authorize the filing of all such UCC-1 financing statements, continuation statements, instruments of further assurance and other instruments, and shall take such other action as may be necessary to secure the rights and remedies of the Secured Parties hereunder and to:

(i) grant security more effectively on all or any portion of the Collateral;

(ii) maintain, preserve and perfect any grant of security made or to be made by this Agreement including, without limitation, the first priority nature of the lien or carry out more effectively the purposes hereof;

(iii) perfect, publish notice of or protect the validity of any grant made or to be made by this Agreement (including, without limitation, any and all actions necessary as a result of changes in law or regulations);

(iv) enforce any of the Collateral or other instruments or property included in the Collateral;

(v) preserve and defend title to the Collateral and the rights therein of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties in the Collateral against the claims of all third parties; and

(vi) pay or cause to be paid any and all taxes levied or assessed upon all or any part of the Collateral.

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The Borrower hereby designates the Administrative Agent as its agent and attorney in fact to prepare and file any UCC-1 financing statement, continuation statement and all other instruments, and take all other actions, required pursuant to this <u>Section 7.07</u> in each case after the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default. Such designation shall not impose upon the Administrative Agent, or release or diminish, the Borrower's obligations under this <u>Section 7.07</u> or <u>Section 5.01(c)</u>. The Borrower further authorizes the Administrative Agent or its counsel to file, without the Borrower's signature, UCC-1 financing statements that name the Borrower as debtor and the Administrative Agent as secured party and that describe "all assets in which the debtor now or hereafter has rights" as the Collateral in which the Administrative Agent has a grant of security hereunder and any amendments or continuation statements that may be necessary or desirable.

## ARTICLE VIII

## Accounts, Accountings and Releases

*Section 8.01. Collection of Money.* Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Administrative Agent may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all Money and other property payable to or receivable by the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement, including all payments due on the Collateral, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such Collateral. The Administrative Agent shall segregate and hold all such Money and property received by it in trust for the Secured Parties and shall apply it as provided in this Agreement. Each Covered Account shall be established and maintained under the Account Control Agreement with a Qualified Institution.

*Section 8.02. Collection Account.* (a) In accordance with this Agreement and the Account Control Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, establish at the Account Bank a single, segregated trust account in the name "Capitala Business Lending, LLC Collection Account, subject to the lien of the Administrative Agent", which shall be designated as the "Collection Account", which shall be maintained with the Account Bank in accordance with the Account Control Agreement and which shall be subject to the lien and exclusive dominion and control of the Administrative Agent. Each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall from time to time deposit into the Collection Account, immediately upon receipt thereof all Interest Proceeds and all Principal Proceeds (unless simultaneously reinvested in additional Loans in accordance with <u>Sections 10.02</u> and <u>10.04</u> or in Eligible Investments) received by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager.

(b) At any time when reinvestment is permitted pursuant to <u>Article X</u>, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower may by delivery of a certificate of a Responsible Officer direct the Administrative Agent to, and upon receipt of such certificate the Administrative Agent shall, withdraw funds on deposit in the Collection Account representing Principal Proceeds and reinvest such funds in additional Loans or exercise a warrant held in the Collateral, in each case in accordance with the requirements of <u>Article X</u>; *provided, however*, that no such withdrawal of funds from the Collection Account shall have been satisfied both before and immediately after giving effect to such withdrawal of funds from the Collection Account, the satisfaction of which will be deemed upon delivery of the certificate referenced above:

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(i) each Coverage Test shall be satisfied (as demonstrated on a duly completed and executed Borrowing Base Calculation Statement delivered to the Administrative Agent);

(ii) each of the representations and warranties of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for representations and warranties already qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which shall be true and correct) as of such date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly relate to any earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all material respects (except for representations and warranties already qualified by materiality or Material Adverse Effect, which shall be true and correct) as of such earlier date as if made on such date); and

(iii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such withdrawal or shall result upon the making of such withdrawal.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, the Collateral Manager may direct the Administrative Agent to withdraw from the Collection Account and pay to the Person entitled thereto any amounts credited thereto constituting Excluded Amounts if the Collateral Manager has, prior to such withdrawal and consent, delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent a report setting forth the calculation of such Excluded Amounts in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, which report shall include a brief description of the facts and circumstances supporting such request and designate a date for the payment of such reimbursement, which date shall not be earlier than two (2) Business Days following delivery of such notice.

Section 8.03. Reserved.

Section 8.04. Covered Account Details. The account number of each Covered Account is set forth on Schedule 6.

*Section 8.05. Delivery of Report, Notices, Etc.* Documents and notices required to be delivered by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager pursuant this Agreement (except for any documents or notices to be delivered to the Custodian or the Account Bank) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Borrower or the Collateral Manager posts such documents or notices, or provides a link thereto on the Collateral Manager's website or otherwise delivers such documents or notices via email in accordance with <u>Section 13.02</u>.

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*Section 8.06.* Accountings. The Collateral Manager shall compile and provide (or cause to be compiled and provided) to the Administrative Agent a loan data file (the "*Data File*") for the previous monthly period ending on the Monthly Report Determination Date (containing such information agreed upon by the Collateral Manager and the Administrative Agent). The Collateral Manager shall compile (or cause to be compiled) a monthly report on a settlement basis (each, a "*Monthly Report*") (containing such information agreed upon by the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager. Upon completion of the Monthly Report by the Collateral Manager and in any event by no later than the Monthly Report Determination *Date*" with respect to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders the Monthly Report. As used herein, the "*Monthly Report Determination Date*" with respect to the Collateral Loans and Eligible Investments included in the Collateral set forth on <u>Schedule 2</u> hereto and shall be determined as of the Monthly Report Determination Date applicable to such Monthly Report. Additionally, each Monthly Report that is delivered on the first Monthly Reporting Date to occur after the delivery of the quarterly valuation statements for Capitala pursuant to <u>Section 5.01(d)(iii)</u> shall include a statement reporting the assets (including cash) under management by the Collateral Manager.

In addition, the Collateral Manager shall provide together with each Data File a copy of each amendment, modification or waiver under any Related Document for each Collateral Loan that constitutes a Material Modification, together with each other amendment, modification or waiver under any Related Document for each Collateral Loan that, in the Collateral Manager's reasonable judgment, are material in relation to the related Obligor, in each case that became effective during the one month period ending on the Monthly Report Determination Date for the immediately prior Monthly Report (or, in respect of the first Monthly Report, from the Closing Date) together with a listing of each Collateral Loan with respect to which one of the foregoing amendments, modifications or waivers is being provided.

*Section 8.07. Release of Collateral.* (a) If no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower may, by delivery of a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Custodian at least one Business Day prior to the settlement date for any sale of any item of Collateral certifying that the sale of such security is being made in accordance with <u>Section 10.01</u> and such sale complies with all applicable requirements of <u>Section 10.01</u>, direct the Administrative Agent to release or cause to be released such item from the Lien of this Agreement and, upon receipt of such certificate, the Administrative Agent (or Custodian, as applicable) shall deliver any such item, if in physical form, duly endorsed to the broker or purchaser designated in such certificate against receipt of the sales price therefor as specified by the Collateral Manager in such certificate; *provided* that the Administrative Agent may deliver any such item in physical form for examination in accordance with street delivery custom.

(b) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Administrative Agent or Custodian, as applicable, shall, upon the receipt of a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower or a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager on the Borrower's behalf, deliver any Collateral as instructed in such certificate, and execute such documents or instruments as are presented by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager and are reasonably necessary to release or cause to be released such security from the Lien of this Agreement, which is set for any mandatory call or redemption or payment in full to the appropriate paying agent on or before the date set for such call, redemption or payment, in each case against receipt of the call or redemption price or payment in full thereof.

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(c) As provided in <u>Section 8.02(a)</u>, the Administrative Agent shall deposit any proceeds received by it from the disposition of Collateral in the Collection Account, unless simultaneously applied to the purchase of additional Loans as permitted under and in accordance with the requirements of this <u>Article VIII</u> and <u>Article X</u>.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall, upon receipt of a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf), at such time as there are no Commitments outstanding and all Obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Facility Documents have been satisfied, release any remaining Collateral from the lien of this Agreement.

(e) Any security, Collateral Loan or amounts that are released pursuant to <u>Section 8.07(a)</u> or (<u>b</u>) shall automatically be released from the Lien of this Agreement.

Section 8.08. Reports by Independent Accountants. (a) As of the Closing Date, the Borrower has appointed a firm of independent certified public accountants, independent auditors or independent consultants (together with its successors, the "Independent Accountants"), in each case reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, for purposes of reviewing and delivering the reports or certificates of such accountants required by this Agreement, which may be the firm of independent certified public accountants, independent auditors or independent consultants that performs accounting services for the Borrower or the Collateral Manager. The Borrower may remove any firm of Independent Accountants at any time upon notice to, but without the consent of any of, the Lenders. Upon any resignation by such firm or removal of such firm by the Borrower, the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower) shall promptly appoint, by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Custodian, a successor thereto that shall also be a firm of independent certified public accountants, independent auditors or independent consultants that performs accounting services for the Borrower or the Collateral Manager. If the Borrower shall fail to appoint successor Independent Accountants within thirty (30) days after such resignation, the Borrower shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager of such failure in writing and the Collateral Manager shall promptly appoint a successor Independent Accountant of recognized standing. The fees of such failure in writing and the Collateral Manager shall promptly appoint a successor Independent Accountant of recognized standing. The fees of such failure in writing and the Collateral Manager shall promptly appoint a successor Independent Accountant of recognized standing. The fees of such Independent Accountants and any successor shall be payable by the Borrower.

(b) [Reserved].

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(c) The Administrative Agent shall not have any responsibility to make any inquiry or investigation as to, and shall have no obligation in respect of, the terms of any engagement of Independent Accountants by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) or the terms of any agreed upon procedures in respect of such engagement; *provided, however* that the Administrative Agent shall be authorized, upon receipt of direction from the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) to execute any acknowledgement or other agreement with the Independent Accountants required for the Administrative Agent to receive any of the certificates, reports or instructions provided for in this Agreement, which acknowledgement or agreement may include, among other things, (i) acknowledgement that the Borrower or Collateral Manager has agreed that the procedures to be performed by the Independent Accountants are sufficient for the Borrower's and each Lender's purposes, (ii) releases by the Administrative Agent (on behalf of itself and the Lenders) of claims against the Independent Accountants and acknowledgement of other limitations of liability in favor of the Independent Accountants, and (iii) restrictions or prohibitions on the disclosure of information or documents provided to it by such firm of Independent accountants (including to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Administrative Agent be required to execute any agreement in respect of the Independent accountants that it reasonably determines adversely affects it.

## ARTICLE IX

#### APPLICATION OF MONIES

*Section 9.01. Disbursements of Monies from Collection Account.* (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, but subject to the other subsections of this <u>Section 9.01</u>, on each Payment Date, the Administrative Agent shall disburse amounts on deposit in the Collection Account pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u> in accordance with the following priorities (the *"Priority of Payments"*) as set forth in the related Monthly Report:

(i) On each Payment Date prior to the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, amounts on deposit in the Collection Account, to the extent received on or before the related Determination Date will be applied in the following order of priority:

(A) (1) *first*, to pay all out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent incurred in connection with any sale of Collateral or other exercises of its remedial rights pursuant to <u>Section 7.03</u>; and (2) *second*, to pay, in the following order, (i) *first*, to the Custodian, any amounts payable pursuant to the Custodian Fee Letter, this Agreement and the other Facility Documents and (ii) *second*, to the Administrative Agent and the Account Bank, any amounts payable pursuant to the Administrative Agent Fee Letter, this Agreement and the other Facility Documents, *provided* that the amount applied under this <u>clause (A)(2)</u> for such Payment Date shall not exceed the Third Party Expense Cap for such Payment Date;

(B) to the Collateral Manager, to pay accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fees and all other expenses (including indemnities) incurred by the Collateral Manager in connection with the services provided under this Agreement and as further described in <u>Sections 11.03</u>, <u>11.07</u> and <u>11.09</u>, *provided* that, to the extent directed by the Collateral Manager, all or any portion of such Collateral Management Fees may be waived or payable to an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager; *provided*, *further*, that the amount applied under this <u>clause (B)</u> for such Payment Date in respect of expenses and indemnities shall not exceed the Collateral Manager Expense Cap for such Payment Date;

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(C) to pay regular scheduled payments, any fees and expenses incurred under any Hedging Agreement (excluding any hedge termination payments);

(D) to the Administrative Agent, for the account of each Lender, to pay accrued and unpaid Interest, Unused Fees due to each such Lender and amounts payable to each such Lender under <u>Sections 2.09</u> and <u>2.10</u>;

(E) if the Maximum Advance Rate Test is not satisfied as of the related Determination Date, to pay the principal of the Advances of each Lender (*pro rata*, based on each Lender's Percentage) until the Maximum Advance Rate Test is satisfied (on a pro forma basis as at such Determination Date);

(F) to payment of Administrative Expenses; *provided* that the amount applied under this <u>clause (F)</u> for such Payment Date shall not exceed the Administrative Expense Cap for such Payment Date;

(G) to the payment or application of amounts referred to in <u>clauses (A)</u>, (B) and (F) above, to the extent not paid in full pursuant to applications under such clauses;

(H) to the payment of any hedge breakage or termination costs owed by the Borrower pursuant to a Hedging Agreement; and

(I) the remainder to the Borrower or to Capitala at the direction of the Collateral Manager.

(ii) On each Business Day following the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, amounts on deposit in the Collection Account will be applied in the following order of priority:

(A) to the payment of unpaid amounts under <u>clause (A)</u> in <u>Section 9.01(a)(i)</u> above (in the order specified therein and subject to any limitations set forth therein; <u>provided</u>, that if the Advances have been accelerated following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, and the sale of the Collateral has commenced in connection therewith, such limitations specified therein shall not be given any effect);

(B) to the payment of unpaid amounts under <u>clause (B)</u> in <u>Section 9.01(a)(i)</u> above (subject to the Collateral Manager Expense Cap if the Collateral Manager is the initial Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Borrower or Capitala);

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(C) to the payment of any hedge breakage, termination costs or any other amounts owed by the Borrower pursuant to a Hedging Agreement;

(D) to the Administrative Agent, for the account of each Lender, to pay accrued and unpaid Interest, Unused Fees due to each such Lender and amounts payable to each such Lender under <u>Sections 2.09</u> and <u>2.10</u>;

(E) to the payment of Administrative Expenses (subject to the cap set forth in <u>clause (F)</u> in <u>clause (i)</u> above);

(F) to each Lender to pay the Advances of such Lender (*pro rata*, based on each Lender's Percentage) until the Advances are paid in full;

(G) to the payment or application of amounts referred to in <u>clauses (A)</u> through <u>(D)</u> above (in the same order of priority specified therein), to the extent not paid in full pursuant to applications under such clauses;

(H) to the Collateral Manager to pay accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fees; *provided* that, to the extent directed by the Collateral Manager, all or any portion of such Collateral Management Fees may be waived or payable to an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager;

(I) to the payment of any other Administrative Expenses to the extent not paid in full;

(J) the remainder to the Borrower or to Capitala at the direction of the Collateral Manager.

(b) If on any Payment Date the amount available in the Collection Account is insufficient to make the full amount of the disbursements required by the Monthly Report, the Administrative Agent shall make the disbursements called for in the order and according to the priority set forth under Section 9.01(a) to the extent funds are available therefor.

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# ARTICLE X

#### SALE OF COLLATERAL LOANS; PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LOANS

*Section 10.01. Sales of Collateral Loans.* (a) *Discretionary Sales of Collateral Loans.* Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions specified in <u>Section 10.04</u>, the Collateral Manager, at the direction of the Borrower, may sell any Collateral Loan if such sale meets the requirements set forth below (*provided* that prior to such discretionary sale, the Collateral Manager shall demonstrate that the requirements set forth below are met by submitting to the Lenders (with a copy to the Custodian) completed forms of "BB Calc Stmt," "Compliance" and "Priority of Payments" as set forth in the forms of Monthly Report (<u>Schedule 2</u> to this Agreement) as of the date of such discretionary sale after giving effect thereto):

- (i) no Default or Event of Default is continuing or would result upon giving effect thereto (unless, in the case of such a Default, such Default will be cured upon giving effect to such sale and the application of the proceeds thereof) unless the purchase price for such Collateral Loan is no less than par;
- (ii) upon giving effect thereto and the application of the proceeds thereof, each Coverage Test and each Collateral Quality Test is satisfied (or if any Collateral Quality Test is not satisfied, such test is maintained or improved after giving effect to such sale) unless the purchase price for such Collateral Loan is no less than par;
- (iii) except as provided in <u>Section 10.01(c)</u>, if such sale is to an Affiliate of the Borrower, such sale is made for a purchase price at least equal to the Market Value thereof;
- (iv) such sale is made for Cash; and
- (v) in the reasonable judgment of the Collateral Manager in accordance with the Collateral Management Standard, there is no adverse selection of such Collateral Loans to be sold.

Notwithstanding anything above that would otherwise prohibit the sale of a Collateral Loan after the occurrence or during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, if the Borrower entered into an agreement to sell any such Collateral Loan prior to the occurrence and continuance of such Default or an Event of Default, but such sale did not settle prior to the occurrence of such Default or an Event of Default, then the Borrower shall be permitted to consummate such sale notwithstanding the occurrence and continuance of such Default or an Event of Default, *provided* that such sale was not entered into in contemplation of the occurrence of such Default and such settlement occurs within the customary settlement period for similar trades.

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(b) *Sales of Equity Securities.* The Borrower may sell any Equity Security at any time without restriction, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect the sale of any Equity Security, regardless of price within forty-five days of receipt if such Equity Security constitutes Margin Stock, unless such sale is prohibited by Applicable Law or applicable contract restriction, in which case such Equity Security should be sold as soon as such sale is permitted by Applicable Law or applicable contract.

(c) *Certain Restrictions.* In the case of a sale of a Defaulted Loan or an Ineligible Loan to an Affiliate of the Borrower at a price less than the original percentage of par paid by the Borrower, the purchase price shall not be less than the Market Value of such Defaulted Loan or Ineligible Loan.

(d) *Terms of Sales.* All sales of Collateral Loans and other property of the Borrower under the provisions above in this <u>Section 10.01</u> must be exclusively for Cash (other than, for the avoidance of doubt, any exchange or substitution of assets in the event of a workout or restructuring of a Loan).

*Section 10.02. Purchase of Additional Loans.* (a) *Purchase of Loans.* On any date during the Reinvestment Period, if no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Collateral Manager at the direction of the Borrower may, if each of the conditions specified in this <u>Section 10.02</u> and <u>Section 10.04</u> are met, invest Principal Proceeds in additional Loans, *provided*, that no Loan may be purchased or originated with Principal Proceeds unless each of the following conditions are satisfied as of the date the Borrower makes such purchase, in each case after giving effect to such purchase or acquisition:

- (i) such obligation is an Eligible Loan;
- (ii) each Coverage Test is satisfied; and

(iii) each Collateral Quality Test is satisfied (or if any such Collateral Quality Test was not satisfied prior to such purchase or acquisition, such test is maintained or improved after giving effect to such purchase).

(b) *Purchase of Loans Involving Affiliates.* Additional Loans may be purchased from time to time by the Borrower from any of its Affiliates only if (i) such purchase is in accordance with the Purchase and Contribution Agreement or (ii)(x) the material terms and conditions thereof are no less favorable to the Borrower than the terms it would obtain if negotiated on an arms-length basis, (y) the transactions are effected in accordance with all Applicable Laws and (z) such purchase is for an amount equal to or less than the lesser of (A) the original purchase price paid by such Affiliate (after adjustment for any borrowings or repayments and amortization of upfront fees and exclusive of interest) and (B) the Borrower's current mark with respect to such Loan.

*Section 10.03. Substitution and Transfer of Loans.* (a) *Substitutions.* The Borrower may (including in connection with any retransfer of a Collateral Loan to Capitala under the Purchase and Contribution Agreement) replace any Collateral Loan with another Loan (a "*Substitute Loan*"), subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth below and in <u>Section 10.04</u>.

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(b) *Conditions to Substitution.* No substitution of a Collateral Loan with a Substitute Loan shall occur unless each of the following conditions is satisfied as of the date of such substitution (as certified to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower)):

(i) each Substitute Loan satisfies the eligibility criteria set forth in the definition of Eligible Loan on the date of substitution;

(ii) after giving effect to any such substitution, each Coverage Test and each Collateral Quality Test is satisfied (or if any such Coverage Test or Collateral Quality Test is not satisfied, such test is maintained or improved after giving effect to such substitution);

(iii) to the extent the Assigned Value of the Collateral Loan(s) to be replaced is greater than that of the Substitute Loan(s) on the date of such substitution, the Borrower shall deposit the difference thereof in the Collection Account as Principal Proceeds;

(iv) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing (immediately before or after giving effect to such substitution) other than any Default that will be cured after giving effect to such substitution;

(v) there is no adverse selection, impacting the interest of the Secured Parties, by the Borrower or Collateral Manager with regard to such Collateral Loans to be substituted or the Substitute Loans;

(vi) the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent of any amount to be deposited into the Collection Account in connection with any such substitution and shall deliver to the Custodian the Related Documents for any Substitute Loans;

(vii) upon confirmation of the delivery of a Substitute Loan for each applicable Collateral Loan being substituted for, each applicable Collateral Loan being substituted for shall be removed from the Collateral and the applicable Substitute Loan(s) shall be included in the Collateral; and

(viii) the Concentration Limitations are satisfied (or if there is any Excess Concentration Amount, such Excess Concentration Amount is maintained or decreased after giving effect to such sale).

*Section 10.04. Conditions Applicable to All Sale, Substitution and Purchase Transactions.* (a) Any transaction effected under this <u>Article X</u> or in connection with the acquisition of additional Loans shall be conducted on an arm's length basis and, if effected with a Person that is an Affiliate of the Borrower (or with an account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates serves as investment adviser), shall be on material terms no less favorable to the Borrower and the Secured Parties than would be the case if such Person were not such an Affiliate or as otherwise expressly permitted under the Facility Documents.

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(b) Upon each acquisition by the Borrower of a Loan, (i) all of the Borrower's right, title and interest to such Loan shall be subject to the Lien granted to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) such Loan and the note or other instrument with respect to such Loan shall be Delivered to the Administrative Agent (or the Custodian on its behalf, as applicable); *provided*, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Related Documents and Loan Checklist with respect to such Loan may be delivered within five (5) Business Days of the contribution or acquisition of such Collateral Loan.

(c) Upon the sale or substitution of a Collateral Loan pursuant to this <u>Article X</u>, the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall automatically and without further action be deemed to release and transfer to the Borrower, without recourse, representation or warranty, all the right, title and interest of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties in, to and under such Collateral Loan being sold or being substituted for, as applicable. The Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall, at the sole expense of the Borrower, execute such documents and instruments of transfer as may be prepared by the Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Borrower, and take other such actions as shall reasonably be requested by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower to effect the release and transfer of such Collateral Loan being sold pursuant to this <u>Article X</u>.

(d) The Aggregate Assigned Value of the Collateral Loan(s) which are the subject of any sale to an Affiliate of the Borrower under this <u>Article X</u> or substitution pursuant to <u>Section 10.03</u>, together with the sum of the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Collateral Loans sold to Affiliates or substituted in the twelve month period preceding the proposed date of sale or substitution (or such lesser number of months as shall have elapsed since the Collateral Loan sold to an Affiliate of the Borrower (other than a seller under the Purchase and Contribution Agreement) within 150 days of the acquisition of such Collateral Loan by the Borrower); *provided* that, the sum of the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Defaulted Loans sold to Affiliates or substituted in the twelve month period preceding the proposed date of sale or substitution (or such lesser number of months as shall have elapsed since the Collateral Loan by the Borrower); *provided* that, the sum of the Aggregate Assigned Value of all Defaulted Loans sold to Affiliates or substituted in the twelve month period preceding the proposed date of sale or substitution (or such lesser number of months as shall have elapsed since the Closing Date) shall not exceed 10% of the highest Aggregate Collateral Balance during such period. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing limitations shall not apply (i) to Warranty Loans or (ii) where Collateral Loans are sold by the Borrower in connection with a Permitted Securitization.<sup>2</sup>

(e) For the avoidance of doubt, the restrictions set forth in <u>Sections 10.01</u> and <u>10.04</u> shall not apply to the sale of Warranty Loans.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MB to confirm thresholds.

*Section 10.05.* Additional Equity Contributions. Each equity holder in the Borrower may, but shall have no obligation to, at any time or from time to time contribute additional equity to the Borrower for any purpose, including for the purpose of curing any Default, satisfying any Coverage Test, enabling the acquisition or sale of any Loan or satisfying any conditions under <u>Section 3.02</u>. Each equity contribution shall either be made (i) in Cash, (ii) by assignment and contribution of an Eligible Investment and/or (iii) by assignment and contribution of a Loan. All Cash contributed to the Borrower shall be treated as Principal Proceeds except to the extent that the Collateral Manager, in its discretion, specifies that such Cash shall constitute Interest Proceeds.

## ARTICLE XI

#### Administration and Servicing of Contracts

*Section 11.01. Designation of the Collateral Manager.* (a) *Initial Collateral Manager.* The servicing, administering and collection of the Collateral shall be conducted in accordance with this <u>Section 11.01</u> by the Person designated as the Collateral Manager hereunder. Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC is hereby appointed as, and hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the duties and responsibilities, of Collateral Manager pursuant to the terms hereof. The Collateral Manager and the Borrower hereby acknowledge that each of the Secured Parties are third party beneficiaries of the obligations taken by the Collateral Manager hereunder.

(b) *Subcontracts.* Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Collateral Manager may, with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (other than with respect to any duties performed by U.S. Bank National Association as an agent or sub-agent on behalf of the Collateral Manager as of the Closing Date), subcontract with any Person for back office, servicing and administrative functions or collecting the Collateral; *provided* that (i) the Collateral Manager shall select any such Person with reasonable care and shall be solely responsible for the fees and expenses payable to such Person, (ii) the Collateral Manager shall not be relieved of, and shall remain liable for, the performance of the duties and obligations of the Collateral Manager pursuant to the terms hereof without regard to any subcontracting arrangement and (iii) any such subcontract shall be subject to the provisions hereof.

*Section 11.02. Duties of the Collateral Manager.* (a) *Duties.* The Collateral Manager shall take or cause to be taken all such actions as may be necessary or advisable to service, administer and collect on the Collateral from time to time, all in accordance with Applicable Law and the Collateral Management Standard. Without limiting the foregoing, the duties of the Collateral Manager shall include the following:

(i) supervising the Collateral, including communicating with Obligors, executing amendments, providing consents and waivers, exercising voting rights, enforcing and collecting on the Collateral and otherwise managing the Collateral on behalf of the Borrower;

- (ii) preparing and submitting claims to Obligors on each Collateral Loan;
- (iii) maintaining all necessary servicing records with respect to the Collateral;

(iv) maintaining and implementing administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate servicing records evidencing the Collateral in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof) and keeping and maintaining all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of the Collateral;

(v) promptly delivering to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, from time to time, such information and servicing records (including information relating to its performance under this Agreement) as the Administrative Agent or each Lender may from time to time reasonably request;

(vi) identifying each Collateral Loan clearly and unambiguously in its servicing records to reflect that such Collateral Loan is owned by the Borrower and that the Borrower is pledging a security interest therein to the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) pursuant to this Agreement;

(vii) notifying the Administrative Agent and each Lender of any material action, suit, proceeding, dispute, offset, deduction, defense or counterclaim (1) that is or is threatened to be asserted by an Obligor with respect to any Collateral Loan (or portion thereof) of which it has actual knowledge or has received notice; or (2) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(viii) maintaining the perfected security interest of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Collateral;

(ix) with respect to each Collateral Loan included as part of the Collateral, making copies of the Related Documents available for inspection by the Administrative Agent, upon reasonable notice, at the offices of the Collateral Manager during normal business hours in accordance with <u>Section 5.03(d)</u>;

(x) directing the Administrative Agent to make payments pursuant to the terms of the Monthly Report in accordance with the Priority of Payments;

(xi) directing the acquisition, sale or substitution of Collateral in accordance with <u>Article X</u>;

(xii) providing assistance to the Borrower with respect to the purchase and sale of the Loans;

(xiii) instructing the Obligors or the administrative agents and paying agents on the Collateral Loans to make payments directly into the Collection Account including instructing the related administrative agents and paying agents on the Collateral Loans to cause all Collections for any Collateral Loan deposited into a payment account maintained by such administrative agent or paying agent that are owed to the Borrower to be identified and deposited into the Collection Account no later than two (2) Business Days after receipt thereof or such longer period for identification and deposit of collections as may be required under the Related Documents for such Collateral Loan;

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- (xiv) preparing the Monthly Reports in the manner and at the times required hereunder; and
- (xv) complying with such other duties and responsibilities as required of the Collateral Manager by this Agreement.

It is acknowledged and agreed that the Borrower possesses only such rights with respect to the enforcement of rights and remedies with respect to the Collateral Loans and the underlying assets securing such Collateral Loans under the Related Documents as have been transferred to the Borrower with respect to the related Collateral Loan, and therefore, for all purposes under this Agreement, the Collateral Manager shall perform its administrative and management duties hereunder only to the extent that, as a lender under the Related Documents, it has the right to do so.

(b) *Exercise of Remedies Not Release.* Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the exercise by the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the Secured Parties of their rights hereunder or any other Facility Document shall not release the Collateral Manager or the Borrower from any of their duties or responsibilities with respect to the Collateral. The Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the Administrative Agent shall not have any obligation or liability with respect to any Collateral, nor shall any of them be obligated to perform any of the obligations of the Collateral Manager hereunder.

(c) *Application of Obligor Payments*. Any payment by an Obligor in respect of any indebtedness owed by it to the Borrower shall, except as otherwise specified by such Obligor or otherwise required by contract or law and unless otherwise instructed by the Administrative Agent, be applied as a collection of a payment by such Obligor (starting with the oldest such outstanding payment due) to the extent of any amounts then due and payable thereunder before being applied to any other receivable or other obligation of such Obligor.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any action taken or not taken by the Collateral Manager shall be in accordance with the terms of the Borrower LLC Agreement (including, those parts of the Borrower LLC Agreement setting forth the terms of the management and policies of the Borrower), and each of the parties hereby acknowledges and agrees that the ultimate authority on the management of the Borrower's business and affairs shall reside with the board of managers of the Borrower.

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## Section 11.03. Liability of the Collateral Manager; Indemnification of the Collateral Manager Persons.

(a) The Collateral Manager and any of its Affiliates, employees, shareholders, members, partners, assigns, representatives or agents (each such individual or entity, a "*Collateral Manager Person*") shall not be liable to the Borrower, any Lender, the Administrative Agent, the Lead Arranger, the Administrative Agent, the Custodian or any other Person for any liability, loss (including amounts paid in settlement), damages, judgments, costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, accountant's fees and expenses and the fees and expenses of other experts), demands, charges or claim (collectively, the "*Damages*") incurred by reason of any act or omission or alleged act or omission performed or omitted by such Collateral Manager Person, or for any decrease in the value of the Collateral or any other losses suffered by any party; *provided*, *however*, that a Collateral Manager Person shall be liable for any Damages that arise (i) by reason of any act or omission constituting bad faith, willful misconduct, or gross negligence by any Collateral Manager Person in the performance of or reckless disregard of the Collateral Manager's duties hereunder or (ii) by any breach of the representations and warranties of the Collateral Manager expressly set forth in this Agreement (each such breach, a "*Collateral Manager Breach*").

(b) The Collateral Manager may rely in good faith upon, and will incur no Damages for relying upon, (i) any authoritative source customarily used by firms performing services similar to those services provided by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement, and (ii) the advice of nationally recognized counsel, accountants or other advisors as the Collateral Manager determines reasonably appropriate in connection with the services provided by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement.

(c) In no event shall the Collateral Manager be liable for special, indirect or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits) even if the Collateral Manager has been advised of the likelihood of such damages and regardless of the form of such action.

(d) Each Collateral Manager Person shall be held harmless and be indemnified by the Borrower for any Damages suffered by virtue of any acts or omissions or alleged acts or omissions arising out of the activities of such Collateral Manager Person in the performance of the obligations of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement or as a result of this Agreement, or the Borrower's ownership interest in any portion of the Collateral Loans, except to the extent any such Damage arises as a result of a Collateral Manager Breach. All amounts payable pursuant to this <u>Section 11.03</u> shall be payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Section 11.04. Authorization of the Collateral Manager. The Borrower hereby authorizes the Collateral Manager to take any and all reasonable steps in its name and on its behalf necessary or desirable in the determination of the Collateral Manager and not inconsistent with the pledge of the Collateral by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, hereunder, to collect all amounts due under any and all Collateral, including, without limitation, endorsing its name on checks and other instruments representing Collections, executing and delivering any and all instruments of satisfaction or cancellation, or of partial or full release or discharge, and all other comparable instruments, with respect to the Collateral and, after the delinquency of any Collateral and to the extent permitted under and in compliance with Applicable Law, to commence proceedings with respect to enforcing payment thereof, to the same extent as the Collateral Manager could have done if it owned such Collateral. The Borrower shall furnish the Collateral Manager (and any successors thereto) with any powers of attorney and other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the Collateral Manager to carry out its collateral management duties hereunder, and shall cooperate with the Collateral Manager to the fullest extent in order to ensure the collectability of the Collateral. In no event shall the Collateral Manager be entitled to make the Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent or any Lender a party to any litigation without such party's express prior written consent, or to make the Borrower a party to any litigation (other than any foreclosure or similar collection procedure) without the Administrative Agent's consent. Following the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default (unless otherwise waived by the Lenders in accordance with Section 13.01), the Administrative Agent (acting in its sole discretion or at the direction of the Required Lenders) may provide notice to the Collateral Manager (with a copy to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent) that the Secured Parties are exercising their control rights with respect to the Collateral in accordance with Section 6.02.

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Section 11.05. Realization Upon Defaulted Loans. The Collateral Manager will use reasonable efforts consistent with the Collateral Management Standard, this Agreement and the Related Documents to exercise (on behalf of the Borrower and the Secured Parties) available remedies (which may include liquidating, foreclosing upon or repossessing, as applicable, or otherwise comparably converting the ownership of any related property) with respect to any Defaulted Loan. The Collateral Manager will comply with the Collateral Management Standard, the Related Documents and Applicable Law in realizing upon such related property, and employ practices and procedures, including reasonable efforts, consistent with the Collateral Manager may cause the sale of any such related property to the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates for a purchase price equal to the then fair market value thereof, any such sale to be evidenced by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager delivered to the Administrative Agent setting forth the Collateral Loan, the related property, the sale price of the related property and certifying that such sale price is the fair market value of such related property relating to any Defaulted Loan hereunder.

*Section 11.06. Collateral Management Compensation.* As compensation for its servicing and collateral management activities hereunder and reimbursement for its expenses, the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to receive the Collateral Management Fees to the extent of funds available therefor pursuant to the Priority of Payments, as applicable.

*Section 11.07.* Payment of Certain Expenses by Collateral Manager. The Collateral Manager (if the Collateral Manager is an Affiliate of the Borrower) will be required to pay all expenses incurred by it in connection with its activities under this Agreement, including fees and disbursements of its independent accountants, Taxes imposed on the Collateral Manager, expenses incurred by the Collateral Manager in connection with the production of reports pursuant to this Agreement, and all other fees and expenses not expressly stated under this Agreement for the account of the Borrower. The Collateral Manager shall be required to pay such expenses for its own account and shall not be entitled to any payment therefor other than the Collateral Management Fees.

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*Section 11.08. The Collateral Manager Not to Resign; Assignment.* The Collateral Manager shall not resign from the obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon the Collateral Manager's determination that the performance of its duties hereunder is or becomes impermissible under Applicable Law. Any such determination permitting the resignation of the Collateral Manager shall be evidenced by an opinion of counsel to such effect delivered to the Administrative Agent and each Lender. No such resignation shall become effective until a Successor Collateral Manager shall have assumed the responsibilities and obligations of the Collateral Manager in accordance with <u>Section 11.09</u>.

Section 11.09. Appointment of Successor Collateral Manager. (a) Upon resignation of the Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Section 11.08</u>, the Borrower may (with the consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders) at any time appoint a successor collateral manager (the "Successor Collateral Manager"), which, for the avoidance of doubt may be the Administrative Agent or any Lender, and such Successor Collateral Manager shall accept its appointment by a written assumption in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent. Upon the occurrence and continuance of a Collateral Manager Termination Event, the Administrative Agent may (with the consent of the Required Lenders and, in the case of a Collateral Manager Termination Event arising solely under <u>Section 6.03(a)</u>, with the consent of the Borrower) at any time appoint a successor collateral manager, which, for the avoidance of doubt may be the Administrative Agent or any Lender, and such Successor Collateral Manager shall accept its appointment by a written assumption in a form acceptable to the Borrower) at any time appoint a successor collateral manager, which, for the avoidance of doubt may be the Administrative Agent or any Lender, and such Successor Collateral Manager shall accept its appointment by a written assumption in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent. No assignment of this Agreement by the Collateral Manager (including, without limitation, a change in control or management of the Collateral Manager which would be deemed an "assignment" under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended) shall be made unless such assignment is consented to in writing by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, *provided, however*, that nothing herein shall be construed to restrict the ability of the Administrative Agent to replace the Collateral Manager upon the occurrence of a Collateral Manager Termination Event pursuant to <u>Section 11.09</u> or any obligations of the Collateral Manager in connection with such provisions.

(b) Upon its appointment (the "Assumption Date"), the Successor Collateral Manager shall be the successor in all respects to the Collateral Manager with respect to collateral management functions under this Agreement subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (including without limitation Article XIII hereof) and shall be subject to all the responsibilities, duties and liabilities relating thereto placed on the Collateral Manager by the terms and provisions hereof, and all references in this Agreement to the Collateral Manager shall be deemed to refer to the Successor Collateral Manager; provided that the Successor Collateral Manager shall not (i) be deemed to have assumed or to become liable for, or otherwise have any liability for, any duties, responsibilities, actions performed, breaches, defaults, claims, obligations or liabilities of the terminated Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager arising before the Assumption Date, (ii) have any obligation to pay any taxes required to be paid by the terminated Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager (provided that the Successor Collateral Manager shall pay any income taxes for which it is liable), (iii) have any liability for any failure to perform its duties as Collateral Manager, or any loss or damages arising from such failure, that results from the actions (or inaction) of the terminated Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager on or before the Assumption Date, (iv) have any obligation to perform advancing or repurchase obligations, if any, of the Borrower, the terminated Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager unless it elects to do so in its sole discretion, (v) have any obligation to pay any of the fees and expenses of any other party to the transaction contemplated by this Agreement or any Facility Document, (vi) have any liability with respect to any of the representations and warranties of any predecessor Collateral Manager under this Agreement, (vii) have any obligation to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties hereunder or in the exercise of any of its rights and powers, if, in its reasonable judgment, it shall believe that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk or liability is not assured to it and (viii) have any obligation to file or record any financing statements or other documents in order to perfect or continue any security interests contemplated by this Agreement unless it has been directed by the Administrative Agent to make such filing or recordation. The indemnification obligations of the Successor Collateral Manager, upon becoming a Successor Collateral Manager, are expressly limited to those arising on account of its failure to act in good faith and with reasonable care under the circumstances.

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(c) The Collateral Manager agrees to cooperate and use its commercially reasonable efforts in effecting the transition of the responsibilities and rights of servicing of the Collateral, including, without limitation, the transfer to the Successor Collateral Manager for the administration by it of all cash amounts that shall at the time be held by the Collateral Manager for deposit, or have been deposited by the Collateral Manager, or thereafter received with respect to the Collateral and the delivery to the Successor Collateral Manager in an orderly and timely fashion of all files and records with respect to the Collateral Manager agrees to cooperate and use its commercially reasonable efforts in providing, at the expense of the Collateral Manager, the Successor Collateral Manager with reasonable access (including at the premises of the Collateral Manager) to the employees of the Collateral Manager, and any and all of the books, records (in electronic or other form) or other information reasonably requested by it to enable the Successor Collateral Manager to assume the servicing functions hereunder and under this Agreement and to maintain a list of key servicing personnel and contact information.

(d) Notwithstanding the Successor Collateral Manager's assumption of, and its agreement to perform and observe, all duties, responsibilities and obligations of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement arising on and after the Assumption Date, the Successor Collateral Manager shall not be deemed to have assumed or to become liable for, or otherwise have any liability for, any duties, responsibilities, obligations or liabilities of the initial Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager arising under the terms of this Agreement, arising by operation of law or otherwise with respect to the period ending on the Assumption Date, including, without limitation, any liability for, any duties, responsibilities, obligations or liabilities of the initial Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager arising on or before the Assumption Date under this Agreement, regardless of when the liability, duty, responsibility or obligation of the initial Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager, or any loss or damages arising from such failure, that results from the actions (or inaction) of the initial Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager on or before the Assumption Date.

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(e) The Successor Collateral Manager undertakes to perform only such duties and obligations as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, it being expressly understood by all parties hereto that there are no implied duties or obligations of the Successor Collateral Manager hereunder.

(f) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement or any Facility Document to the contrary, the Successor Collateral Manager is authorized to accept and rely on all of the accounting, records (including computer records) and work of the prior Collateral Manager relating to the Collateral Loans (collectively, the "*Predecessor Collateral Manager Work Product*") without any audit or other examination thereof, except to the extent that it knows such records or work product to be incorrect, and such Successor Collateral Manager shall have no duty, responsibility, obligation or liability for the acts and omissions of the prior Collateral Manager or any other predecessor Collateral Manager. If any error, inaccuracy, omission or incorrect or non-standard practice or procedure (collectively, "*Errors*") exist in any Predecessor Collateral Manager making or continuing any Errors (collectively, "*Continued Errors*"), such Successor Collateral Manager shall have no duty, responsibility for such Continued Errors; *provided* that such Successor Collateral Manager agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to prevent further Continued Errors. In the event that the Successor Collateral Manager becomes aware of Errors or Continued Errors, it shall, with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, use its commercially reasonable efforts to reconstruct and reconcile such data as is commercially reasonable to correct such Errors and Continued Errors and to prevent future Continued Errors. The Successor Collateral Manager shall be entitled to recover its costs thereby expended in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

(g) The Collateral Manager will, upon the request of the Successor Collateral Manager, provide the Successor Collateral Manager with a power of attorney providing that the Successor Collateral Manager is authorized and empowered to execute and deliver, on behalf of the Collateral Manager, as attorney-in-fact or otherwise, any and all documents and other instruments, and to do so or accomplish all other acts or things necessary or appropriate to effect the purposes of such notice of termination or to perform the duties of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement.

(h) The Successor Collateral Manager shall not be liable for an action or omission to act hereunder, except for its own willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith. Under no circumstances will the Successor Collateral Manager be liable for indirect, special, consequential or incidental damages, such as loss of use, revenue or profit. In no event shall the Successor Collateral Manager be liable to the Borrower for any bad debts or other defaults by Obligors.

(i) Except as set forth herein, the Successor Collateral Manager shall have no duty to review any information regarding the Collateral Manager, including any financial statements or the information set forth herein.

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(j) If the Successor Collateral Manager is prevented from fulfilling its obligations hereunder as a result of government actions, regulations, fires, strikes, accidents, acts of God or other causes beyond the control of such party, the Successor Collateral Manager shall use commercially reasonable efforts to resume performance as soon as reasonably possible, and the Successor Collateral Manager's obligations shall be suspended for a reasonable time during which such conditions exist.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Section 12.01. Authorization and Action. Each Lender hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement and, to the extent applicable, the other Facility Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof, and thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto, subject to the terms hereof. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein or in the other Facility Documents to which it is a party or any fiduciary relationship with any Secured Party and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties or obligations or liabilities on the part of the Administrative Agent shall be read into this Agreement or any other Facility Document to which the Administrative Agent is a party (if any) as duties on its part to be performed or observed. The Administrative Agent shall not have or be construed to have any other duties or responsibilities in respect of this Agreement or any other Facility Document and the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent is under no duty or responsibility to file financing statements. As to any matters not expressly provided for by this Agreement or the other Facility Documents, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to exercise any discretion or take any action, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in so acting or refraining from acting) upon the written instructions of the Required Lenders; provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action which exposes the Administrative Agent, in its judgment, to personal liability, cost or expense or which is contrary to this Agreement, the other Facility Documents or Applicable Law, or would be, in its judgment, contrary to its duties hereunder, under any other Facility Document or under Applicable Law. Each Lender agrees that in any instance in which the Facility Documents provide that the Administrative Agent's consent may not be unreasonably withheld, provide for the exercise of the Administrative Agent's reasonable discretion, or provide to a similar effect, it shall not in its instructions (or by refusing to provide instruction) to the Administrative Agent withhold its consent or exercise its discretion in an unreasonable manner.

Section 12.02. Delegation of Duties. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement and each other Facility Document by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the gross negligence or willful misconduct of any non-Affiliated agent or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

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Section 12.03. Administrative Agent's Reliance, Etc. (a) Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its respective directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them under or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Facility Documents, except for its or their own gross negligence, fraud, bad faith or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent: (i) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for the Borrower or the Collateral Manager or any of their Affiliates) and independent public accountants and other experts selected by it with due care and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts in the absence of its own gross negligence, fraud or willful misconduct; (ii) makes no warranty or representation to any Secured Party or any other Person and shall not be responsible to any Secured Party or any Person for any statements, warranties or representations (whether written or oral) made in or in connection with this Agreement or the other Facility Documents; (iii) shall not have any duty to monitor, ascertain or to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement, the other Facility Documents or any Related Document on the part of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or any other Person or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager; (iv) shall not be responsible to any Secured Party or any other Person for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, perfection, genuineness, sufficiency or value of any Collateral (or the validity, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Liens on the Collateral), this Agreement, the other Facility Documents, any Related Document or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto or thereto; and (v) shall incur no liability under or in respect of this Agreement or any other Facility Document by relying on, acting upon (or by refraining from action in reliance on) any notice, consent, certificate (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Borrowing Base Calculation Statement), instruction or waiver, report, statement, opinion, direction or other instrument or writing (which may be delivered by telecopier, email, cable or telex, if acceptable to it) believed by it in good faith to be genuine and believed by it to be signed or sent by the proper party or parties. The Administrative Agent shall not have any liability to the Borrower or any Lender or any other Person for the Borrower's, the Collateral Manager's, any Lender's or any other Person's, as the case may be, performance of, or failure to perform, any of their respective obligations and duties under this Agreement or any other Facility Document.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for the actions for omissions of any other agent (including concerning the application of funds), or under any duty to monitor or investigate compliance on the part of any other agent with the terms or requirements of this Agreement, any Facility Document or any Related Document, or their duties hereunder or thereunder.

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(c) The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to assume the due authority of any signatory and genuineness of any signature appearing on any instrument or document it may receive (including each Notice of Borrowing received hereunder) in the absence of its own gross negligence, fraud, willful misconduct and reckless disregard. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any action taken in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be within the powers conferred upon it, or taken by it pursuant to any direction or instruction by which it is governed, or omitted to be taken by it by reason of the lack of direction or instruction required hereby for such action (including for refusing to exercise discretion or for withholding its consent in the absence of its receipt of, or resulting from a failure, delay or refusal on the part of the Required Lenders to provide, written instruction to exercise such discretion or grant such consent from the Required Lenders, as applicable). The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith unless it shall be proven by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Administrative Agent was grossly negligent in ascertaining the relevant facts. Nothing herein or in any Facility Document or Related Document shall obligate the Administrative Agent to advance, expend or risk its own funds, or to take any action which in its reasonable judgment may cause it to incur any expense or financial or other liability for which it is not adequately indemnified. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any indirect, special, punitive or consequential damages (including lost profits) whatsoever, even if it has been informed of the likelihood thereof and regardless of the form of action. The Administrative Agent shall not be charged with knowledge or notice of any matter unless actually known to a Responsible Officer of the Administrative Agent, or unless and to the extent written notice of such matter is received by the Administrative Agent at its address in accordance with Section 13.02. Any permissive grant of power to the Administrative Agent hereunder shall not be construed to be a duty to act. The Administrative Agent shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, entitlement order, approval or other paper or document. The Administrative Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment, or for any act done or step taken or omitted by it, in good faith, or for any mistakes of fact or law, or for anything that it may do or refrain from doing in connection herewith, except in the case of its willful misconduct, bad faith, fraud or grossly negligent performance or omission of its duties.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible or liable for delays or failures in performance resulting from acts beyond its control. Such acts shall include acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations imposed after the fact, fire, communication line failures, computer viruses, power failures, earthquakes or other disasters.

(e) Each Lender acknowledges that, except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent has not made any representation or warranty to it, and that no act by the Administrative Agent hereafter taken, including any consent and acceptance of any assignment or review of the affairs of the Borrower, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent to any Secured Party as to any matter. Each Lender represents to the Administrative Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager, and made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party 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 this Agreement and the Facility Documents, and to make such investigations as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, prospects, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Secured Party with any credit or other information concerning the business, prospects, operations, property, financial or other condition or creditworthiness of the Borrower or Collateral Manager which may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent.

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Section 12.04. Indemnification. Each of the Lenders agrees to indemnify and hold the Administrative Agent harmless (to the extent not reimbursed by or on behalf of the Borrower pursuant to Section 13.04 or otherwise) from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys fees and expenses) or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrative Agent in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any other Facility Document or any Related Document or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Facility Document or any Related Document; provided that no Lender shall be liable to the Administrative Agent for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from the Administrative Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct; and provided, further, that no Lender shall be liable to the Administrative Agent for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements (for purposes hereof, "Administrative Agent Indemnified Liabilities") unless such Administrative Agent Indemnified Liabilities are imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrative Agent as a result of any action taken, or not taken, by the Administrative Agent at the direction of the Administrative Agent or such Lender or Lenders, as the case may be, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (it being understood and agreed that the Administrative Agent shall be under no obligation to exercise or to honor any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Agreement at the request or direction of any of the Lenders (or other Persons authorized or permitted under the terms hereof to make such request or give such direction) pursuant to this Agreement or any of the other Facility Documents, unless such Lenders shall have provided to the Administrative Agent security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses (including reasonable and documented attorney's fees and expenses) and Administrative Agent Indemnified Liabilities which might reasonably be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction, whether such indemnity is provided under this Section 12.04 or otherwise). The rights of the Administrative Agent and obligations of the Lenders under or pursuant to this Section 12.04 shall survive the termination of this Agreement, and the earlier removal or resignation of the Administrative Agent hereunder.

Section 12.05. Successor Administrative Agent. (a) Subject to the terms of this Section 12.05, the Administrative Agent may, upon thirty (30) days' notice to the Lenders and the Borrower, resign as Administrative Agent. If the Administrative Agent shall resign, then the Required Lenders shall appoint a successor agent. If for any reason a successor agent is not so appointed and does not accept such appointment within thirty (30) days of notice of resignation, the Administrative Agent may appoint a successor agent. The appointment of any successor Administrative Agent shall be subject to the prior written consent of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that the consent of the Borrower to any such appointment shall not be required if (i) an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing or (ii) if such successor agent is a Lender or an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent or any Lender. Any resignation of the Administrative Agent shall be effective upon the appointment of a successor agent pursuant to this Section 12.05. After the effectiveness of the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder as the Administrative Agent, the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Facility Documents and the provisions of this Article XII shall continue in effect for its benefit with respect to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was the Administrative Agent under this Agreement and under the other Facility Documents.

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(b) Any Person (i) into which the Administrative Agent may be merged or consolidated, (ii) that may result from any merger or consolidation to which the Administrative Agent shall be a party, or (iii) that may succeed to the corporate trust properties and assets of the Administrative Agent substantially as a whole, shall be the successor to the Administrative Agent this Agreement without further act of any of the parties to this Agreement.

*Section 12.06.* Administrative Agent's Capacity 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 such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if it were not the Administrative Agent hereunder.

Section 12.07. Certain ERISA Matters. (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 its Affiliates, and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, that at least one of the following is and will be true:

(i) such Lender is not using "plan assets" (within the meaning of the Plan Asset Rule or otherwise) of one or more Benefit Plans with respect to such Lender's entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the 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 Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement;

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(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 Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement, (C) the entrance into, participation in, administration of and performance of the Advances, the 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 Advances, the 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 (a)(i)</u> above is true with respect to a Lender or (2) a Lender has provided another representation, warranty and covenant in accordance with <u>clause (a)(iv)</u> above, 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, for the benefit of, the Administrative Agent and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to or for the benefit of the Borrower, 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 Advances, the Commitments and this Agreement (including in connection with the reservation or exercise of any rights by the Administrative Agent under this Agreement, any Facility Document or any documents related hereto or thereto).

## ARTICLE XIII

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 13.01. No Waiver; Modifications in Writing. (a) No failure or delay on the part of any Secured Party exercising any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. Any waiver of any provision of this Agreement, and any consent to any departure by any party to this Agreement from the terms of any provision of this Agreement, shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. No notice to or demand on the Borrower in any case shall entitle the Borrower to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

(b) No amendment, modification, supplement or waiver of this Agreement shall be effective unless signed by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, *provided* that:

(i) any Fundamental Amendment shall also require the written consent of all Lenders; and

(ii) no such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver shall amend, modify or otherwise affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent or the Custodian hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent or the Custodian, as the case may be.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (and 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 (x) the Commitment of any Defaulting Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (y) any waiver, amendment or modification requiring the consent of all Lenders or each affected Lender that by its terms affects any Defaulting Lender more adversely than other affected Lenders shall require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.

*Section 13.02. Notices, Etc.* Except where telephonic instructions are authorized herein to be given, all notices, demands, instructions and other communications required or permitted to be given to or made upon any party hereto shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or sent by registered, certified or express mail, postage prepaid, or by facsimile transmission, or by prepaid courier service, or by electronic mail (if the recipient has provided an email address in <u>Schedule 5</u>), and shall be deemed to be given for purposes of this Agreement on the day that such writing is received by the intended recipient thereof in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 13.02</u>. Unless otherwise specified in a notice sent or delivered in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 13.02</u>, notices, demands, instructions and other communications in writing shall be given to or made upon the respective parties hereto at their respective addresses (or to their respective facsimile numbers or email addresses) indicated in <u>Schedule 5</u>, and, in the case of telephonic instructions or notices, by calling the telephone number or numbers indicated for such party in <u>Schedule 5</u>.

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Section 13.03. Taxes. (a) Any and all payments by or on account of an obligation of the Borrower under this Agreement shall be made, in accordance with this Agreement, free and clear of and without deduction for any and all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges or withholdings, and all liabilities (including penalties, interest and expenses) with respect thereto, excluding: (A) any taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated) taxes, capital taxes, or similar taxes in lieu thereof, branch profits taxes and franchise taxes, in each case imposed (i) in the case of any Secured Party, by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the laws of which such Secured Party is organized or in which its principal office is located, or in the case of any Lender, in which its applicable lending office is located, or (ii) in the case of any Secured Party or any Lender, by any jurisdiction by reason of such Secured Party or such Lender having any other present or former connection with such jurisdiction (other than a connection arising solely from entering into, receiving any payment under or enforcing its rights under this Agreement or any other Facility Document); (B) any U.S. federal withholding taxes imposed under FATCA; and (C) any interest, penalties and additions to tax attributable to any of the foregoing (all such non-excluded taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges, withholdings and liabilities being hereinafter referred to as "Taxes"). If the Borrower shall be required by law (or by the interpretation or administration thereof) to deduct any Taxes from or in respect of any sum payable by it hereunder or under any other Facility Document to any Secured Party, (i) the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as may be necessary so that after making all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 13.03) such Secured Party receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deductions been made, (ii) the Borrower shall make such deductions, and (iii) the Borrower shall timely pay the full amount deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law. The obligation of the Borrower to make any additional payments in respect of any deduction or withholding of Taxes as set forth in this Section 13.03 shall be subject to the Secured Party's compliance with the conditions in Section 13.03(g), (h), or (j).

(b) In addition, the Borrower agrees to timely pay any present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies which arise from any payment made by the Borrower hereunder or under any other Facility Document or from the execution, delivery or registration of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or under any other Facility Document, except any such taxes that are imposed with respect to an assignment other than an assignment to comply with <u>Section 13.03(h)</u> (hereinafter referred to as "*Other Taxes*").

(c) The Borrower agrees to indemnify each of the Secured Parties for the full amount of Taxes or Other Taxes (including any Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted by any jurisdiction on amounts payable under this <u>Section 13.03</u>) paid by any Secured Party in respect of the Borrower, whether or not such Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted. Payments by the Borrower pursuant to this indemnification shall be made promptly following the date the Secured Party makes written demand therefor, which demand shall be accompanied by a certificate describing in reasonable detail the basis thereof. Such certificate shall be presumed to be correct absent manifest or demonstrable error.

(d) The Borrower shall not be required to indemnify any Secured Party, or pay any additional amounts to any Secured Party, in respect of United States federal withholding tax or United States federal backup withholding tax to the extent that (i) the obligation to withhold amounts with respect to United States federal withholding or backup withholding tax imposed pursuant to a law in effect on the date such Lender became a party to this Agreement (or acquired its interest herein) or, with respect to payments to a new lending office designated by a Lender (a "*New Lending Office*"), the date such Lender designated such New Lending Office with respect to an Advance; *provided* that this <u>clause (i)</u> shall not apply to the extent the indemnity payment or additional amounts any Secured Party would be entitled to receive (without regard to this <u>clause (i)</u>) do not exceed the indemnity payment or additional amounts that the transferor Lender immediately before the Secured Party became a party hereto or the Lender making the designation of such New Lending Office immediately before changing its lending office, if any, would have been entitled to receive in the absence of such transfer or designation, or (ii) the obligation to pay such additional amounts would not have arisen but for a failure by such Secured Party to comply with <u>paragraphs (g), (j), or (h)</u> below.

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(e) Promptly after the date of any payment of Taxes or Other Taxes, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by the relevant Governmental Authority evidencing payment thereof (or other evidence of payment as may be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent).

(f) If any payment is made by the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) to or for the account of any Secured Party after deduction for or on account of any Taxes or Other Taxes, and an indemnity payment or additional amounts are paid by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 13.03, then, if such Secured Party in its sole discretion determines that it is entitled to a refund of such Taxes or Other Taxes, such Secured Party shall apply for such refund and reimburse to the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager, as applicable) such amount of any refund received (net of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including taxes) as such Secured Party shall determine in its sole discretion to be attributable to the relevant Taxes or Other Taxes; *provided* that in the event that such Secured Party is required to repay such refund to the relevant taxing authority, the Borrower agrees to return the refund to such Secured Party. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 13.03(f), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this Section 13.03(f) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax 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.

(g) Each Secured Party and each Participant that is a United States person as that term is defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code (a "U.S. Person") hereby agrees that it shall, no later than the Effective Date or, in the case of a Secured Party or a Participant which becomes a party hereto pursuant to Section 13.06, the date upon which such Secured Party becomes a party hereto or participant herein, deliver to the Borrower, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent two accurate, complete and signed copies of U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or successor form, certifying that such Secured Party or Participant is on the date of delivery thereof entitled to an exemption from United States backup withholding tax. Each Secured Party or Participant that is not a U.S. Person (a "Non-U.S. Lender") shall, no later than the date on which such Secured Party becomes a party hereto or a participant herein pursuant to Section 13.06, deliver to the Borrower, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent two properly completed and duly executed copies of either U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E, W-8ECI or W-8IMY or any subsequent versions thereof or successors thereto, in each case claiming complete exemption from, or reduced rate of, U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to payments of interest hereunder. In addition, in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax under Section 871(h) or 881(c) of the Code, such Non-U.S. Lender shall provide the appropriate certification pursuant to Exhibit I that such Non-U.S. Lender is not a bank for purposes of Section 881(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, is not a 10-percent shareholder (within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code) of the Borrower and is not a controlled foreign corporation related to the Borrower (within the meaning of Section 864(d)(4) of the Code), and such Non-U.S. Lender agrees that it shall notify the Borrower, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent in the event such certification is no longer accurate. Such forms shall be delivered by each Non-U.S. Lender on or before the date it becomes a party to this Agreement or participant herein and on or before the date, if any, such Non-U.S. Lender designates a New Lending Office. In addition, each Non-U.S. Lender shall deliver such forms as promptly as practicable after receipt of a written request therefor from the Borrower, the Custodian or the Administrative Agent. Any Non-U.S. Lender shall also, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower, the Custodian 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 Non-U.S. Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or its 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, the Custodian or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made. Each Secured Party agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower in writing of its legal inability to do so.

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(h) If any Secured Party requires the Borrower to pay any additional amount to such Secured Party or any taxing Governmental Authority for the account of such Secured Party or to indemnify such Secured Party pursuant to this <u>Section 13.03</u>, then such Secured Party shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Advances hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if such Lender determines, in its sole discretion, that such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to this <u>Section 13.03</u> in the future and (ii) would not subject such Secured Party to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Secured Party. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(i) Nothing in this <u>Section 13.03</u> shall be construed to require any Secured Party to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person.

(j) *Compliance with FATCA*. Each Secured Party shall deliver to the Borrower, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent, as applicable, at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower, the Custodian or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or FATCA (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower, the Custodian or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Secured Party has complied with such Secured Party's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from any payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>Section 13.03(j)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement. Each Secured Party agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower in writing of its legal inability to do so.

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Section 13.04. Costs and Expenses; Indemnification. (a) The Borrower agrees to promptly pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the other Lenders in connection with the preparation, review, negotiation, reproduction, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Facility Documents, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of outside counsel for each of the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the other Lenders, UCC filing fees and all other related fees and expenses in connection therewith; and in connection with any modification or amendment of this Agreement or any other Facility Document by no later than the Payment Date occurring immediately following the invoice date with respect to such costs and expenses. Further, the Borrower shall pay on demand (A) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including all reasonable fees, expenses and disbursements of outside legal counsel, auditors, accountants, consultants or appraisers or other professional advisors and agents engaged by the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the Lenders) incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the Lenders in the preparation, execution, delivery, filing, recordation, administration, performance or enforcement of this Agreement or any other Facility Document or any consent, amendment, waiver or other modification relating thereto, (B) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses of creating, perfecting, releasing or enforcing the Administrative Agent's security interests in the Collateral, including filing and recording fees, expenses and taxes, stamp or documentary taxes, search fees, and title insurance premiums, and (C) after the occurrence of any Event of Default, all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the Lenders in connection with the preservation, collection, foreclosure or enforcement of the Collateral subject to the Facility Documents or any interest, right, power or remedy of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders or in connection with the collection or enforcement of any of the Obligations or the proof, protection, administration or resolution of any claim based upon the Obligations in any insolvency proceeding, including all reasonable fees and disbursements of outside attorneys, accountants, auditors, consultants, appraisers and other professionals engaged by the Administrative Agent, the Custodian, the Account Bank and the Lenders; provided that in each case, there shall be a single primary counsel to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and a single local counsel to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders in each relevant jurisdiction (unless there is an actual or perceived conflict of interest or the availability of different claims or defenses among the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, in which case each such similarly conflicted group of Persons may retain its own counsel). The undertaking in this Section shall survive repayment of the Obligations, any foreclosure under, or modification, release or discharge of, any or all of the Related Documents, termination of this Agreement and the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent. Without prejudice to its rights hereunder, the expenses and the compensation for the services of the Administrative Agent are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any applicable bankruptcy law.

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(b) The Borrower agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each Secured Party and each of their Affiliates and the respective officers, directors, employees, agents, managers of, and any Person controlling any of, the foregoing (each, an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all claims, damages, losses, liabilities, obligations, expenses, penalties, actions, suits, judgments and disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever, (including the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be incurred by or asserted or awarded against any Indemnified Party, in each case arising out of or in connection with or by reason of the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance, administration of or otherwise arising out of or incurred in connection with this Agreement, any other Facility Document, any Related Document or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby (and regardless of whether or not any such transactions are consummated or whether brought by or involving any party hereto or any third party) (collectively, the "Liabilities"), including any such Liability that is incurred or arises out of or in connection with, or by reason of any one or more of the following: (i) preparation for a defense of any investigation, litigation or proceeding arising out of, related to or in connection with this Agreement, any other Facility Document, any Related Document or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby; (ii) any breach of any covenant by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager contained in any Facility Document; (iii) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager contained in any Facility Document or in any certificate, statement or report delivered in connection therewith is false or misleading; (iv) any failure by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager to comply with any Applicable Law or contractual obligation binding upon it; (v) any failure to vest, or delay in vesting, in the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) a perfected security interest in all of the Collateral free and clear of all Liens; (vi) any action or omission, not expressly authorized by the Facility Documents, by the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower which has the effect of reducing or impairing the Collateral or the rights of the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties with respect thereto; (vii) the failure to file, or any delay in filing, financing statements, continuation statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other Applicable Law with respect to any Collateral, whether at the time of any Advance or at any subsequent time; (viii) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than the discharge in bankruptcy of an Obligor) of an Obligor to the payment with respect to any Collateral (including, without limitation, a defense based on any Collateral Loan (or the Related Documents evidencing such Collateral Loan) not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from any related property; (ix) the commingling of Collections on the Collateral at any time with other funds; (x) any failure by the Borrower to give reasonably equivalent value to the applicable seller, in consideration for the transfer by such seller to the Borrower of any item of Collateral or any attempt by any Person to void or otherwise avoid any such transfer under any statutory provision or common law or equitable action, including, without limitation, any provision of the Bankruptcy Code; (xi) the failure of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective agents or representatives to remit to the Collection Account, within two (2) Business Days of receipt, Collections on the Collateral Loans remitted to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or any such agent or representative as provided in this Agreement; and (xii) any Default or Event of Default; provided, that (x) the Borrower shall not be liable (A) for any Liability or losses arising due to the deterioration in the credit quality or market value of the Collateral Loans or other Collateral hereunder or (B) to the extent any such Liability is found in a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted solely from such Indemnified Party's fraud, bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct; (C) to the extent any such Liability arises out of a claim or counterclaim brought by the Borrower or any of its Affiliates against an Indemnified Party for a material breach of such Indemnified Party's obligations under this Agreement or any other Facility Document, if the Borrower or such other Affiliate has obtained a final and non-appealable judgment in its favor on such claim or counterclaim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or (D) to the extent any such Liability arises from disputes solely between or among the Indemnified Parties not relating to or in connection with acts or omissions by the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (it being understood that in the event of such dispute relating to or in connection with acts or omissions by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates involving a claim or proceeding brought against the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, partners, representatives, advisors and agents and each of their respective heirs, successors and assigns (each, a "Related Party" and, in each case, acting in its capacity as such) by the other Indemnified Parties, the Administrative Agent or such Related Party, as applicable, shall be entitled (subject to the other limitations and exceptions set forth in this proviso) to the benefit of such indemnification) and (y) no Indemnified Party seeking indemnification hereunder shall, without the prior written consent of the Borrower (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which such Indemnified Party is a party and indemnity has been sought hereunder by such Indemnified Party; provided, however that in no event will such Indemnified Party have any liability for any special, exemplary, indirect, punitive or consequential damages in connection with or as a result of such Indemnified Party's activities related to this Agreement or any Facility Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby or referred to herein or therein; provided, further, this Section 13.04(b) shall not apply with respect to taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges and withholdings, and all liabilities (including penalties, interest and expenses) with respect thereto, or additional sums described in Sections 2.09, 2.10 or 13.03, other than any taxes, levies, imposts, deductions, charges and withholdings that represent Liabilities arising from a non-tax claim.

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Section 13.05. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original and all of which counterparts, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. Each party agrees that this Agreement and any documents to be delivered in connection herewith may be electronically signed, and that any electronic signatures appearing on this Agreement and such other documents are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility. Any party that uses an electronic or digital signature service (such as Docusign) to execute this Agreement or any document related to this Agreement agrees to notify the other parties in writing of which service such party is using for the execution of such document.

*Section 13.06.* Assignability. (a) Each Lender may, with the consent of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (in each case not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), assign to an assignee all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its outstanding Advances or interests therein owned by it, together with ratable portions of its Commitment); *provided* 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; *provided further* that:

(i) the Borrower's consent to any such assignment shall not be required if the assignee is a Permitted Assignee with respect to such assignor;

(ii) the Borrower's consent to any such assignment pursuant to this <u>Section 13.06(a)</u> shall not be required if an Event of Default shall have occurred and is continuing (and not been waived by the Lenders in accordance with <u>Section 13.01</u>);

(iii) no assignment shall be made to a natural person or any Prohibited Assignee; and

(iv) no assignment shall be made to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates or Subsidiaries.

The parties to each such assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Borrower and the Custodian) an Assignment and Acceptance and the applicable tax forms required by <u>Section 13.03(g)</u> and (j), together with a processing and recordation fee of \$2,500, such fee to be paid by either the assigning Lender or the assignee Lender or shared between such Lenders. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 13.06</u>, any Lender may at any time pledge or grant a security interest in all or any portion of its rights (including rights to payment of principal and interest) under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Lender, including any pledge or grant of a security interest shall release such Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or grantee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(b) The Borrower may not assign its rights or obligations hereunder or any interest herein without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders.

(c) (i) Any Lender may, with the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (a "*Participant*") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement; *provided* that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (C) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, (D) each Participant shall have agreed to be bound by this <u>Section 13.06(c)</u> and <u>Sections 13.09(b)</u> and <u>13.15</u> and (E) each Participant shall have a short term rating of at least "A-2/P2" by S&P and Moody's, respectively. Any agreement 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 may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any Fundamental Amendment. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Participant. <u>Sections 2.09, 2.10</u>, and <u>13.03</u> shall apply to each Participant as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to <u>paragraph (a)</u> of this Section; *provided* that no Participant shall be entitled to any amount under <u>Section 2.09, 2.10</u>, or <u>13.03</u> which is greater than the amount the related Lender would have been entitled to under any such Sections or provisions if the applicable participation had not occurred.

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(ii) In the event that any Lender sells participations in any portion of its rights and obligations hereunder, such Lender as nonfiduciary agent for the Borrower shall maintain a register on which it enters the name of all participants in the Advances held by it and the principal amount of (and stated interest on) the portion of the Advance which is the subject of the participation (the "*Participant Register*"); *provided* that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any participant or any information relating to a participant's interest in any Commitments, Loans or its other obligations under this Agreement) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Commitment, Loan or other obligations. An Advance may be participated in whole or in part only by registration of such participation on the Participant Register. Any participation of such Advance may be effected only by the registration of such participation on the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest or demonstrable 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.

(d) The Administrative Agent, on behalf of and acting solely for this purpose as the nonfiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at its address specified in <u>Section 13.02</u> or such other address as the Administrative Agent shall designate in writing to the Lenders, a copy of this Agreement and each signature page hereto and each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to and accepted by it and a register (the "*Register*") for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the outstanding Advances maintained by each Lender under this Agreement (and any stated interest thereon). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes, absent manifest or demonstrable error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower or any Lender at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice. An Advance may be assigned or sold in whole or in part only by registration of such assignment or sale on the Register and in accordance with this <u>Section 13.06</u>.

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(e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any other Facility Document, each Lender hereunder, and each Participant, must at all times be a Qualified Purchaser and a "qualified institutional buyer" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act (a "*QIB*"). Each Lender and Participant represents to the Borrower, (i) on the date that it becomes a party to this Agreement (whether by being a signatory hereto or by entering into an Assignment and Acceptance) and (ii) on each date on which it makes an Advance hereunder, that it is a Qualified Purchaser and a QIB. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any other Facility Document, each Lender and each Participant further agrees and represents that it is the sole direct and indirect beneficial owner and holder of its Loans, Advances and Commitments (and all beneficial, economic and other interest therein); shall not hold such Loan, Advance or Commitment for the direct or indirect benefit of any other person; shall not directly or indirectly sell, transfer, convey, assign, or grant any participations in, or any direct or indirect beneficial, economic or other interest in any Loan or any of its Advances or its Commitment, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, including without limitation, by pledge, hypothecation, on-loan, or derivative or similar transaction or contract, or enter into any other arrangement pursuant to which any other person shall be entitled to or receive a direct or indirect beneficial, economic or other interest in ad QIB. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any other person unless such Person is a Qualified Purchaser and a QIB. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any other person unless such Person is a Qualified Purchaser and a QIB. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any other person unless such Person is a Qualified Purchaser and a QIB. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein or in any ot

(f) *Replacement of Lenders*. If a Lender (i) is a Defaulting Lender, (ii) is a Non-Consenting Lender, or (iii) requests payment of amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.09</u> or <u>13.03</u> and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to designate a different lending office in accordance with <u>Section 2.09(c)</u> or <u>Section 13.03(h)</u>, respectively, then, in addition to any other rights and remedies that any Person may have, the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, by notice to the applicable Lender within 180 days after such event (with a copy of such notice concurrently delivered to the Administrative Agent), require such Lender to assign, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 13.06</u>), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to <u>Section 2.09</u> or <u>Section 13.03</u>) and obligations under the Facility Documents to one or more Eligible Assignees specified by the Borrower within 20 days after the Borrower's notice, *provided, however*, that (A) such assignment does not conflict with Applicable Law, (B) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under <u>Section 2.09</u> or <u>13.03</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter, and (C) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the applicable assignee shall have consented to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent. 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 attorney-in-fact to execute any such assignment if any member of the affected Lender fails to execute same. The affected Lender shall be entitled to receive, in cash, concurrently with such assignment, all amounts owed to it under the Facility Documents, including all principal, interest and fees through the date of assignment (including any amounts under <u>Sect</u>

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(g) *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 Advances 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 and each other Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Advances in accordance with its 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. 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.

Section 13.07. Governing Law. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY CLAIM, 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 FACILITY DOCUMENT (EXCEPT, AS TO ANY OTHER FACILITY 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, EXCEPT THE CONFLICT OF LAW PRINCIPLES THEREOF WHICH WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF APPLYING THE LAW OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION.

*Section 13.08.* Severability of Provisions. Any provision of this Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

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Section 13.09. Confidentiality. Each Secured Party agrees to keep confidential all non-public information provided to it by the Borrower, Capitala or the Collateral Manager with respect to the Borrower, Capitala, the Collateral Manager, their respective Affiliates, the Collateral or any other information furnished to any Secured Party pursuant to this Agreement or any other Facility Document (collectively, the "Borrower Information"); provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Secured Party from disclosing any Borrower Information (a) in connection with this Agreement and the other Facility Documents and not for any other purpose, (x) to any Secured Party or any Affiliate of a Secured Party, or (y) any of their respective Affiliates, employees, directors, agents, attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors (collectively, the "Secured Party Representatives"), it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Borrower Information, (b) subject to an agreement to comply with the provisions of this Section (or other provisions at least as restrictive as this Section), (i) to use the Borrower Information only in connection with this Agreement and the other Facility Documents and not for any other purpose, to any actual or bone fide prospective permitted assignees and Participants in any of the Secured Parties' interests under or in connection with this Agreement and (ii) as reasonably required by any direct contractual counterparties or professional advisors thereto, to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Borrower and its obligations, (c) to any Governmental Authority purporting to have jurisdiction over any Secured Party or any of its Affiliates or any Secured Party Representative, (d) in response to any order of any court or other Governmental Authority or as may otherwise be required to be disclosed pursuant to any Applicable Law, (e) that is a matter of general public knowledge or that has heretofore been made available to the public by any Person other than any Secured Party or any Secured Party Representative, (f) in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder or under any other Facility Document, (g) with the written consent of the Borrower, Capitala, or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, (h) that was in its possession or known by such Secured Party or any of its Affiliates without restriction prior to receipt from the Borrower, Capitala or the Collateral Manager, (i) that was rightfully disclosed to such Secured Party by a third party not known by such Secured Party to be under any obligation of confidentiality to the Borrower, Capitala or the Collateral Manager or (j) that was independently developed by such Secured Party or any of its Affiliates without any use of Borrower Information. Notwithstanding any contrary agreement or understanding, the Collateral Manager, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders (and each of their respective employees, representatives or other agents) may disclose to any and all Persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. The foregoing provision shall apply from the beginning of discussions between the parties. For this purpose, the tax treatment of a transaction is the purported or claimed U.S. tax treatment of the transaction under applicable U.S. federal, state or local law, and the tax structure of a transaction is any fact that may be relevant to understanding the purported or claimed U.S. tax treatment of the transaction under applicable U.S. federal, state or local law.

*Section 13.10. Merger.* This Agreement and the other Facility Documents executed by the Administrative Agent or the Lenders taken as a whole incorporate the entire agreement between the parties thereto concerning the subject matter thereof and such Facility Documents supersede any prior agreements among the parties relating to the subject matter thereof.

*Section 13.11. Survival.* All representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Facility Documents and in any certificate delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Advances hereunder. The agreements in <u>Sections 2.04(f)</u>, 2.09, 2.10, 2.12, 13.03, 13.04, 13.09, 13.16, and 13.18 and this <u>Section 13.11</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement in whole or in part and the payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Advances.

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Section 13.12. Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers; Service of Process; Etc. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or the other Facility Documents to which it is a party, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof, to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of New York County in the State of New York, the courts of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York, and the appellate courts of any of them;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in any court described in <u>Section 13.12(a)</u> and waives to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same;

(c) other than with respect to the Custodian, agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such party at its address set forth in <u>Section 13.02</u> or at such other address as may be permitted thereunder;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process, summons, notices and documents in any other manner permitted by applicable law; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding against any Secured Party arising out of or relating to this Agreement or any other Facility Document any special, exemplary, indirect, punitive or consequential damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) (whether or not the claim therefor is based on contract, tort or duty imposed by any applicable legal requirement).

Additionally, if the Borrower fails at any time to maintain a business office in Maryland it shall immediately (but no later than five Business Days following such occurrence) notify the Administrative Agent.

*Section 13.13. Waiver of Jury Trial.* EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER FACILITY DOCUMENT OR FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN OR RELATING THERETO.

Section 13.14. [Reserved].

*Section 13.15. Waiver of Setoff.* Each of the Borrowers and the Collateral Manager hereby waives any right of setoff it may have or to which it may be entitled under this Agreement from time to time against any Lender or its assets.

Section 13.16. PATRIOT Act Notice. Each Lender, the Custodian and the Administrative Agent hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law on October 26, 2001)) (the "PATRIOT Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow the Lenders to identify the Borrower in accordance with the PATRIOT Act. The Borrower shall provide to the extent commercially reasonable, such information and take such actions as are reasonably requested by any Lender in order to assist such Lender in maintaining compliance with the PATRIOT Act.

*Section 13.17. Legal Holidays.* In the event that the date of any Payment Date, date of prepayment or Final Maturity Date shall not be a Business Day, then notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any Facility Document, payment need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on the nominal date of any such Payment Date, date of prepayment or Final Maturity Date, as the case may be, and interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after any such nominal date to but excluding such next succeeding Business Day.

*Section 13.18. Non-Petition.* The Collateral Manager, each Lender and the Administrative Agent each hereby agrees not to institute against, or join, cooperate with or encourage any other Person in instituting against, the Borrower any bankruptcy, reorganization, receivership, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings or other proceedings under federal or state bankruptcy or similar laws until at least one year and one day, or if longer the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day, after the payment in full of the Advances and the termination of all Commitments. The provisions of this <u>Section 13.18</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 13.19. No Fiduciary Duty. The Administrative Agent, each Lender and their Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "Lenders"), may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Credit Parties, their stockholders and/or their affiliates. Each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "Credit Parties") agrees that nothing in the Facility Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and such Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates, on the other. The Credit Parties acknowledge and agree that (i) the transactions contemplated by the Facility Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Credit Parties, on the other, and (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (x) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates on other matters) or any other obligations contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise any Credit Party, its stockholders or its Affiliates on other matters) or any other obligation to any Credit Party except the obligations expressly set forth in the Facility Documents and (y) each Lender is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of any Credit Party, its management, stockholders, creditors or any other Person. Each Credit Party acknowledges and agrees that it has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extender it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. Ea

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Section 13.20. 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 its Advances or other obligations hereunder resulting in such Lender receiving payment of a proportion of the aggregate amount of its Advances and accrued Interest thereon or other such obligations greater than its *pro rata* 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 Advances and such other obligations of the other Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of principal of and accrued Interest on their respective Advances and other amounts owing them; *provided* that:

(a) if any such participations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest; and

(b) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (x) any payment made by 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), or (y) any payment obtained by a Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Advances to any assignee or participant.

The Borrower 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 the Borrower rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Lender were a direct creditor of the Borrower in the amount of such participation.

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#### ARTICLE XIV

#### THE CUSTODIAN

#### Section 14.01. Designation of Custodian.

(a) *Initial Custodian*. The role of Custodian with respect to the Collateral Loans shall be conducted by the Person designated as Custodian hereunder from time to time in accordance with this <u>Section 14.01</u>. Until the Administrative Agent shall give to U.S. Bank National Association a Custodian Termination Notice, U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed as, and hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the duties and obligations of, Custodian pursuant to the terms hereof.

(b) *Successor Custodian*. Upon the Custodian's receipt of a Custodian Termination Notice from the Administrative Agent of the designation of a successor Custodian pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 14.05</u>, the Custodian agrees that it will terminate its activities as Custodian hereunder. Upon the resignation of the Custodian, the Administrative Agent shall appoint a successor Custodian and if it does not do so within thirty days of the Custodian's resignation, the Custodian may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor.

## Section 14.02. Duties of Custodian.

(a) *Appointment*. Each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent hereby designate and appoint the Custodian to act as its agent and hereby authorizes the Custodian to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly granted to the Custodian by this Agreement. The Custodian hereby accepts such agency appointment to act as Custodian pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, until its resignation or removal as Custodian pursuant to the terms hereof.

(b) *Duties*. On or before the Effective Date, and until its removal pursuant to <u>Section 14.05</u>, the Custodian shall perform, on behalf of the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, the following duties and obligations:

The Custodian shall take and retain custody of the Related Documents delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 7.05 in (i) accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, all for the benefit of the Secured Parties and subject to the Lien thereon in favor of the Administrative Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties. Within five (5) Business Days of its receipt of the Related Documents and Loan Checklist (the "Review Period"), the Custodian shall review the Related Documents delivered to it to confirm that (A) if the files delivered per the following sentence indicate that any document must contain an original signature, each such document appears to bear the original signature, or if the file indicates that such document may contain a copy of a signature, that such copies appear to bear a reproduction of such signature and (B) based on a review of the applicable note, the related initial principal loan balance when entered into or obtained by the Borrower, loan identification number and Obligor name with respect to such Collateral Loan is referenced on the related Loan Checklist and does not appear to be a duplicate Collateral Loan (such items (A) through (B) collectively, the "Review Criteria"). In order to facilitate the foregoing review by the Custodian, in connection with each delivery of Related Documents hereunder to the Custodian, the Collateral Manager shall provide to the Custodian an electronic file (in EXCEL or a comparable format acceptable to the Custodian) or the related Loan Checklist that contains a list of all Related Documents and whether they require original signatures, the loan identification number and the name of the Obligor and the initial principal loan balance when entered into or obtained by the Borrower with respect to each related Collateral Loan. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Custodian's obligation to review the Related Documents shall be limited to reviewing such Related Documents based on the information provided on the Loan Checklist. In receiving any Related Documents hereunder, and in maintaining any listing or providing any report or communication with respect to the Related Documents held hereunder, the Custodian shall be required only to review such Related Documents in accordance with the Review Criteria. Within one Business Day after the end of the Review Period, the Custodian shall notify the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, and the Administrative Agent in writing of any Related Documents listed on the Loan Checklist not included in the related file and any other exceptions to the Review Criteria in a form of certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit K (the "Custodial Certificate"). After the Custodian's delivery of the Custodial Certificate, the Collateral Manager shall have ten Business Days to correct any non-compliance with any Review Criteria. In addition, if requested in writing in the form of Exhibit E by the Collateral Manager and approved by the Administrative Agent within ten Business Days of the Custodian's delivery of such Custodial Certificate, the Custodian shall return the Related Documents for any Collateral Loan which fails to satisfy a Review Criteria to the Borrower. Other than the foregoing, the Custodian shall not have any responsibility for reviewing any Related Documents.



(ii) In taking and retaining custody of the Related Documents, the Custodian shall be deemed to be acting as the agent of the Secured Parties; <u>provided</u> that the Custodian makes no representations as to the existence, perfection or priority of any Lien on the Related Documents or the instruments therein; and <u>provided further</u> that the Custodian's duties as agent shall be limited to those expressly contemplated herein.

(iii) All Related Documents that are originals or copies shall be kept in fire resistant vaults, rooms or cabinets at the Custodian Facilities. All Related Documents that are originals or copies shall be placed together with an appropriate identifying label and maintained in such a manner so as to permit retrieval and access. All Related Documents that are originals or copies shall be clearly segregated from any other documents or instruments maintained by the Custodian. All Related Documents that are delivered to the Custodian in electronic format shall be saved onto disks and/or onto the Custodian's secure computer system, and maintained in a manner so as to permit retrieval and access.

(iv) On each Payment Date, the Custodian shall provide a written report to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager (in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent) identifying each Collateral Loan for which it holds Related Documents, the noncomplying Collateral Loans and the applicable Review Criteria that any non-complying Collateral Loan fails to satisfy.

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# (v) [Reserved].

(vi) In no event shall the Custodian be liable for special, indirect or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits) even if the Custodian has been advised of the likelihood of such damages and regardless of the form of such action.

(vii) Any duty on the part of the Custodian with respect to the custody of such Collateral Loans shall be limited to the exercise of reasonable care by the Custodian in the physical custody of any such Related Documents and other documents delivered to it, and any related instrument, security, credit agreement, assignment agreement and/or other agreements or documents, if any (collectively, *"Financing Documents"*), that may be delivered to it.

(viii) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, delivery of the Collateral Loans acquired by the Borrower which constitute Noteless Loans or Participations or which are otherwise not evidenced by a "security" or "instrument" as defined in Section 8-102 and Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC, respectively, shall be made by delivery to the Custodian of a copy of the loan register with respect to such Noteless Loan evidencing registration of such Collateral Loan on the books and records of the applicable Obligor or bank agent to the name of the Borrower (or its nominee) or a copy (which may be a facsimile copy) of an assignment agreement in favor of the Borrower as assignee.

(ix) The Custodian may assume the genuineness of any such Financing Document it may receive and the genuineness and due authority of any signatures appearing thereon, and shall be entitled to assume that each such Financing Document it may receive is what it purports to be. If an original "security" or "instrument" as defined in Section 8-102 and Section 9-102(a)(47) of the UCC, respectively, is or shall be or become available with respect to any Collateral Loan to be held by the Custodian under this Agreement, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Borrower to make or cause delivery thereof to the Custodian, and the Custodian shall not be under any obligation at any time to determine whether any such original security or instrument has been or is required to be issued or made available in respect of any Collateral Loan or to compel or cause delivery thereof to the Custodian.

*Section 14.03. Merger or Consolidation.* Any Person (i) into which the Custodian may be merged or consolidated, (ii) that may result from any merger or consolidation to which the Custodian shall be a party, or (iii) that may succeed to the properties and assets of the Custodian substantially as a whole, which Person in any of the foregoing cases executes an agreement of assumption to perform every obligation of the Custodian hereunder, shall be the successor to the Custodian under this Agreement without further act of any of the parties to this Agreement.

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Section 14.04. Custodian Compensation and Indemnification. As compensation for its Custodian activities hereunder, the Custodian shall be entitled to fees pursuant to the Custodian Fee Letter. The Custodian's entitlement to receive the fees under the Custodian Fee Letter shall cease on the earlier to occur of: (i) its removal as Custodian pursuant to <u>Section 14.05</u> or (ii) the termination of this Agreement. Upon termination of this Agreement or earlier resignation or removal of the Custodian, the Borrower shall pay to the Custodian such compensation, and shall likewise reimburse the Custodian for its costs, expenses and disbursements, as may be due as of the date of such termination, resignation or removal, as the case may be. For the avoidance of doubt, the Custodian shall be entitled to all of the benefits of the indemnification provisions to the extent and in the manner set forth in <u>Section 13.04</u>. All indemnifications in favor of the Custodian under this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement, advances, and expenses (including reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel) incurred, in connection with the preparation or execution of this Agreement, or in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or performance by the Custodian of its duties and services under this Agreement (including costs and expenses of any action deemed necessary by the Custodian to collect any amounts owing to it under this Agreement).

*Section 14.05. Custodian Removal.* The Custodian may be removed, with or without cause, by the Administrative Agent by notice given in writing to the Custodian (the *"Custodian Termination Notice"*); *provided* that notwithstanding its receipt of a Custodian Termination Notice, the Custodian shall continue to act in such capacity (and shall continue to be entitled to receive fees) until a successor Custodian has been appointed, has agreed to act as Custodian hereunder, and has received all Related Documents held by the previous Custodian.

## Section 14.06. Limitation on Liability.

(a) The Custodian may conclusively rely on and shall be fully protected in acting upon any certificate, instrument, opinion, notice, letter, telegram or other document or electronic communication delivered to it and that in good faith it reasonably believes to be genuine and that has been signed by the proper party or parties. The Custodian may rely conclusively on and shall be fully protected in acting upon (a) the written instructions of any designated officer of the Administrative Agent or (b) the verbal instructions of the Administrative Agent.

(b) The Custodian may consult counsel satisfactory to it and the advice or opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel. The Custodian may exercise any of its rights or powers hereunder or perform any of its duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys, and the Custodian shall not be responsible for any actions or omissions on the part of any agent or attorney appointed hereunder with due care by it. Each of the protections, reliances, indemnities and immunities offered to the Administrative Agent in <u>Article XII</u> shall be afforded to the Custodian.

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(c) The Custodian shall not be liable for any error of judgment, or for any act done or step taken or omitted by it, in good faith, or for any mistakes of fact or law, or for anything that it may do or refrain from doing in connection herewith except, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in the case of its willful misconduct, bad faith or grossly negligent performance or omission of its duties and in the case of its grossly negligent performance of its duties in taking and retaining custody of the Related Documents.

(d) The Custodian makes no warranty or representation and shall have no responsibility (except as expressly set forth in this Agreement) as to the content, enforceability, completeness, validity, sufficiency, value, genuineness, ownership or transferability of the Collateral, and will not be required to and will not make any representations as to the validity or value (except as expressly set forth in this Agreement) of any of the Collateral. The Custodian shall not be obligated to take any legal action hereunder that might in its judgment involve any expense or liability unless it has been furnished with an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it.

(e) The Custodian shall have no duties or responsibilities except such duties and responsibilities as are specifically set forth in this Agreement and no covenants or obligations shall be implied in this Agreement against the Custodian.

(f) The Custodian shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds in the performance of its duties hereunder.

(g) It is expressly agreed and acknowledged that the Custodian is not guaranteeing performance of or assuming any liability for the obligations of the other parties hereto or any parties to the Collateral.

(h) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Custodian shall be without liability to the Borrower, Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent or any other Person for any damage or loss resulting from or caused by events or circumstances beyond the Custodian's reasonable control, including nationalization, expropriation, currency restrictions, the interruption, disruption or suspension of the normal procedures and practices of any securities market, power, mechanical, communications or other technological failures or interruptions, computer viruses or the like, fires, floods, earthquakes or other natural disasters, civil and military disturbance, acts of war or terrorism, riots, revolution, acts of God, work stoppages, strikes, national disasters of any kind, or other similar events or acts; errors by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent (including any authorized Person of any thereof) in its instructions to the Custodian; or changes in applicable law, regulation or orders.

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(i) In the event that (i) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager, the Lenders or the Custodian shall be served by a third party with any type of levy, attachment, writ or court order with respect to any Loan or Related Documents or (ii) a third party shall institute any court proceeding by which any Related Document shall be required to be delivered otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, the party receiving such service shall promptly deliver or cause to be delivered to the other parties to this Agreement copies of all court papers, orders, documents and other materials concerning such proceedings pending a final, nonappealable order of a court of competent jurisdiction permitting or directing disposition thereof. Upon final determination of such court, the Custodian shall dispose of such Related Documents as directed by the Administrative Agent or Administrative Agent, which shall give a direction consistent with such determination. Expenses of the Custodian incurred as a result of such proceedings shall be borne by the Borrower.

*Section 14.07. Resignation of the Custodian.* The Custodian shall not resign from the obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon (a) ninety days written notice to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and the Administrative Agent, or (b) the Custodian's determination that (i) the performance of its duties hereunder is or becomes impermissible under Applicable Law and (ii) there is no reasonable action that the Custodian could take to make the performance of its duties hereunder permissible under Applicable Law. Any such determination permitting the resignation of the Custodian shall be evidenced as to <u>clause (i)</u> above by an opinion of counsel to such effect delivered to the Administrative Agent. No such resignation shall become effective until a successor Custodian shall have assumed the responsibilities and obligations of the Custodian hereunder.

#### Section 14.08. Release of Related Documents.

(a) *Release for Servicing.* From time to time and as appropriate for the enforcement or servicing of any of the Collateral, the Custodian is hereby authorized (unless and until such authorization is revoked by the Administrative Agent) to, and shall, upon written receipt from the Collateral Manager of a request for release of documents and receipt in the form annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>, release to the Collateral Manager. All documents so released to the Collateral Manager shall be held by the Collateral Manager in trust for the benefit of the Administrative Agent in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Collateral Manager shall return to the Custodian the Related Documents or other such documents (i) promptly upon the request of the Administrative Agent, or (ii) when the Collateral Manager's need therefor in connection with such enforcement or servicing no longer exists, unless the Collateral Loan shall be liquidated or sold, in which case, upon receipt of an additional request for release of documents and receipt certifying such liquidation or sale from the Collateral Manager to the Custodian in the form annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>, the Collateral Manager's request and receipt submitted pursuant to the first sentence of this subsection shall be released by the Custodian to the Custodian to the Collateral Manager.

(b) *Release for Payment.* Upon receipt by the Custodian of the Collateral Manager's request for release of documents and receipt in the form annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u> (which certification shall include a statement to the effect that all amounts received in connection with such payment or repurchase have been credited to the Collection Account as provided in this Agreement), the Custodian shall promptly release the related Related Documents to the Collateral Manager.

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*Section 14.09. Return of Related Documents.* The Borrower may, with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), require that the Custodian return each Related Document (as applicable), respectively (a) delivered to the Custodian in error, (b) as to which the Lien on the underlying assets securing such related Collateral Loan has been so released pursuant to <u>Section 7.02</u>, (c) that has been the subject of a discretionary sale or any sale of a loan pursuant to <u>Section 10.01</u> or (d) that is required to be redelivered to the Borrower in connection with the termination of this Agreement, in each case by submitting to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent a written request in the form annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u> (signed by both the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) specifying the Collateral to be so returned and reciting that the conditions to such release have been met (and specifying the Section or Sections of this Agreement being relied upon for such release). The Custodian shall upon its receipt of each such request for return executed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly, but in any event within two Business Days, return the Related Documents so requested to the Borrower.

#### Section 14.10. Access to Certain Documentation and Information Regarding the Collateral; Audits.

(a) The Collateral Manager and the Custodian shall provide to the Administrative Agent access to the Related Documents and all other documentation regarding the Collateral including in such cases where the Administrative Agent is required in connection with the enforcement of the rights or interests of the Secured Parties, or by applicable statutes or regulations, to review such documentation, such access being afforded without charge (but, with respect to the Custodian, at the expense of the Borrower) but only (i) upon two Business Days' prior written request, (ii) during normal business hours and (iii) subject to the Collateral Manager's and Custodian's normal security and confidentiality procedures; *provided* that the Administrative Agent may, and shall upon request of any Lender, permit each Lender to be included on any such review, and shall use reasonably commercial efforts to schedule any review on a day when Lenders desiring to participate in such review may be included. From time to time at the discretion of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may review the Collateral Manager's collection and administration of the Collateral in order to assess compliance by the Collateral Manager with <u>Article XI</u> and may conduct an audit of the Collateral, and Related Documents in conjunction with such a review. Such review shall be reasonable in scope and shall be completed in a reasonable period of time, in each case subject to the provisions of <u>Section 5.03(e)</u>.

(b) Without limiting the foregoing provisions of <u>Section 14.10(a)</u>, from time to time on request of the Administrative Agent, the Custodian shall permit certified public accountants or other independent auditors acceptable to the Administrative Agent to conduct a review of the Related Documents and all other documentation regarding the Collateral. Up to one such review per fiscal year shall be at the expense of the Borrower and additional reviews in a fiscal year shall be at the expense of the requesting Lender(s); *provided* that, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, any such reviews, regardless of frequency, shall be at the expense of the Borrower.

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*Section 14.11. Representations and Warranties of the Custodian.* The Custodian in its individual capacity and as Custodian represents and warrants as follows:

(a) *Organization; Power and Authority.* It is a duly organized and validly existing national banking association in good standing under the laws of the United States. It has full corporate power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver and perform its obligations as Custodian under this Agreement.

(b) *Due Authorization.* The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions provided for herein have been duly authorized by all necessary association action on its part, either in its individual capacity or as Custodian, as the case may be.

(c) *No Conflict.* The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not conflict with, result in any breach of its articles of incorporation or bylaws or any of the material terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any indenture, contract, agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument to which the Custodian is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

(d) *No Violation.* The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not conflict with or violate, in any material respect, any Applicable Law as to the Custodian.

(e) *All Consents Required*. All approvals, authorizations, consents, orders or other actions of any Person or Governmental Authority applicable to the Custodian, required in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Custodian of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment by the Custodian of the terms hereof have been obtained.

(f) *Validity.* The Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Custodian, enforceable against the Custodian in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable Bankruptcy Code and general principles of equity (whether considered in a suit at law or in equity).

Section 14.12. Covenants of the Custodian.

(a) Affirmative Covenants of the Custodian.

(i) *Compliance with Law.* The Custodian will comply in all material respects with all Applicable Law.

(ii) *Preservation of Existence.* The Custodian will preserve and maintain its existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its formation and qualify and remain qualified in good standing in each jurisdiction where failure to preserve and maintain such existence, rights, franchises, privileges and qualification has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

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(iii) *Location of Related Documents.* Subject to <u>Section 14.08</u>, the Related Documents shall remain at all times in the possession of the Custodian at the Custodian Facilities unless notice of a different address is given in accordance with the terms hereof or unless the Administrative Agent agrees to allow certain Related Documents to be released to the Collateral Manager on a temporary basis in accordance with the terms hereof, except as such Related Documents may be released pursuant to this Agreement.

## (b) *Negative Covenants of the Custodian.*

(i) *Related Documents.* The Custodian will not dispose of any documents constituting the Related Documents in any manner that is inconsistent with the performance of its obligations as the Custodian pursuant to this Agreement.

(ii) *No Changes to Custodian Fee.* The Custodian will not make any changes to the custodian fee set forth in the Custodian Fee Letter without the prior written approval of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

[SIGNATURE PAGES TO FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.

By:	
Name:	
Title:	
CADITALA IN	ESTMENT ADVISORS LLC as
	restment Advisors, LLC, as
	restment Advisors, LLC, as ral Manager

# KeyBank National Association, as Administrative Agent and as a Lender

By:

Name: Title:

# U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Custodian

By:

Name: Title:

# FORM OF EXECUTION VERSION

# FORM OF PURCHASE AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

by and between

# CAPITALA BUSINESS LENDING, LLC,

as the Purchaser

and

# CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.,

as the Seller

Dated as of October 30, 2020

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#### FORM OF PURCHASE AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT, dated as of October 30, 2020, by and between CAPITALA FINANCE CORP., a Maryland corporation, as the seller (the "<u>Seller</u>"), and CAPITALA BUSINESS LENDING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as the purchaser (the "<u>Purchaser</u>").

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Purchaser has agreed to Purchase (as hereinafter defined) from the Seller from time to time, and the Seller has agreed to Sell (as hereinafter defined) to the Purchaser from time to time, certain Loan Assets and Portfolio Assets related thereto on the terms set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the Loan Assets and Portfolio Assets Purchased hereunder may be pledged by the Purchaser, pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (as hereinafter defined) and the related Facility Documents, to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements hereinafter contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Purchaser and the Seller, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I.

## DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. <u>General</u>. The specific terms defined in this Article include the plural as well as the singular. Words herein importing a gender include the other gender. References herein to "writing" include printing, typing and other means of reproducing words in visible form. References to agreements and other contractual instruments include all subsequent amendments thereto or changes therein entered into in accordance with their respective terms and not prohibited by this Agreement or the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. References herein to Persons include their successors and assigns permitted hereunder or under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. The terms "include" or "including" mean "include without limitation" or "including without limitation". The words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision, and Article, Section, Schedule and Exhibit references, unless otherwise specified, refer to Articles and Sections of and Schedules and Exhibits to this Agreement. References to any Applicable Law means such Applicable Law as amended, modified, codified, replaced or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and reference to any Section or other provision of any Applicable Law means that provision of such Applicable Law from time to time in effect and constituting the substantive amendment, modification, codification, replacement or reenactment of such Section or other provision. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement a further term is used which is defined herein, then such further term shall have the meaning given to such further term herein.

Section 1.2. <u>Specific Terms</u>. Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words and phrases, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:

"Agreement" means this Purchase and Contribution Agreement.

"<u>Available Collections</u>" means all cash collections and other cash proceeds with respect to any Loan Asset, including all Principal Proceeds, all Interest Proceeds, all proceeds of any sale or disposition with respect to such Loan Asset, cash proceeds or other funds received by the Seller or the Collateral Manager with respect to any Loan Asset (including from any guarantors).

"<u>Collection Date</u>" means the date on which all Obligations have been paid in full, other than contingent indemnification obligations as to which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted, and all Commitments under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement have been terminated.

"Facility Financing Statements" has the meaning specified in Section 3.1(iii).

"Indemnified Amounts" has the meaning specified in Section 9.1(a).

"Indemnified Party" has the meaning specified in Section 9.1(a).

"Loan Asset" means any loan listed on <u>Schedule I</u>, as the same may be amended, supplemented, restated or replaced from time to time, and all accounts, payment intangibles, instruments and other property related to the foregoing.

"Loan Assignment" means a Loan Assignment executed by the Seller, substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"Non-Consolidation/True Sale Opinion" has the meaning specified in Section 4.1(aa).

"<u>Portfolio Assets</u>" means all Loan Assets designated by the Seller on <u>Schedule I</u>, together with all proceeds thereof and other assets or property related thereto, including all right, title and interest of the Seller in and to:

(a) any amounts on deposit in any cash reserve, collection, custody or lockbox accounts securing the Loan Assets;

(b) all rights with respect to the Loan Assets to which the Seller is entitled as lender under the applicable Related Documents;

(c) any underlying collateral securing a Loan Asset and all recoveries related thereto, all payments paid in respect thereof and all monies due, to become due and paid in respect thereof accruing on and after the applicable Purchase Date;

(d) all Related Documents;

Agreement.

(e) all insurance policies (if any) with respect to any Loan Asset;

(f) all Liens, guaranties, indemnities, warranties, letters of credit, accounts, bank accounts and property subject thereto from time to time purporting to secure or support payment of any Loan Asset, together with all UCC financing statements, mortgages or similar filings signed or authorized by an Obligor relating thereto;

- (g) all records (including computer records) with respect to the foregoing; and
- (h) all collections, income, payments, proceeds and other benefits of each of the foregoing.

"Purchase" means a purchase by the Purchaser of an Eligible Loan and the related Portfolio Assets from the Seller pursuant to Article II.

"Purchase Date" means any Business Day on which any Sale Portfolio is acquired by the Purchaser pursuant to the terms of this

"Purchase Price" has the meaning specified in Section 2.2.

"Purchaser" has the meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Replaced Loan Asset" has the meaning specified in Section 6.2(b)(i).

"<u>Repurchase Price</u>" means, with respect to a Loan Asset to be repurchased pursuant to <u>Article VI</u>, an amount equal to (A) at any time during the Reinvestment Period so long as no Event of Default exists and the Maximum Advance Rate Test is satisfied, the sum of (i) the then-applicable Advance Rate of such Loan Asset, *multiplied by* (ii) the outstanding Assigned Value of such Loan Asset and (B) at any time an Event of Default exists, the Maximum Advance Rate Test is not satisfied or following the end of the Reinvestment Period, the Assigned Value of such Loan Asset.

"<u>Revolving Credit and Security Agreement</u>" means that certain Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Purchaser, as the Borrower, Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, as the Collateral Manager, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, KeyBank National Association, as the Administrative Agent and as the Lead Arranger, and U.S. Bank National Association, as the Custodian.

"Sale" and "Sell" have the meanings specified in Section 2.1(a), and the term "Sold" shall have the corresponding meaning.

"<u>Sale Portfolio</u>" means all right, title, and interest (whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising, and wherever located) of the Seller in the property identified below in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (<u>c</u>) and all accounts, cash and currency, chattel paper, tangible chattel paper, electronic chattel paper, copyright, copyright licenses, equipment, fixtures, contract rights, general intangibles, instruments, certificates of deposit, certificated securities, uncertificated securities, financial assets, securities entitlements, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, inventory, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, software, supporting obligations, accessions, or other property consisting of, arising out of, or related to any of the following (in each case excluding the Excluded Amounts):

(a) the Loan Assets, and all monies due or to become due in payment under such Loan Assets on and after the related Purchase Date, including all Available Collections;

- (b) the Portfolio Assets with respect to the Loan Assets referred to in <u>clause (a)</u>; and
- (c) all income and Proceeds of the foregoing.

"<u>Schedule I</u>" means the schedule identifying the Sale Portfolio that is Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser on a Purchase Date, as supplemented on any subsequent Purchase Date by the "Schedule I" attached to the applicable Loan Assignment, and incorporated herein by reference, as such schedule may be supplemented and amended from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof.

"Seller Purchase Event" means, with respect to any Loan Asset, the occurrence of a breach of the Seller's representations and warranties under Section 4.2 on the Purchase Date for such Loan Asset.

"Substitute Eligible Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 6.2(a).

"Substitution" has the meaning specified in Section 6.2(a).

"Warranty Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 6.1.

Section 1.3. <u>Other Terms</u>. All accounting terms used but not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP. All terms used in Article 9 of the UCC in the State of New York, and used but not specifically defined herein, are used herein as defined in such Article 9.

Section 1.4. <u>Computation of Time Periods</u>. Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, in the computation of a period of time from a specified date to later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding". Reference to days without further qualification means calendar days. Reference to any time means New York, New York time.

# ARTICLE II.

## SALE AND PURCHASE OF THE ELIGIBLE LOAN ASSETS AND OTHER PORTFOLIO ASSETS

# Section 2.1. Sale and Purchase of the Eligible Loans and Other Portfolio Assets.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including the conditions to Purchase set forth in <u>Article III</u>), the Seller hereby agrees to (i) sell, transfer, assign and otherwise convey (collectively, "<u>Sell</u>" and any such sale, transfer, assignment and/or other conveyance, a "<u>Sale</u>"), from time to time, to the Purchaser, without recourse (except to the extent specifically provided herein), and the Purchaser hereby agrees to purchase, all right, title and interest of the Seller (whether now owned or hereafter acquired or arising, and wherever located) in and to certain Sale Portfolios designated by the Seller and (ii) transfer, or cause the deposit into, the Collection Account of all Available Collections received by the Seller on account of any Sale Portfolio hereunder on and after the Purchase Date with respect to such Sale Portfolio, in each case, within two Business Days of the receipt thereof. The Seller hereby acknowledges that each Sale to the Purchaser hereunder is absolute and irrevocable, without reservation or retention of any interest whatsoever by the Seller.

(b) The Seller shall on each Purchase Date execute and deliver to the Purchaser a proposed Loan Assignment identifying the Sale Portfolio to be Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser on such Purchase Date. From and after such Purchase Date, the Sale Portfolio listed on "Schedule I" to the related Loan Assignment shall be deemed to be listed on <u>Schedule I</u> and constitute part of the aggregate Sale Portfolio hereunder.

(c) On and after each Purchase Date hereunder and upon payment of the Purchase Price therefor, the Purchaser shall own the Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser on such Purchase Date, and the Seller shall not take any action inconsistent with such ownership and shall not claim (other than for tax and accounting purposes) any ownership interest in such Sale Portfolio.

(d) Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, the Sale and Purchase of the Sale Portfolio under this Agreement shall be without recourse to the Seller; it being understood that the Seller shall be liable to the Purchaser for all representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities made by the Seller pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, all of which obligations are limited so as not to constitute recourse to the Seller for the credit risk of the Obligors.

(e) Neither the Purchaser nor any assignee of the Purchaser (including the Secured Parties) shall have any obligation or liability to any Obligor or client of the Seller (including any obligation to perform any obligation of the Seller, including with respect to any other related agreements) in respect of the Sale Portfolio (other than with respect to obligations of lenders generally under the Related Documents (to the extent relating to the Sale Portfolio), all of which shall solely be obligations of the Purchaser and not any of the Secured Parties). Except as provided above, no such obligation or liability is intended to be assumed by the Purchaser or any assignee of the Purchaser (including the Secured Parties) and any such assumption is expressly disclaimed.

(f) The Seller shall provide all information, and any other reasonable assistance, to the Custodian, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager necessary for the Custodian, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager, as applicable, to conduct the management, administration and collection of the Sale Portfolio Purchased hereunder in accordance with the terms of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(g) In connection with the Purchase by the Purchaser of any Sale Portfolio as contemplated by this Agreement, the Seller further agrees that it shall, at its own expense, indicate clearly and unambiguously in its computer files on or prior to each Purchase Date, and its financial statements, that such Sale Portfolio has been purchased by the Purchaser in accordance with this Agreement.

(h) The Seller further agrees to deliver to the Purchaser on or before each Purchase Date a computer file containing a true, complete and correct list of all Loan Assets to be Sold hereunder on such Purchase Date, identified by the related Obligor's name and Principal Balance as of such Purchase Date. Such file or list shall be marked as "Schedule I" to the applicable Loan Assignment and shall be delivered to the Purchaser as confidential and proprietary, and is hereby incorporated into and made a part of <u>Schedule I</u>, as <u>Schedule I</u> may be supplemented and amended from time to time.

(i) The Seller and the Purchaser each acknowledge with respect to itself that the representations and warranties of the Seller in <u>Sections 4.1</u> and <u>4.2</u> and of the Purchaser in <u>Section 4.3</u>, and the covenants and agreements of the Seller herein, including in <u>Article V</u> and <u>Article VI</u>, will run to and be for the benefit of the Purchaser, and the Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Secured Parties), following an Event of Default, may enforce directly (without joinder of the Purchaser when enforcing against the Seller) the obligations of the Seller or the Purchaser, as applicable, with respect to breaches of such representations, warranties, covenants and all other obligations as set forth in this Agreement.

Section 2.2. <u>Purchase Price</u>. The purchase price for each item of Sale Portfolio Sold to the Purchaser hereunder (the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") shall be paid in U.S. dollars and shall be in an amount equal to the fair market value of such Loan Asset as determined from time to time by the Seller and the Purchaser.

## Section 2.3. Payment of Purchase Price.

(a) The Purchase Price for any Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser on any Purchase Date shall be paid in a combination of: (i) immediately available funds; and (ii) if the Purchaser does not have sufficient funds to pay the full amount of the Purchase Price (after taking into account the proceeds the Purchaser expects to receive from the Advances under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement), by means of a capital contribution by the Seller to the Purchaser.

(b) The portion of such Purchase Price to be paid in immediately available funds shall be paid by wire transfer on the applicable Purchase Date to an account designated by the Seller on or before such Purchase Date or by means of proper accounting entries being entered upon the accounts and records of the Seller and the Purchaser on the applicable Purchase Date.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Seller may on any Purchase Date elect to designate all or a portion of the Sale Portfolio proposed to be transferred to the Purchaser on such date as a capital contribution to the Purchaser. In such event, the Purchase Price payable with respect to such transfer shall be reduced by that portion of the Purchase Price attributable to the Sale Portfolio that was so contributed; provided that, Loan Assets contributed to the Purchaser as capital shall constitute part of the Sale Portfolio for all purposes of this Agreement. To the extent that the cash purchase price paid by Purchaser to Seller for any Sale Portfolio is less than the fair market value of such Sale Portfolio, the difference will be deemed to be a capital contribution made by the Seller to Purchaser.

(d) In connection with each delivery of a Loan Assignment, the Seller hereunder shall be deemed to have certified, with respect to the Sale Portfolio to be Sold by it on such day, that its representations and warranties contained in <u>Sections 4.1</u> and <u>4.2</u> are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such day, with the same effect as though made on and as of such day (other than any representation or warranty that is made as of a specific date in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all respects as of such specific date).

(e) Upon the payment of the Purchase Price for any Purchase, title to the Sale Portfolio included in such Purchase shall vest in the Purchaser, whether or not the conditions precedent to such Purchase and the other covenants and agreements contained herein were in fact satisfied; <u>provided</u> that the Purchaser shall not be deemed to have waived any claim it may have under this Agreement for the failure by the Seller in fact to satisfy any such condition precedent, covenant or agreement.

## Section 2.4. <u>Nature of the Sales</u>.

It is the express intent of the parties hereto that the Sale of the Sale Portfolio by the Seller to the Purchaser hereunder be, and be (a) treated for all purposes (other than tax and accounting purposes) as an absolute sale by the Seller (free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens)) of such Sale Portfolio. It is, further, not the intention of the parties that such Sale be deemed a pledge of the Sale Portfolio by the Seller to the Purchaser to secure a debt or other obligation of the Seller. However, in the event that, notwithstanding the intent of the parties, the Sale Portfolio is held to continue to be property of the Seller, then the parties hereto agree that: (i) this Agreement shall also be deemed to be, and hereby is, a "security agreement" within the meaning of Article 9 of the UCC; (ii) the transfer of the Sale Portfolio provided for in this Agreement shall be deemed to be a grant by the Seller to the Purchaser of, and the Seller hereby grants to the Purchaser, a first priority (subject only to Permitted Liens) security interest in all of the Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Sale Portfolio and all amounts payable to the holders of the Sale Portfolio in accordance with the terms thereof and all proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of the foregoing into cash, instruments, securities or other property, including all amounts from time to time held or invested in the Covered Account, whether in the form of cash, instruments, securities or other property, to secure the prompt and complete payment of a loan deemed to have been made in an amount equal to the aggregate Purchase Price of the Sale Portfolio together with all of the other obligations of the Seller hereunder; (iii) the possession by the Purchaser (or the Custodian, for the benefit of the Secured Parties) of the Sale Portfolio and such other items of property as constitute instruments, money, negotiable documents or chattel paper shall be, subject to clause (iv), for purposes of perfecting the security interest pursuant to the UCC; and (iv) acknowledgements from Persons holding such property shall be deemed acknowledgements from custodians, bailees or agents (as applicable) of the Purchaser for the purpose of perfecting such security interest under Applicable Law. The parties further agree in such event that any assignment of the interest of the Purchaser pursuant to any provision hereof shall also be deemed to be an assignment of any security interest created pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. The Purchaser shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies which it may have under this Agreement, all other rights and remedies provided to a secured creditor under the UCC and other Applicable Law, which rights and remedies shall be cumulative.



(b) It is the intention of each of the parties hereto that the Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement shall constitute assets owned by the Purchaser and shall not be part of the Seller's estate in the event of the filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the Seller under any bankruptcy or similar law.

(c) The Purchaser agrees to treat for all purposes (other than tax and accounting purposes), the transactions effected by this Agreement as sales of assets to the Purchaser. The Seller agrees to reflect in the Seller's financial records and to include a note in the annual and quarterly financial statements of the Seller indicating that ownership of any Sale Portfolio Sold to the Purchaser has been conveyed by the Seller to the Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 2.5. <u>Administrative Convenience</u>. The Seller and the Purchaser acknowledge and agree that, solely for administrative convenience, the Seller may direct that a Loan Asset be titled directly into the name of the Purchaser, and/or that any document or assignment agreement (or, in the case of any original promissory note, any chain of endorsement) required to be executed and delivered in connection with (a) the acquisition of a Loan Asset as a lender at the closing thereof may be executed and delivered directly by the Purchaser at the direction of the Seller or (b) the transfer of a Loan Asset in accordance with the terms of the Related Documents may reflect that the Seller (or any affiliate of either thereof or any third party from whom the Seller may purchase a Loan Asset) is assigning such Loan Asset directly to the Purchaser. Nothing in any such document or assignment agreement (or, in the case of any original promissory note, nothing in such chain of endorsement) shall be deemed to impair the transfers of the related Loan Asset by the Seller to the Purchaser in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

# ARTICLE III.

## CONDITIONS OF SALE AND PURCHASE

Section 3.1. <u>Conditions Precedent to Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall be effective upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent that the Purchaser shall have received on or before the Closing Date, in form and substance satisfactory to the Purchaser, all of the following:

(i) a copy of this Agreement duly executed by each of the parties hereto;

(ii) a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Seller, dated as of the Closing Date, certifying (A) the names and true signatures of the incumbent officers of the Seller authorized to sign on behalf of the Seller this Agreement, the Loan Assignments and all other documents to be executed by the Seller hereunder or in connection herewith (on which certificate the Purchaser and its assignees may conclusively rely until such time as the Purchaser and such assignees shall receive from the Seller, a revised certificate meeting the requirements of this <u>Section</u> <u>3.1(ii)</u>), (B) that the copy of the certificate of incorporation of the Seller is a complete and correct copy and that such certificate of incorporation has not been amended, modified or supplemented and is in full force and effect, (C) that the copy of the articles of amendment and restatement and by-laws of the Seller are complete and correct copies, and that such articles of amendment and restatement and by-laws have not been amended, modified or supplemented and effect, and (D) the resolutions of the board of directors of the Seller approving and authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Seller of this Agreement, the Loan Assignments and all other documents to be executed by the Seller hereunder or in connection herewith;

(iii) copies of financing statements in proper form for filing (the "<u>Facility Financing Statements</u>") describing the Sale Portfolio, and naming the Seller as the "Debtor/Seller", the Purchaser as "Assignor Secured Party/Buyer" and the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as "Assignee Secured Party", or other similar instruments or documents, in form and substance sufficient for filing under the UCC or any comparable law of any and all jurisdictions as may be necessary to perfect the Purchaser's ownership interest in all Sale Portfolio;

(iv) copies of properly authorized termination statements or statements of release (on Form UCC-3) or other similar instruments or documents, if any, in form and substance sufficient for filing under the UCC or any comparable law of any and all jurisdictions as may be necessary to release all security interests and similar rights of any Person in the Sale Portfolio previously granted by the Seller; and

(v) copies of tax and judgment lien searches in all jurisdictions reasonably requested by the Purchaser or its assignees and requests for information (or a similar UCC search report certified by a party acceptable to the Purchaser and its assigns), dated a date reasonably near to the Closing Date, and with respect to such requests for information or UCC searches, listing all effective financing statements which name the Seller (under its present name and any previous name) as debtor and which are filed in the State of Maryland, together with copies of such financing statements (none of which shall cover any Sale Portfolio).

Section 3.2. <u>Conditions Precedent to All Purchases</u>. The Purchase to take place on the initial Purchase Date and each Purchase to take place on a subsequent Purchase Date hereunder shall be subject to the further conditions precedent that:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Seller contained in <u>Sections 4.1</u> and <u>4.2</u> shall be true and correct on and as of such Purchase Date in all material respects, before and after giving effect to the Purchase to take place on such Purchase Date and to the application of proceeds therefrom, as though made on and as of such date (other than any representation and warranty that is made as of a specific date in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such specific date);

(b) The Purchaser shall have received a duly executed and completed Loan Assignment along with a "Schedule I" thereto that is true, accurate and complete in all material respects as of the related Purchase Date.

(c) The Seller shall have taken all steps necessary under all Applicable Law in order to Sell to the Purchaser the Sale Portfolio being Purchased on such Purchase Date and, upon the Sale of such Sale Portfolio from the Seller to the Purchaser pursuant to the terms hereof, the Purchaser will have acquired good and marketable title to and a valid and perfected ownership interest in such Sale Portfolio, free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens).

#### ARTICLE IV.

## **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

Section 4.1. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Seller</u>. The Seller makes the following representations and warranties, on which the Purchaser relies in acquiring the Sale Portfolio Purchased hereunder and each of the Secured Parties relies upon in entering into the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. As of the Closing Date and each Purchase Date (unless a specific date is specified below), the Seller represents and warrants to the Purchaser for the benefit of the Purchaser and each of its successors and assigns that:

(a) <u>Due Organization</u>. The Seller is a corporation formed and validly existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, with full power and authority to own and operate its assets and properties, conduct the business in which it is now engaged and to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and the other Facility Documents to which it is a party (including all necessary power, authority and legal right to acquire and own the Sale Portfolio and Sell such Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser hereunder).

(b) <u>Due Qualification and Good Standing</u>. The Seller is in good standing in the State of Maryland and it is duly qualified to do business and has obtained all necessary licenses and approvals, in all jurisdictions in which the ownership or lease of its property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification, licenses and/or approvals, except, in each case, to the extent that the failure to do so could not be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery</u>. The Seller (i) has all necessary corporate power, authority and legal right to (A) execute and deliver this Agreement and each Loan Assignment to which it is a party and (B) carry out the terms of this Agreement and each Loan Assignment to which it is a party and (ii) has duly authorized by all necessary corporate action the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and each Loan Assignment to which it is a party and the sale and assignment of an ownership interest in the Sale Portfolio on the terms and conditions herein provided. This Agreement and each Loan Assignment have been duly executed and delivered by the Seller.

(d) <u>Valid Conveyance; Binding Obligations</u>. This Agreement and each Loan Assignment to which the Seller is party have been and, in the case of each Loan Assignment delivered after the Closing Date, will be, duly executed and delivered by the Seller, and this Agreement, together with the applicable Loan Assignment in each case, shall effect valid Sales of the Sale Portfolio, enforceable against the Seller and creditors of and purchasers from the Seller, and this Agreement and each Loan Assignment shall constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Seller enforceable against the Seller in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy laws and general principles of equity (whether such enforceability is considered in a suit at law or in equity).

(e) <u>No Violation</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, each Loan Assignment and all other agreements and instruments executed and delivered or to be executed and delivered by the Seller pursuant hereto or thereto in connection with the Sale of the Sale Portfolio will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, in any material respect, the Seller's Constituent Documents or any contractual obligation of the Seller, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of the Seller's properties pursuant to the terms of any such contractual obligation, other than this Agreement, (iv) result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, or permit the acceleration of any obligation or liability in, or but for any requirement of the giving of notice or the passage of time (or both) would constitute such a conflict with, breach or violation of, or default under, or permit any such acceleration in, any contractual obligation or any agreement or document to which it is a party or by which it or any of its assets are bound (or to which any such obligation, agreement or document relates) except where such breaches, violations or defaults could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (iv) materially violate any Applicable Law.

(f) <u>No Proceedings</u>. There is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Seller's knowledge, threatened against it before any Governmental Authority (i) asserting the invalidity of this Agreement, any Loan Assignment or any other Facility Document to which it is a party, (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, any Loan Assignment or any other Facility Document to which it is a party or (iii) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) <u>All Consents Required</u>. All Governmental Authorizations and Private Authorizations required for the due execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any Loan Assignment to which the Seller is a party have been obtained to the extent that the failure to do so could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(h) <u>State of Organization, Etc.</u> The Seller has not changed its name since its incorporation and does not have tradenames, fictitious names, assumed names or "doing business as" names. Except as permitted hereunder, the chief executive office of the Seller (and the location of the Seller's records regarding the Sale Portfolio (other than those delivered to the Custodian)) is at the address of the Seller set forth on the signature pages hereto. The Seller's only jurisdiction of incorporation is Maryland, and, except as permitted hereunder, the Seller has not changed its jurisdiction of incorporation.

(i) <u>Bulk Sales</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby do not require compliance with any "bulk sales" act or similar law by the Seller.

(j) <u>Solvency</u>. The Seller is not the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings or Insolvency Event. The Seller is Solvent and will not become insolvent after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Seller, after giving effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, will have an adequate amount of capital to conduct its business.

(k) <u>Selection Procedures</u>. No procedures were utilized by the Seller in identifying and/or selecting the Eligible Loans included in the Sale Portfolio which are intended to be adverse to the interests of the Purchaser (or any of its assignees).

(l) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Seller has complied in all material respects with all Applicable Law to which it may be subject.

(m) <u>Taxes</u>. The Seller has filed all U.S. federal income tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by it, if any, and has paid all U.S. federal income taxes and all other material taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns, if any, or pursuant to any assessment received by any such Person other than any such taxes, assessments or charges that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which appropriate reserves in accordance with GAAP have been established, and no tax lien has been filed and, to the Seller's knowledge, no claim is being asserted, with respect to any such Tax, assessment or other charge.

(n) <u>Loan Assignments</u>. Each Loan Assignment is accurate in all material respects.

(o) <u>No Liens, Etc</u>. The Sale Portfolio to be acquired by Purchaser hereunder is owned by the Seller free and clear of any Lien (subject only to Permitted Liens), and the Seller has the full right, corporate power and lawful authority to Sell the same and interests therein and, upon the Sale thereof hereunder, the Purchaser will have acquired good and marketable title to and a valid and perfected ownership interest in such Sale Portfolio, free and clear of any Lien (subject only to Permitted Liens). No effective financing statement reflecting the Seller or the Seller's predecessor in interest, as a "Debtor", or other instrument similar in effect covering all or any part of any Sale Portfolio Purchased hereunder is on file in any recording office, except such as may have been filed in favor of the Administrative Agent as "Secured Party" or "Assignee", in each case, for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(p) Information True and Correct. All information heretofore furnished by or on behalf of the Seller to the Purchaser or any assignee thereof in connection with this Agreement or any transaction contemplated hereby is accurate, true and correct in all material respects and does not omit to state a material fact or any fact necessary to make the statements contained therein not misleading in any material respect; provided that, solely with respect to written or electronic information furnished by or on behalf of the Seller which was provided to the Seller from an Obligor with respect to a Loan Asset, such information shall only need to be accurate, true and correct in all material respects to the actual knowledge of the Seller.

(q) <u>ERISA</u>. Neither the Seller nor, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any member of the ERISA Group has, or during the past five years had, any liability or obligation with respect to any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

(r) <u>Intent of the Seller</u>. The Seller has not sold, contributed, transferred, assigned or otherwise conveyed any interest in any Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser with any intent to hinder, delay or defraud any of the Seller's creditors.

(s) <u>Value Given</u>. The Seller has received fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value from the Purchaser in exchange for the Sale of such Sale Portfolio Sold hereunder. No such Sale has been made for or on account of an antecedent debt owed by the Seller and no such transfer is or may be voidable or subject to avoidance under any section of the Bankruptcy Code.

(t) <u>Accounting</u>. Other than for tax and consolidated accounting purposes, the Seller will not account for or treat (whether in financial statements or otherwise) the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than as a sale of the Sale Portfolio by the Seller to the Purchaser.

(u) <u>Special Purpose Entity</u>. The Purchaser is an entity with assets and liabilities separate and distinct from those of the Seller and any Affiliates thereof, and the Seller hereby acknowledges that the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Collateral Manager and the other Secured Parties are entering into the transactions contemplated by the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement in reliance upon the Purchaser's identity as a legal entity that is separate from the Seller and from each other Affiliate of the Seller. Therefore, from and after the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Seller shall take all reasonable steps, including all steps that the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request, to maintain the Purchaser's identity as a separate legal entity and to make it manifest to third parties that the Purchaser is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of the Seller and each other Affiliate thereof and not just a division of the Seller or any such other Affiliate (other than for tax purposes). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to the other covenants set forth herein, the Seller shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Purchaser has not and will not take, refrain from taking, or fail to take (as applicable) any action described in Section 1.7 of its limited liability company agreement.

(v) <u>Sale Agreement</u>. This Agreement and the Loan Assignments (together with any assignment documents evidencing the assignment of each Loan Asset in accordance with the Related Documents) contemplated herein are the only agreements or arrangements pursuant to which the Seller Sells the Sale Portfolio Sold by it to the Purchaser.

(w) <u>Security Interest</u>.

(i) This Agreement creates a valid and continuing security interest (as defined in the applicable UCC) in the Sale Portfolio in favor of the Purchaser, which security interest is prior to all other Liens (except for Permitted Liens), and is enforceable as such against creditors of and purchasers from the Seller;

(ii) the Seller owns and has good and marketable title to (or with respect to assets securing any Loan Assets, a valid security interest in) the Sale Portfolio Sold by it to the Purchaser hereunder on such Purchase Date, free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) of any Person;

(iii) the Seller has received all consents and approvals required by the terms of any Loan Asset, to the Sale thereof and the granting of a security interest in the Loan Assets hereunder to the Purchaser;

(iv) the Seller has caused the filing of all appropriate financing statements in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under Applicable Law in order to perfect the security interest in that portion of the Sale Portfolio in which a security interest may be perfected by filing granted hereunder to the Purchaser; and

(v) other than (A) as expressly permitted by the terms of this Agreement and the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and (B) the security interest granted to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, the Seller has not pledged, assigned, sold, granted a Lien in or otherwise conveyed any of the Sale Portfolio. The Seller has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any financing statements against the Seller that include a description of collateral covering the Sale Portfolio other than any financing statement (x) relating to the security interest granted to the Purchaser under this Agreement, or (y) that has been terminated and/or fully and validly assigned to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date hereof. The Seller is not aware of the filing of any judgment or tax lien filings against the Seller.

(x) <u>Collections</u>. The Collection Account is the only account to which Obligors and/or the applicable agents or sub-agents under the applicable Related Documents have been instructed to send Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds (after the applicable Purchase Date) on the Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller. The Seller acknowledges that all Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds received by it or its Affiliates with respect to the Sale Portfolio Purchased by the Purchaser as contemplated by this Agreement are held and shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Purchaser (or its assignees) until deposited into the Collection Account as required by the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(y) <u>Ownership of the Purchaser</u>. The Seller owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of the membership interests of the Purchaser, free and clear of any Lien.

(z) <u>Anti-Corruption Laws and Sanctions</u>. The Seller and its directors, officers, managers and, to its knowledge, its agents, are in compliance with Anti-Corruption Laws and applicable Sanctions. None of (a) the Seller or its directors, officers or managers, or (b) to its knowledge, any of its agents that will act in any capacity in connection with or benefit from the credit facilities established hereby, is a Sanctioned Person. No Sale, use of proceeds thereof or other transactions hereunder will violate Anti-Corruption Laws or applicable Sanctions.

(aa) <u>Opinion</u>. The statements of fact in the section heading "Description of the Transactions" in the non-consolidation and true sale opinion (the "<u>Non-Consolidation/True Sale Opinion</u>") of Mayer Brown LLP, dated as of the Closing Date, are true and correct in all respects.

(bb) <u>Investment Company Act.</u> The Seller has elected to be regulated as a "business development company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act.

It is understood and agreed that the representations and warranties provided in this <u>Section 4.1</u> shall survive (x) the Sale of the Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser and (y) the grant of a first priority perfected security interest in, to and under the Sale Portfolio pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement by the Purchaser.

Section 4.2. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Seller Relating to the Agreement and the Sale Portfolio</u>. The Seller makes the following representations and warranties, on which the Purchaser relies in acquiring the Sale Portfolio Purchased hereunder and each of the Secured Parties relies upon in entering into the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. As of the Closing Date and each Purchase Date, the Seller represents and warrants to the Purchaser for the benefit of the Purchaser and each of its successors and assigns that (as to any Loan Assets, only with respect to the Loan Assets being purchased on such Purchase Date):

(a) <u>Binding Obligation, Valid Transfer and Security Interest</u>. This Agreement, together with the Loan Assignments, constitutes a valid transfer to the Purchaser of all right, title and interest in, to and under all of the Sale Portfolio, free and clear of any Lien of any Person claiming through or under the Seller or its Affiliates, except for Permitted Liens. If the conveyances contemplated by this Agreement are determined to be a transfer for security, then this Agreement constitutes a grant of a security interest in all of the Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser which upon the delivery of the Related Documents and the filing of the financing statements shall be a first priority perfected security interest in all of the Sale Portfolio, subject only to Permitted Liens. Neither the Seller nor any Person claiming through or under the Seller shall have any claim to or interest in the Covered Account.

(b) <u>Eligibility of Sale Portfolio</u>. (i) <u>Schedule I</u> is an accurate and complete listing of all the Sale Portfolio as of the related Purchase Date and the information contained therein with respect to the identity of such Sale Portfolio and the amounts owing thereunder are true and correct as of the related Purchase Date, (ii) each item of the Sale Portfolio Purchased by the Purchaser hereunder is an Eligible Loan as of the related Purchase Date therefor, and (iii) with respect to each item of the Sale Portfolio, all consents, licenses, approvals or authorizations of or registrations or declarations of any Governmental Authority or any Person required to be obtained, effected or given by the Seller in connection with the transfer of an ownership interest or security interest in each item of Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser have been duly obtained, effected or given and are in full force and effect.

It is understood and agreed that the representations and warranties provided in this <u>Section 4.2</u> shall survive (x) the Sale of the Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser, (y) the grant of a first priority perfected security interest in, to and under the Sale Portfolio pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement by the Purchaser and (z) the termination of this Agreement and the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any of the other Facility Documents, to the extent Seller repurchases or substitutes any Loan Assets Sold hereunder in accordance with the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, and/or this Agreement, such repurchase and/or substitution shall, to the extent applicable, cure any breach of warranty or representation under this <u>Section 4.2</u> arising from such Loan Asset(s).

Section 4.3. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Purchaser</u>. The Purchaser makes the following representations and warranties, on which the Seller relies in selling the Sale Portfolio to the Purchaser hereunder and each of the Secured Parties relies upon in entering into the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. As of the Closing Date and each Purchase Date, the Purchaser represents and warrants to the Seller for the benefit of the Seller and each of its successors and assigns that:

(a) <u>Due Organization</u>. The Purchaser is a limited liability company formed and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with full power and authority to own and operate its assets and properties, conduct the business in which it is now engaged and to execute and deliver and perform its obligations under this Agreement.

(b) <u>Due Qualification and Good Standing</u>. The Purchaser is in good standing in the State of Delaware and is duly qualified to do business and, to the extent applicable, is in good standing in each other jurisdiction in which the nature of its business, assets and properties, including the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) <u>Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery; Legal, Valid and Binding; Enforceability</u>. The execution and delivery by the Purchaser of, and the performance of its obligations under, this Agreement and the other instruments, certificates and agreements contemplated hereby are within its powers and have been duly authorized by all requisite action by it and have been duly executed and delivered by it and constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations enforceable against it in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally or general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

(d) <u>Governmental Authorizations; Private Authorizations; Governmental Filings</u>. The Purchaser has obtained, maintained and kept in full force and effect all material Governmental Authorizations and material Private Authorizations which are necessary for it to properly carry out its business, and made all material Governmental Filings necessary for the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement.

(e) <u>Non-Contravention</u>. None of the execution and delivery by the Purchaser of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions herein contemplated, or compliance by it with the terms, conditions and provisions hereof, will (i) conflict with, or result in a material breach or violation of, or constitute a default under its Constituent Documents or (ii) conflict with or contravene in any material respect, and with respect to <u>clause</u> (<u>B</u>), result in the creation of a Lien (other than Permitted Liens) under, (A) any Applicable Law, (B) any indenture, agreement or other contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets, including any Related Document, or (C) any order, writ, judgment, award, injunction or decree binding on or affecting it or any of its assets or properties.

(f) <u>Value Given</u>. The Purchaser has given fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value to the Seller in exchange for the Sale of the Sale Portfolio from the Seller, which amount the Purchaser hereby agrees is the fair market value of such Sale Portfolio.

(g) <u>No Proceedings</u>. There is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the knowledge of the Purchaser, threatened against the Purchaser, before any Governmental Authority (i) asserting the invalidity of this Agreement or any Loan Assignment or (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or any Loan Assignment.

(h) <u>Opinions</u>. The statements of fact in the section headings "Description of the Transactions" and "Assumptions" in the Non-Consolidation/True Sale Opinion are true and correct in all respects.

# ARTICLE V. COVENANTS OF THE SELLER

# Section 5.1. <u>Protection of Title of the Purchaser</u>.

(a) On or prior to the Closing Date, the Seller shall have filed or caused to be filed UCC-1 financing statements, naming the Seller as "Debtor/Seller", naming the Purchaser as "Assignor Secured Party/Buyer", and naming the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as "Assignee Secured Party", and describing the Sale Portfolio to be acquired by the Purchaser, with the office of the Secretary of State of the state of the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Seller. From time to time thereafter, the Seller shall file such financing statements and cause to be filed such continuation statements, all in such manner and in such places as may be required by law (or deemed desirable by the Purchaser or any assignee thereof) to fully perfect, preserve, maintain and protect the ownership interest of the Purchaser under this Agreement and the security interest of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, in the Sale Portfolio acquired by the Purchaser hereunder, as the case may be, and in the proceeds thereof. The Seller shall deliver (or cause to be delivered) to the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent file-stamped copies of, or filing receipts for, any document filed as provided above, as soon as available following such filing. The Seller agrees that it will from time to time, at its expense, take all actions, that the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the Purchases hereunder and the security and/or interest granted in the Sale Portfolio, or to enable the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties to exercise and enforce their rights and remedies hereunder or under any Facility Document.

(b) The Seller shall, not earlier than six months and not later than three months prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of filing of the financing statement referred to in Section 3.1 or any other UCC-1 financing statement filed pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with any Purchase hereunder, unless the Collection Date shall have occurred:

(i) file or cause to be filed an appropriate continuation statement with respect to such UCC-1 financing statement; and

(ii) if requested by the Administrative Agent, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent an opinion of counsel for the Seller, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent, confirming and updating the opinion delivered pursuant to Section 3.01(i) of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement with respect to perfection and otherwise to the effect that the security interest hereunder continues to be an enforceable and perfected security interest, subject to no other Liens of record except as provided herein or otherwise permitted hereunder, which opinion may contain usual and customary assumptions, limitations and exceptions.

(c) The Seller shall not make any change to its name, move the location of its principal place of business and chief executive office, change the offices where it keeps records concerning the Sale Portfolio from the address set forth under its name on the signature pages hereto, or change its jurisdiction of incorporation, unless, in each case, the Seller shall provide the Administrative Agent with such opinions of counsel and other documents and instruments as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in connection therewith and has taken all actions required under the UCC of each relevant jurisdiction in order to continue the first priority perfected security interest of the Purchaser in the Sale Portfolio.

(d) The Seller shall mark its master data processing records so that, from and after the time of Sale under this Agreement of the Sale Portfolio or any part thereof to the Purchaser and the grant of a security interest in such Sale Portfolio by the Purchaser to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, the Seller's master data processing records that refer to such Sale Portfolio shall indicate clearly that such Sale Portfolio has been Purchased by the Purchaser hereunder and pledged by the Purchaser to the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. Indication of the Administrative Agent's security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Sale Portfolio shall be deleted from or modified on the Seller's computer systems when, and only when, such Sale Portfolio shall be (i) paid off by the related Obligor, (ii) purchased or substituted by the Seller in accordance with Section 6.1 or 6.2 or (iii) released by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 7.02 or 8.07 of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(e) If the Seller fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be required to) perform, or cause performance of, such obligation; and the Purchaser's or the Administrative Agent's costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by the Seller as provided in <u>Section 9.1</u>. The Seller irrevocably authorizes the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent at any time and from time to time at the Purchaser's or the Administrative Agent's sole discretion and appoints the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent as its attorney–in–fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> to act on behalf of the Seller to file (i) financing statements on behalf of the Seller, as debtor, necessary or desirable in the Purchaser's or the Administrative Agent in the Sale Portfolio and (ii) a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Sale Portfolio as a financing statement in such offices as the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent in their sole discretion deem necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Purchaser or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of expected to the self Portfolio as a financing statement in such offices as the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent in their sole discretion deem necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Purchaser or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Purchaser or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Purchaser in the Sale Portfolio. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.

Section 5.2. <u>Affirmative Covenants of the Seller</u>. From the date hereof until the Collection Date:

(a) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Seller will comply in all material respects with all Applicable Law, including those applicable to the Seller as a result of its interest in the Sale Portfolio or any part thereof. The Seller will obtain, maintain and keep in full force and effect all material Governmental Authorizations, Private Authorizations and Governmental Filings which are necessary to carry out its business and the transactions contemplated to be performed by it under the Facility Documents to which it is a party, its Constituent Documents and the Related Documents to which it is a party.

(b) <u>Preservation of Company Existence</u>. The Seller will preserve and maintain its corporate existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its incorporation, and qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a corporation in each jurisdiction where the failure to preserve and maintain such existence, rights, franchises, privileges and qualification could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) <u>Performance and Compliance with Sale Portfolio</u>. The Seller will, at its expense, timely and fully perform and comply in all respects with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Sale Portfolio and all other agreements related to such Sale Portfolio.

(d) <u>Keeping of Records and Books of Account</u>. The Seller will maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including an ability to recreate records evidencing the Sale Portfolio in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all or any portion of the Sale Portfolio.

(e) <u>Separate Identity</u>. The Seller acknowledges that the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Secured Parties are entering into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and the other Facility Documents in reliance upon the Purchaser's identity as a legal entity that is separate from the Seller and each other Affiliate of the Seller. Therefore, from and after the date of execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Seller will take all reasonable steps including all steps that the Administrative Agent may from time to time request to maintain the Purchaser's identity as a legal entity that is separate from the Seller and each other Affiliate of the Seller and to make it manifest to third parties that the Purchaser is an entity with assets and liabilities distinct from those of the Seller and each other Affiliate thereof (other than for tax or accounting purposes) and not just a division of the Seller or any such other Affiliate. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing and in addition to the other covenants set forth herein, the Seller agrees that:

(i) the Seller will take all other actions necessary on its part to ensure that the Purchaser is at all times in compliance with the criteria and the restrictions set forth in Section 1.7 of the limited liability company agreement of the Purchaser;

(ii) the Seller shall maintain its records, books of account and bank accounts separate and apart from those of the Purchaser;

(iii) the Seller shall maintain separate financial statements, showing its assets and liabilities separate and apart from those of the Purchaser and shall not have its assets listed on any financial statement of the Purchaser; provided, however, that the Purchaser's assets may be included in a consolidated financial statement of the Seller; provided that (i) appropriate notation shall be made on such consolidated financial statements to indicate the separateness of the Purchaser from the Seller and to indicate that the Purchaser's assets and credit are not available to satisfy the debts and other obligations of the Purchaser and (ii) such assets shall also be listed on the Purchaser's own separate balance sheet;

(iv) except as expressly permitted in the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and this Agreement, the Seller shall maintain an arm's–length relationship with the Purchaser and will not hold itself out as being liable for the debts of the Purchaser;

(v) the Seller shall hold itself out to the public as a legal entity separate and distinct from the Purchaser and conduct its business solely in its own name in order not (i) to mislead others as to the identity of the Purchaser, or (ii) to suggest that it is responsible for the debts of the Purchaser;

(vi) except as permitted by the Facility Documents, the Seller shall not commingle its assets with the assets of the Purchaser; and

(vii) to the extent that the Seller or an Affiliate of Seller services the Loan Assets and performs other services on the Purchaser's behalf, the Seller will clearly identify itself or such Affiliate as an agent of the Purchaser in the performance of such duties.

(f) <u>Payment, Performance and Discharge of Obligations</u>. The Seller will pay, perform and discharge all of its obligations and liabilities, including all Taxes, assessments and governmental charges upon its income and properties, when due, unless and only to the extent that such obligations, liabilities, Taxes, assessments and governmental charges shall be contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings and that, to the extent required by GAAP, proper and adequate book reserves relating thereto are established by the Seller and then only to the extent that a bond is filed in cases where the filing of a bond is necessary to avoid the creation of a Lien against any of its properties.

# (g) <u>Notices</u>.

(i) <u>Representations and Covenants</u>. Promptly, upon receipt of notice or discovery thereof, the Seller will furnish notice to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent (A) if any representation or warranty set forth in <u>Section 4.1</u> or <u>Section 4.2</u> was materially incorrect at the time it was given or deemed to have been given or (B) of the breach of any covenant under <u>Section 5.1</u>, <u>Section 5.2</u> or <u>Section 5.3</u> and at the same time deliver to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent a written notice setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such facts and circumstances.

(ii) <u>ERISA</u>. Promptly after receiving notice of any ERISA Event with respect to the Seller (or any member of its ERISA Group), the Seller will provide a copy of such notice to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent.

(iii) <u>Proceedings</u>. As soon as possible and in any event within three (3) Business Days, after the Seller receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, the Seller will provide the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent with notice of any settlement of, material judgment (including a material judgment with respect to the liability phase of a bifurcated trial) in or commencement of any material labor controversy, material litigation, material action, material suit or material proceeding before any court or governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, affecting the Sale Portfolio, the Facility Documents, the Administrative Agent's, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, or the Purchaser's interest in the Sale Portfolio, or the Purchaser, the Seller or any of their respective Affiliates. For purposes of this <u>Section 5.2(g)(iii)</u>, any settlement, judgment, labor controversy, litigation, action, suit or proceeding affecting the Seller or any of its Affiliates (other than the Purchaser) in excess of \$2,000,000 shall be deemed to be material.

(h) <u>Other</u>. The Seller will furnish to the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent promptly, from time to time such other information, documents, records or reports respecting the Sale Portfolio or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of the Seller as the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders or the Secured Parties under or as contemplated by this Agreement and the other Facility Documents.

(i) <u>Opinion</u>. The Seller will take all other actions necessary to maintain in all respects the accuracy of the factual assumptions set forth in the legal opinions of Mayer Brown LLP, as special counsel to the Seller, issued in connection with the Facility Documents and relating to the issues of substantive consolidation and the true sale of the Sale Portfolio.

(j) <u>Disregarded Entity</u>. The Seller shall cause the Purchaser to be disregarded as an entity separate from its owner pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(b) and shall cause that neither the Purchaser nor any other Person on its behalf shall make an election to be treated as other than an entity disregarded from its owner under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3(c).

(k) <u>Access to Records and Documents</u>. The Seller shall cooperate with the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent and each Lender (or any Person designated by the Administrative Agent or such Lender) to enable the Purchaser to comply with its obligations under Section 5.01(e) and 5.01(g) of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(l) <u>Collections</u>. The Seller shall direct all Obligors or the related administrative and paying agents under the Related Documents to remit all Collections directly to the Collection Account.

Section 5.3. <u>Negative Covenants of the Seller</u>. From the date hereof until the Collection Date:

(a) <u>Sale Portfolio Not to be Evidenced by Instruments</u>. The Seller will take no action to cause any Sale Portfolio that is not, as of the related Purchase Date, as the case may be, evidenced by an instrument, to be so evidenced except in connection with the enforcement or collection of such Sale Portfolio.

(b) <u>Security Interests</u>. Except as otherwise permitted herein and in the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, the Seller will not sell, pledge, assign or transfer to any other Person, or grant, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien on any Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser hereunder, whether now existing or hereafter transferred hereunder, or any interest, therein, and the Seller will not sell, pledge, assign or suffer to exist any Lien (except for Permitted Liens) on its interest in the Sale Portfolio Sold by the Seller to the Purchaser hereunder. The Seller will promptly notify the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent of the existence of any Lien on any Sale Portfolio and the Seller shall defend the right, title and interest of the Purchaser and the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, in, to and under the Sale Portfolio against all claims of third parties; provided, that nothing in this <u>Section 5.3(b)</u> shall prevent or be deemed to prohibit the Seller from suffering to exist Permitted Liens upon any of the Sale Portfolio.

(c) <u>Transfer of Purchaser Membership Interests</u>. The Seller shall not transfer, pledge, participate or otherwise encumber its membership interests in the Purchaser without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.

(d) <u>Accounting of Purchases</u>. Other than for tax and consolidated accounting purposes, the Seller will not account for or treat (whether in financial statements or otherwise) the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner other than as a sale of the Loan Assets to the Purchaser.

(e) <u>ERISA</u>. Neither the Seller nor, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, any member of its ERISA Group shall establish any Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

(f) <u>Limitation on Financing Activities</u>. The Seller shall not, directly or indirectly, advance or loan to the Purchaser any funds pursuant to any financial accommodation. For the avoidance of doubt, this <u>clause (f)</u> shall not prohibit the Seller from contributing Loan Assets to the Purchaser as contemplated herein or providing cash equity contributions to the Purchaser.

(g) <u>Enforcement</u>. The Seller will not take any action with respect to the Sale Portfolio that would cause the Purchaser to violate its obligations under Section 5.01(b) of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VI.

# **REPURCHASES AND SUBSTITUTION BY THE SELLER**

Section 6.1. Repurchase of Warranty Loans. In the event of the occurrence of a Seller Purchase Event, with respect to each Loan Asset hereunder which is affected by or related to such Seller Purchase Event (such Loan Assets, the "Warranty Loans"), the Seller will within twenty (20) Business Days of the discovery by or notice (from any Person) to the Seller of the Seller Purchase Event, (i) purchase such Warranty Loans from the Purchaser and the Seller shall pay to the Purchaser (by means of a deposit to the Collection Account) the Repurchase Price of such Warranty Loans as of the date of the purchase thereof from the Purchaser or (ii) with the consent of the Administrative Agent and subject to the satisfaction of the conditions in Section 6.2, substitute for such Warranty Loan a Substitute Eligible Loan. It is understood and agreed that the obligation of the Seller to purchase the Warranty Loans or substitute a Substitute Eligible Loan for the Warranty Loans which are affected by or related to such Seller Purchase Event is not intended to, and shall not, constitute a guaranty of the collectability or payment of any Loan Asset which is not collected, not paid or uncollectible on account of the insolvency, bankruptcy or financial inability to pay of the related Obligor. Upon deposit in the Collection Account of the Repurchase Price for any Warranty Loan purchased by the Seller pursuant to this Section 6.1, the Purchaser shall, automatically and without further action be deemed to transfer, assign and set over to the Seller, without recourse, representation or warranty of any kind, except as to the absence of Liens created by or arising solely as a result of actions of the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent, all the right, title and interest of the Purchaser, in, to and under such Warranty Loan and all future monies due or to become due with respect thereto, the underlying collateral, all Proceeds of such Warranty Loan and recoveries and insurance proceeds (if any) relating thereto, all rights to security for such Warranty Loan and all Proceeds and products of the foregoing. In the event that the Seller has notified the Purchaser that the Seller is incapable of paying the Repurchase Price or substituting the Warranty Loan for a Substitute Eligible Loan, then such Warranty Loan shall remain with the Purchaser (as a part of the Sale Portfolio) until the Seller deposits the Repurchase Price into the Collection Account or replaces such Warranty Loan with a Substitute Eligible Loan. The Purchaser shall (and shall request the Administrative Agent to), at the sole expense of the Seller, execute such documents and instruments of transfer as may be prepared by the Seller and take such other actions as may be reasonably requested by the Seller in order to effect the transfer of such Warranty Loan pursuant to this Section 6.1. Such Sale shall be a sale outright, and not for security.

#### Section 6.2. <u>Substitution of Loan Assets</u>.

(a) The Purchaser shall have the right, but not the obligation, subject to the terms and conditions of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, to substitute one or more Eligible Loans ("Substitute Eligible Loan") for a Loan Asset (each such act, a "Substitution").

(b) The Substitution shall not occur unless the following conditions are satisfied as of the date of such Substitution:

(i) the Purchaser (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) has recommended to the Seller that the Loan Asset to be replaced should be replaced (each, a "<u>Replaced Loan Asset</u>");

- (ii) each Substitute Eligible Loan is an Eligible Loan on the date of Substitution;
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- the conditions set forth in Section 10.03 of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement shall have been satisfied;

and

(iv) all representations and warranties contained in <u>Sections 4.1</u> and <u>4.2</u> shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of Substitution (other than any representation and warranty that is made as of a specific date in which case such representation or warranty shall be true and correct in all material respects as of such specific date).

(c) On the date any such Substitution is completed, the Purchaser shall, automatically and without further action, release and shall transfer to the Seller, free and clear of any Lien created pursuant to this Agreement, all of the right, title and interest of the Purchaser in, to and under such Replaced Loan Asset, and the Purchaser shall be deemed to represent and warrant that it has the limited liability company authority and has taken all necessary limited liability company action to accomplish such transfer, but without any other representation and warranty, express or implied.

Section 6.3. <u>Repurchase Limitations</u>. The Seller and the Purchaser agree that the Seller and any Affiliate of the Seller may repurchase any Sale Portfolio from the Purchaser only in the case of a repurchase or Substitution of any Sale Portfolio pursuant to <u>Sections 6.1</u> or <u>6.2</u> and only if the requirements set forth in Section 10.04 of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement have been satisfied (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not apply in respect of a repurchase in accordance with <u>Section 6.1</u>).

# ARTICLE VII.

## ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE SALE PORTFOLIO

Section 7.1. <u>Rights of the Purchaser</u>.

(iii)

(a) The Seller hereby authorizes the Purchaser, the Collateral Manager and the Administrative Agent and/or their respective designees or assignees to take any and all steps in Seller's name and on behalf of the Seller that the Purchaser, the Collateral Manager or the Administrative Agent and/or their respective designees or assignees determine are necessary or appropriate to collect all amounts due under any Sale Portfolio and to enforce or protect the Purchaser's and the Administrative Agent's rights under this Agreement, including endorsing the name of the Seller on checks and other instruments representing Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds and enforcing such Sale Portfolio.

(b) Except as set forth in <u>Sections 6.1</u> and <u>6.2</u> with respect to the repurchase or Substitution of certain Warranty Loans and Loan Assets, the Purchaser shall have no obligation to account for, replace, substitute or return any Sale Portfolio to the Seller. The Purchaser shall have no obligation to account for or to return Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds, or any interest or other finance charge collected pursuant thereto, to the Seller, irrespective of whether such Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds and charges are in excess of the Purchase Price for such Sale Portfolio.

(c) The Purchaser shall have the right to further assign, transfer, deliver, hypothecate, subdivide or otherwise deal with any Sale Portfolio and all of the Purchaser's right, title and interest in, to and under this Agreement, pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

(d) The Purchaser shall have the sole right to retain any gains or profits created by buying, selling or holding the Sale Portfolio and shall have the sole risk of and responsibility for losses or damages created by such buying, selling or holding.

Section 7.2. <u>Notice to Administrative Agent</u>. The Seller agrees that, concurrently with its delivery to the Purchaser, copies of all notices, reports, documents and other information required to be delivered by the Seller to the Purchaser hereunder shall be delivered by the Seller to the Administrative Agent.

## ARTICLE VIII.

#### SURVIVAL

Section 8.1. <u>Survival of Certain Provisions</u>. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein to the contrary, the Seller's and the Purchaser's representations, covenants and obligations set forth in <u>Articles IV</u>, <u>V</u>, <u>VI</u>, and <u>VII</u>, as applicable, create and constitute the continuing obligation of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms, and shall remain in full force and effect until the Collection Date; <u>provided</u>, that the rights and remedies with respect to any breach of any representation and warranty made or deemed made by the Seller pursuant to <u>Articles III</u> and <u>IV</u> and the provisions of <u>Sections 5.1</u>, <u>10.2</u>, <u>10.8</u>, <u>10.9</u>, <u>10.10</u>, <u>10.12</u>, <u>10.13</u>, <u>10.14</u> and <u>10.16</u> shall be continuing and shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE IX.

#### **INDEMNIFICATION.**

### Section 9.1. <u>Indemnification by the Seller</u>.

(a) Without limiting any other rights which the Purchaser, any assignee of the Purchaser or any such Persons' respective shareholders, officers, employees, agents, or Affiliates (each, an "<u>Indemnified Party</u>") may have hereunder or under Applicable Law, the Seller hereby agrees to indemnify any Indemnified Party from and against any and all costs, expenses, losses, damages, claims, and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements (all of the foregoing, being collectively referred to as, "<u>Indemnified Amounts</u>"), awarded against or incurred by such Indemnified Party arising out of or as a result of the following (excluding, however, (x) any such amounts resulting solely from any gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the applicable Indemnified Party or the breach in bad faith of such Indemnified Party's obligations hereunder or under any other Facility Document or (y) Indemnified Amounts that arise from Loan Assets that are uncollectible solely as a result of the insolvency, bankruptcy or financial inability to pay of the related Obligor):

(i) any Taxes that may at any time be asserted against any Indemnified Party or the Loan Assets with respect to the transactions contemplated in this Agreement, including any sales, gross receipts, general corporation, tangible or intangible personal property, privilege, stamp or license Taxes and costs and expenses in defending against the same, arising by reason of the acts to be performed by the Seller under this Agreement and imposed against such Indemnified Party;

(ii) the failure by the Seller to pay when due any Taxes due by the Seller for which the Seller is liable, including sales, excise or personal property Taxes payable in connection with the Sale Portfolio;

(iii) the failure by the Seller to comply with all requirements of <u>Section 6.1</u>;

(iv) the failure by the Seller to comply with any term, provision or covenant contained in this Agreement or any agreement executed in connection with this Agreement or with any Applicable Law;

(v) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by the Seller under or in connection with this Agreement, which shall have been false, incorrect or misleading in any respect when made or deemed made or delivered;

(vi) the failure to vest and maintain vested in the Purchaser an undivided ownership interest in the Sale Portfolio, together with all Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds, free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) whether existing at the time of any Purchase or at any time thereafter;

(vii) any inability to obtain any judgment in, or utilize the court or other adjudication system of, any state in which an Obligor may be located as a result of the failure of the Seller to qualify to do business or file any notice or business activity report or any similar report;

(viii) any investigation, litigation or proceeding related to this Agreement or the use of proceeds by the Seller or the security interest in the Sale Portfolio granted hereunder;

(ix) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than the discharge in bankruptcy of an Obligor) of an Obligor to the payment with respect to any Sale Portfolio that arises prior to the Purchase Date for the applicable Loan Asset (including, without limitation, a defense based on any Loan Asset (or the Related Documents evidencing such Loan Asset) not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms), or any other claim resulting from any related property;

(x) the commingling of Collections on the Sale Portfolio at any time with other funds of Seller;

(xi) any failure by the Purchaser to give reasonably equivalent value to the Seller in consideration for the transfer by the Seller to the Purchaser of any item of the Sale Portfolio or any attempt by any Person to void or otherwise avoid any such transfer under any statutory provision or common law or equitable action, including any provision of the Bankruptcy Code; or

(xii) the failure of the Seller or any of its agents or representatives to remit to the Purchaser any Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds on the Sale Portfolio remitted to the Seller or any such agent or representative as provided in this Agreement.

(b) Any amounts subject to the indemnification provisions of this <u>Section 9.1</u> shall be paid by the Seller to the Indemnified Party within thirty (30) Business Days following such Person's demand therefor.

(c) If for any reason the indemnification provided above in this <u>Section 9.1</u> is unavailable to the Indemnified Party or is insufficient to hold an Indemnified Party harmless, then the Seller shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits received by such Indemnified Party, on the one hand, and the Seller as the case may be, on the other hand, but also the relative fault of such Indemnified Party as well as any other relevant equitable considerations.

(d) Indemnification under this <u>Section 9.1</u> shall be in an amount necessary to make the Indemnified Party whole after taking into account any tax consequences to the Indemnified Party of the receipt of the indemnity provided hereunder, including the effect of such Tax or refund on the amount of Tax measured by net income or profits that is or was payable by the Indemnified Party.

## ARTICLE X.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Section 10.1. <u>Liability of the Seller</u>. The Seller shall be liable in accordance herewith only to the extent of the obligations in this Agreement specifically undertaken by the Seller and with respect to its representations, warranties, covenants and agreements expressly set forth hereunder.

Section 10.2. Limitation on Liability. No claim may be made by any Person against the Seller, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party or their respective Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect of any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and the Seller hereby waives, releases and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected to exist in its favor.

Section 10.3. <u>Amendments; Limited Agency</u>. No amendment, waiver or other modification of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective unless signed by the Purchaser and the Seller and consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent.

Section 10.4. <u>Waivers; Cumulative Remedies</u>. No failure or delay on the part of the Purchaser (or any assignee thereof) or the Seller in exercising any power, right, privilege or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such power, right, privilege or remedy preclude any other or future exercise thereof or the exercise of any other power, right, privilege or remedy. The powers, rights, privileges and remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exhaustive of any powers, rights, privileges and remedies provided by law. Any waiver of this Agreement shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which it is given.

Section 10.5. <u>Notices</u>. All demands, notices and other communications hereunder shall, unless otherwise stated herein, be in writing (which shall include facsimile communication and communication by e-mail in portable document format (.pdf)) and faxed, e-mailed or delivered, to each party hereto, at its address set forth under its name on the signature pages hereto or at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto. Notices and communications by facsimile and e-mail shall be effective when sent (and shall be followed by hard copy sent by regular mail), and notices and communications sent by other means shall be effective when received.

Section 10.6. <u>Merger and Integration</u>. Except as specifically stated otherwise herein, this Agreement and the other Facility Documents set forth the entire understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter hereof, and all prior understandings, written or oral, are superseded by this Agreement and the Facility Documents.

Section 10.7. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. If any one or more of the covenants, provisions or terms of this Agreement shall be for any reason whatsoever held invalid, then such covenants, provisions or terms shall be deemed severable from the remaining covenants, provisions or terms of this Agreement and shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of the other provisions of this Agreement.

Section 10.8. <u>GOVERNING LAW; JURY WAIVER</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5-1401 OF THE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREUNDER.

## Section 10.9. Consent to Jurisdiction; Service of Process.

(a) Each party hereto hereby irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or Federal court sitting in New York City in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, and each party hereto hereby irrevocably agrees that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding may be heard and determined in such New York State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such Federal court. The parties hereto hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent they may effectively do so, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such action or proceeding. The parties hereto agree that a final judgment in any such action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law.

(b) Each of the Seller and the Purchaser agrees that service of process may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Seller or the Purchaser, as applicable, at its address specified in <u>Section 10.5</u>. Nothing in this <u>Section 10.9</u> shall affect the right of the Seller or the Purchaser to serve legal process in any other manner permitted by law.

# Section 10.10. Costs, Expenses and Taxes.

(a) In addition to the rights of indemnification granted to the Purchaser and its Affiliates and officers, directors, employees and agents thereof under <u>Article IX</u>, the Seller agrees to pay on demand all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Purchaser or its assignees incurred in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, enforcement, administration (including periodic auditing), renewal, amendment or modification of, any waiver or consent issued in connection with, this Agreement and the other documented fees and out–of–pocket expenses of counsel with respect thereto and with respect to advising the Purchaser or its assignees as to its rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, and all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses, if any (including counsel fees and expenses), incurred by the Purchaser or its assignees in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith.

(b) The Seller shall pay on demand any and all stamp, sales, excise and other Taxes and fees payable or determined to be payable to any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery, filing and recording of this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder.

Section 10.11. <u>Counterparts</u>. For the purpose of facilitating the execution of this Agreement and for other purposes, this Agreement may be executed simultaneously in any number of counterparts, each of which counterparts shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which counterparts shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to this Agreement by facsimile or e-mail in portable document format (.pdf) shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

Section 10.12. Bankruptcy Non-Petition and Limited Recourse; Claims. The Seller hereby agrees that it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Purchaser any bankruptcy proceeding or other insolvency proceeding so long as there shall not have elapsed one year and one day (or such longer preference period as shall then be in effect plus one day) since the Collection Date. The Seller hereby acknowledges that (i) the Purchaser has no assets other than the Sale Portfolio, (ii) the Purchaser shall, immediately upon Purchase hereunder, grant a security interest in the Sale Portfolio to the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, pursuant to the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement, and (iii) Available Collections generated by the Sale Portfolio will be applied first to payment of the Purchaser's obligations under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. In addition, the Seller shall have no recourse for any amounts payable or any other obligations arising under this Agreement against any officer, member, director, employee, partner, Affiliate or security holder of the Purchaser or any of its successors or assigns.

Section 10.13. Binding Effect; Assignability.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted

assigns.

(a)

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Agreement may not be assigned by the Purchaser or the Seller except as permitted by this Section 10.13 and the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. Simultaneously with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the Purchaser will assign all of its right, title and interest in this Agreement to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to which assignment the Seller hereby expressly consents. Upon assignment, the Seller agrees to perform its obligations hereunder for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement and the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, shall be an express third party beneficiary hereof. Upon such assignment, the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement may enforce the provisions of this Agreement, exercise the rights of the Purchaser and enforce the obligations of the Seller hereunder without joinder of the Purchaser.

> (c) The Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties shall be express third-party beneficiaries of this Agreement.

# Section 10.14. Waiver of Setoff.

The Seller's obligations under this Agreement shall not be affected by any right of setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or (a) other right the Seller might have against the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent, the other Secured Parties or any assignee of such Persons, all of which rights are hereby waived by the Seller.

The Purchaser shall have the right to set-off against the Seller any amounts to which the Seller may be entitled hereunder and to (b) apply such amounts to any claims the Purchaser may have against the Seller from time to time under this Agreement. Upon any such set-off, the Purchaser shall give notice of the amount thereof and the reasons therefor to the Seller.

Section 10.15. <u>Headings and Exhibits</u>. The headings herein are for purposes of references only and shall not otherwise affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. The schedules and exhibits attached hereto and referred to herein shall constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated into this Agreement for all purposes.

Section 10.16. <u>Subordination</u>. After giving effect to any payment relating to any indebtedness, obligation or claim the Seller may from time to time hold or otherwise have against the Purchaser or any assets or properties of the Purchaser, whether arising hereunder or otherwise existing, the Borrowing Base at such time must exceed the Obligations owed by the Purchaser to the Secured Parties under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement. The Seller hereby agrees that at any time during which the condition set forth in the preceding sentence shall not be satisfied, the Seller shall be subordinate in right of payment to the prior payment of any indebtedness or obligation of the Purchaser owing to each Lender, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party under the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

Section 10.17. <u>Confidentiality</u>. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees with the confidentiality provisions set forth in Section 13.09 of the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective officers as of the day and year first above written.

# CAPITALA BUSINESS LENDING, LLC, as the Purchaser

By: Capitala Finance Corp., its Designated Manager

By:

Name: Title:

Capitala Business Lending, LLC c/o Capitala Finance Corp. 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

# CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.,

as the Seller

By:

Name: Title:

Capitala Finance Corp. 4201 Congress Street, Suite 360 Charlotte, NC 28209

# <u>SCHEDULE I</u>

# SALE PORTFOLIO LIST

	Fund II Principal	CPTA Principal	
Borrower	O/S (\$)	O/S (\$)	Total (\$)
Amerimark Holdings, Inc.	901,890.07	6,012,600.46	6,914,490.53
BLST Operating Company, LLC	-	1,953,120.85	1,953,120.85
Burgaflex Holdings, LLC	2,748,340.96	-	2,748,340.96
Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC	-	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00
CIS Secure Computing, Inc.	424,615.02	4,170,471.98	4,595,087.00
Corporate Visions, Inc.	3,884,938.97	-	3,884,938.97
Currency Capital, LLC	1,020,874.19	6,125,245.16	7,146,119.35
Eastport Holdings, LLC	3,093,750.00	8,250,000.00	11,343,750.00
Freedom Electronics, LLC	-	978,367.61	978,367.61
Freedom Electronics, LLC	-	2,690,509.51	2,690,509.51
HUMC OPCO, LLC	-	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
J5 Infrastructure Partners, LLC	-	992,500.00	992,500.00
RAM Payment, LLC	-	2,738,119.84	2,738,119.84
Rapid Fire Protection, Inc.	-	633,575.80	633,575.80
Three Bridge Solutions, LLC	842,156.25	4,018,979.43	4,861,135.68
US Biotek Laboratories, LLC	-	1,814,824.25	1,814,824.25
	12,916,565.46	48,378,314.89	61,294,880.35

#### FORM OF LOAN ASSIGNMENT

LOAN ASSIGNMENT NO. \_\_\_\_, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_, from CAPITALA FINANCE CORP. (the "<u>Seller</u>") to CAPITALA BUSINESS LENDING, LLC (the "<u>Purchaser</u>").

(A) We refer to the Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2020 (such agreement as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "<u>Agreement</u>"), by and between the Seller and the Purchaser.

(B) <u>Defined Terms</u>. All capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement or the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement unless otherwise defined herein.

"<u>Cut–Off Date</u>" shall mean, with respect to the Loan Assets designated hereby, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_,

(C) <u>Designation of Loan Assets</u>. The Seller delivers herewith a computer file containing a true and complete list of the Loan Assets Sold and assigned hereunder, identified by account number, the related Obligor and Principal Balance as of the Cut–Off Date. Such computer file shall be as of the date of this Loan Assignment incorporated into and made part of this Loan Assignment and is marked as <u>Schedule I</u>.

(D) The Seller does hereby Sell to the Purchaser, and the Purchaser hereby Purchases from the Seller, all right, title and interest of the Seller (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) in the property identified in <u>clauses (i)</u> - (<u>iii)</u> below and all accounts, cash and currency, chattel paper, tangible chattel paper, electronic chattel paper, copyrights, copyright licenses, equipment, fixtures, contract rights, general intangibles, instruments, certificates of deposit, certificated securities, uncertificated securities, financial assets, securities entitlements, commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, inventory, investment property, letter-of-credit rights, software, supporting obligations, accessions, and other property consisting of, arising out of, or related to any of the following property, whether now owned or existing or hereafter created, arising or acquired and wherever located (in each case excluding the Excluded Amounts) (the "<u>Sale Portfolio</u>"):

(i) the Loan Assets that are identified by the Seller as of the Cut–Off Date, which are listed on <u>Schedule I</u>, together with all monies due or to become due in payment under such Loan Assets on and after the related Cut–Off Date, including, but not limited to, all Available Collections;

(ii) the Portfolio Assets with respect to the Loan Assets referred to in <u>clause (i)</u>; and

(iii) all income and Proceeds of the foregoing.

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(E) This Loan Assignment is made without recourse except as otherwise expressly set forth in the Agreement. The Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Purchaser is accepting this Loan Assignment in reliance on the representations, warranties and covenants of the Seller contained in the Agreement. The undersigned Responsible Officer of the Seller hereby certifies to the Purchaser, the Administrative Agent, and the other Secured Parties that all of the representations and warranties in <u>Section 4.2</u> of the Agreement are true, accurate and complete as of the Purchase Date referenced above.

(F) <u>Ratification of the Agreement</u>. The Agreement is hereby ratified, and all references to the "Purchase and Contribution Agreement", to "this Agreement" and "herein" shall be deemed to be a reference to the Agreement as supplemented by this Loan Assignment. Except as expressly amended hereby, all the representations, warranties, terms, covenants and conditions of the Agreement shall remain unamended and shall continue to be, and shall remain, in full force and effect in accordance with its terms and except as expressly provided herein shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver of compliance with or consent to non–compliance with any term or provision of the Agreement.

It is the express intent of the parties hereto that the Sale of the Loan Assets by the Seller to the Purchaser hereunder be, and be treated for (G) all purposes (other than tax and accounting purposes) as, an absolute sale by the Seller (free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens)) of such Loan Assets. It is, further, not the intention of the parties that such Sale be deemed a pledge of such Loan Assets by the Seller to the Purchaser to secure a debt or other obligation of the Seller. However, in the event that, notwithstanding the intent of the parties, such Loan Assets are held to continue to be property of the Seller, then the parties hereto agree that: (i) the Agreement shall also be deemed to be, and hereby is, a "security agreement" within the meaning of Article 9 of the UCC; (ii) the transfer of the Loan Assets provided for hereunder shall be deemed to be a grant by the Seller to the Purchaser of, and the Seller hereby grants to the Purchaser, a first priority security interest (subject only to Permitted Liens) in all of the Seller's right, title and interest in and to such Loan Assets and all amounts payable to the holders of such Loan Assets in accordance with the terms thereof and all proceeds of the conversion, voluntary or involuntary, of the foregoing into cash, instruments, securities or other property, including all amounts from time to time held or invested in the Covered Accounts, whether in the form of cash, instruments, securities or other property, to secure the prompt and complete payment of a loan deemed to have been made in an amount equal to the aggregate Purchase Price of the Loan Assets together with all of the other obligations of the Seller hereunder; (iii) the possession by the Purchaser (or the Custodian on behalf of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties) of such Loan Assets and such other items of property as constitute instruments, money, negotiable documents or chattel paper shall be, subject to clause (iv), for purposes of perfecting the security interest pursuant to the UCC; and (iv) acknowledgements from Persons holding such property shall be deemed acknowledgements from custodians, bailees or agents (as applicable) of the Purchaser for the purpose of perfecting such security interest under Applicable Law. The parties further agree in such event that any assignment of the interest of the Purchaser pursuant to any provision hereof shall also be deemed to be an assignment of any security interest created pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. The Purchaser shall, to the extent consistent with the Agreement and the other Facility Documents, take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that, if the Agreement were deemed to create a security interest in such Loan Assets, such security interest would be deemed to be a perfected security interest of first priority (subject only to Permitted Liens) under Applicable Law and will be maintained as such throughout the term of the Agreement. The Purchaser shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies which it may have under the Agreement, all other rights and remedies provided to a secured creditor under the UCC and other Applicable Law, which rights and remedies shall be cumulative.

(H) THIS LOAN ASSIGNMENT NO. \_\_\_\_ SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Seller has caused this Loan Assignment to be executed by its duly authorized officer as of the date first above written.

# **CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.,** as the Seller

By:

Name: Title:

# SCHEDULE I TO EXHIBIT A

# SEE ATTACHED

#### FORM OF POWER OF ATTORNEY CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

## [DATE]

This Power of Attorney is executed and delivered by Capitala Finance Corp., as the Seller under the Purchase and Contribution Agreement (each as defined below), to KeyBank National Association, as the Administrative Agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Attorney</u>"), pursuant to that certain Purchase and Contribution Agreement, dated as of October 30, 2020 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "<u>Purchase and Contribution Agreement</u>"), by and between Capitala Finance Corp., as the seller (in such capacity, the "<u>Seller</u>") and Capitala Business Lending, LLC, as the purchaser (in such capacity, the "<u>Purchaser</u>"). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Purchase and Contribution Agreement or the Revolving Credit and Security Agreement.

No person to whom this Power of Attorney is presented, as authority for Attorney to take any action or actions contemplated hereby, shall inquire into or seek confirmation from Seller as to the authority of Attorney to take any action described below, or as to the existence of or fulfillment of any condition to this Power of Attorney, which is intended to grant to Attorney unconditionally the authority to take and perform the actions contemplated herein, and Seller irrevocably waives any right to commence any suit or action, in law or equity, against any person or entity that acts in reliance upon or acknowledges the authority granted under this Power of Attorney. The power of attorney granted hereby is coupled with an interest and may not be revoked or canceled by Seller until all obligations of the Purchaser under the Facility Documents have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash and Attorney has provided its written consent thereto (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

The Seller hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints Attorney (and all officers, employees or agents designated by Attorney), as its attorney–in–fact to act on behalf of the Seller solely to file (i) financing statements on behalf of the Seller, as debtor, necessary or desirable in the Purchaser's or the Administrative Agent's sole discretion to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, in the Sale Portfolio and (ii) a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of the Purchaser and Contribution Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Sale Portfolio as a financing statement in such offices as the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent in their sole discretion deem necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Purchaser or the Administrative Agent in the Sale Portfolio. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable. The Seller hereby ratifies, to the extent permitted by law, all that said attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney is executed by the Seller, and the Seller has caused its seal to be affixed pursuant to the authority of its managers and/or members as of the date set forth above.

# CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.

By: Name: Title:



#### Capitala Finance Corp. Reports Third Quarter 2020 Results

CHARLOTTE, NC, November 3, 2020--Capitala Finance Corp. (Nasdaq:CPTA) ("Capitala", the "Company", "we", "us", or "our") today announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2020.

## **Third Quarter Highlights**

- A 3% increase in Net Asset Value per share to \$39.99 at September 30, 2020, compared to \$38.75 per share at June 30, 2020 (adjusted for 1 for 6 reverse stock split)
  - Reduced total debt to equity ratio to 1.99 at September 30, 2020, down from 2.64 at June 30, 2020
    - o Repaid \$59.0 million of debentures secured by the Small Business Administration ("SBA debentures")
      - o Repurchased approximately \$2.2 million of 6.0% Notes due 2022
  - Cash balances of \$43.7 million at quarter-end, available for investments and for general working capital needs
- Improved credit quality as risk grade 3 and 4 investments collectively declined to 8.4% of the portfolio at September 30, 2020 compared to 28.1% at March 31, 2020, on a fair value basis

#### Management Commentary

In describing the Company's third quarter activities, Joseph B. Alala, III, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, stated, "We have executed on priorities outlined in previous periods, and the results for the third quarter of 2020 validate those efforts. NAV per share increased for the second consecutive quarter. During the third quarter of 2020, we significantly reduced leverage through the repayment of SBA debentures and the repurchase of baby bonds. Credit quality continues to improve as measured by the number and dollar amount of debt investments risk rated 3 or 4. Subsequent to quarter-end, we are pleased to have closed on a new senior secured credit facility, to be used to fund new investment opportunities, including a small business investment company subsidiary, and provide working capital."

#### **Third Quarter 2020 Financial Results**

Total investment income was \$6.7 million for the third quarter of 2020, compared to \$10.1 million in the third quarter of 2019. Interest and fee income were \$2.1 million lower in third quarter of 2020 as compared to the third quarter of 2019, the result of lower average debt investments outstanding. Dividend income declined by \$1.2 million for the comparable periods, as 2019 included \$0.3 million from Capitala Senior Loan Fund II, LLC as well as a one-time \$0.8 million dividend from a portfolio company.

Total expenses for the third quarter of 2020 were \$6.0 million, compared to \$7.1 million during the third quarter of 2019. Interest and financing expenses declined by \$0.7 million, resulting from lower average debt outstanding during the third quarter of 2020, while base management fees declined by \$0.3 million, resulting from a decline in total assets.

Net investment income totaled \$0.7 million, or \$0.27 per share, for the third quarter of 2020, compared to \$3.0 million, or \$1.11 per share, during the third quarter of 2019.

Net realized losses totaled \$12.3 million for the third quarter of 2020. Net realized losses did not have a material impact to NAV per share during the third quarter of 2020, as realized amounts were generally in line with prior fair value amounts. It should be noted that during the third quarter of 2020, we converted our Class B Common Shares of US Well Services, Inc. for Class A tradeable common shares. While this conversion to a new security generated a realized loss of \$6.2 million, the number of shares and fair value of our continued equity investment in US Well Services, Inc. remain unchanged.

Net unrealized appreciation totaled \$14.8 million, or \$5.46 per share, for the third quarter of 2020, compared to net unrealized depreciation of \$1.3 million for the third quarter of 2019.

The net increase in net assets resulting from operations was \$3.4 million for the third quarter of 2020, or \$1.24 per share, compared to a net increase of \$1.7 million, or \$0.64 per share, for the same period in 2019.

#### **Investment Portfolio**

As of September 30, 2020, our portfolio consisted of 36 companies with a fair market value of \$280.2 million and a cost basis of \$283.2 million. First lien debt investments represented 66.7% of the portfolio, second lien debt investments represented 13.4% of the portfolio, and equity/warrant investments represented 19.9% of the portfolio, based on fair values.

At September 30, 2020, the Company had three debt investments on non-accrual status, totaling \$22.0 million and \$18.0 million, on a cost basis and fair value basis, respectively.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2020, the Company had \$43.7 million in cash and cash equivalents. In addition, the Company had SBA debentures outstanding totaling \$91.0 million with an annual weighted average interest rate of 2.74%, \$72.8 million of fixed rate notes bearing an interest rate of 6.00%, and \$52.1 million of convertible notes bearing an interest rate of 5.75%.

#### Subsequent Events

On October 30, 2020, Capitala Business Lending, LLC (the "Borrower"), a direct, wholly owned, consolidated subsidiary of the Company, entered into a senior secured revolving credit agreement (the "KeyBank Credit Facility"), with Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, as collateral manager, the lenders from time to time parties thereto (each a "Lender"), KeyBank National Association, as administrative agent, and U.S. Bank National Association, as custodian. Under the KeyBank Credit Facility, the Lenders have agreed to extend credit to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$25.0 million as of October 30, 2020. The Borrower may, on any business day prior to October 28, 2022, request an increase in the aggregate amount from \$25.0 million to \$100.0 million in accordance with the terms and in the manner described in the KeyBank Credit Facility. The period during which the Lenders may make loans to the Borrower under the KeyBank Credit Facility commenced on October 30, 2020 and will continue through October 28, 2022, unless there is an earlier termination or event of default. The KeyBank Credit Facility matures on October 28, 2023, unless there is an earlier termination or event of default. The KeyBank Credit Facility matures on Societ 28, 2023, unless there is an earlier termination or event of default. Borrowings under the KeyBank Credit Facility bear interest at 1-month LIBOR plus 3.5%.

#### Third Quarter 2020 Financial Results Conference Call

Management will host a conference call to discuss the operating and financial results at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020. The call will be broadcast live in listen-only mode on the Company's investor relations website at www.CapitalaGroup.com. To participate in the conference call, please dial 1-877-312-5507 approximately 10 minutes prior to the call.

#### About Capitala Finance Corp.

Capitala Finance Corp. is a business development company that invests primarily in first lien loans, and, to a lesser extent, second lien loans and equity securities issued by lower and traditional middle market companies. The Company is managed by Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC. For more information on Capitala, or to automatically receive email notifications of Company financial information, press releases, stock alerts, or other corporate filings, please visit the Investor Relations section of our website.

#### **About Capitala Group**

Capitala Group is a \$3.0 billion asset management firm that has been providing capital to lower middle market companies throughout North America for over twenty years. Since its inception in 1998, Capitala Group has invested in over 165 companies and seeks to partner with strong management teams to create value and generate superior risk-adjusted returns for its individual and institutional investors. For more information, definitions and details visit Capitala Group's website at www.CapitalaGroup.com.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements. Words such as "believes," "intends," "expects," "projects," "anticipates," and "future" or similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, condition or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties, including the impact of COVID-19 and related changes in base interest rates and significant volatility on our business, our portfolio companies, our industry and the global economy. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

SOURCE: Capitala Finance Corp.

Capitala Finance Corp. Stephen Arnall, Chief Financial Officer 704-376-5502 sarnall@capitalagroup.com

# Capitala Finance Corp.

# Consolidated Statements of Assets and Liabilities (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	As of			
	September 30, 2020		December 31, 2019	
	(u	naudited)		
ASSETS				
Investments at fair value:				
Non-control/non-affiliate investments (amortized cost of \$190,961 and \$250,433, respectively)	\$	185,260	\$	241,046
Affiliate investments (amortized cost of \$83,241 and \$80,756, respectively)		86,361		98,763
Control investments (amortized cost of \$8,995 and \$22,692, respectively)		8,628		22,723
Total investments at fair value (amortized cost of \$283,197 and \$353,881, respectively)		280,249		362,532
Cash and cash equivalents		43,687		62,321
Interest and dividend receivable		2,172		1,745
Prepaid expenses		470		624
Deferred tax asset, net		-		-
Other assets		25		115
Total assets	\$	326,603	\$	427,337
LIABILITIES				
SBA Debentures (net of deferred financing costs of \$571 and \$1,006, respectively)	\$	90,429	\$	148,994
2022 Notes (net of deferred financing costs of \$988 and \$1,447, respectively)		71,845		73,553
2022 Convertible Notes (net of deferred financing costs of \$645 and \$916, respectively)		51,443		51,172
Credit Facility (net of deferred financing costs of \$0 and \$1,165, respectively)		-		(1,165)
Management and incentive fees payable		3,602		3,713
Interest and financing fees payable		875		2,439
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		-		518
Total liabilities	\$	218,194	\$	279,224
NET ASSETS				
Common stock, par value \$0.01, 100,000,000 common shares authorized, 2,711,068 and 2,700,628				
common shares issued and outstanding, respectively <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	27	\$	27
Additional paid in capital		238,355		238,021
Total distributable loss		(129,973)		(89,935)
Total net assets	\$	108,409	\$	148,113
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	326,603	\$	427,337
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net asset value per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	39.99	\$	54.84

(1) Authorized, issued and outstanding shares of Capitala Finance Corp.'s common stock and net asset value per share have been adjusted for the periods shown to reflect the one-for-six reverse stock split effected on August 21, 2020 on a retroactive basis.

# Capitala Finance Corp.

# Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except share and per share data) (unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,			-	
	2020	2019	2020	2019	
INVESTMENT INCOME					
Interest and fee income:	¢ (107	¢ 0.070	¢ 40.005	¢ 01.000	
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	\$ 4,407	\$ 6,270	\$ 13,807	\$ 21,096	
Affiliate investments Control investments	1,721	1,898	5,032	6,578	
Total interest and fee income	103	115	309	1,421	
	6,231	8,283	19,148	29,095	
Payment-in-kind interest and dividend income: Non-control/non-affiliate investments	220	388	934	1,283	
Affiliate investments	220	235	934 610	611	
Control investments	-		-	372	
Total payment-in-kind interest and dividend	·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
income	462	623	1,544	2,266	
Dividend income:			·		
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	-	-	-	1,281	
Affiliate investments	-	25	25	25	
Control investments	-	1,134	-	1,584	
Total dividend income	-	1,159	25	2,890	
Interest income from cash and cash equivalents	1	61	50	149	
Total investment income	6,694	10,126	20,767	34,400	
EXPENSES					
Interest and financing expenses	3,423	4,110	12,134	12,751	
Base management fee	1,565	1,925	4,988	6,063	
Incentive fees	-	-	-	1,497	
General and administrative expenses	964	1,107	3,525	3,236	
Expenses before incentive fee waiver	5,952	7,142	20,647	23,547	
Incentive fee waiver	-		<u> </u>	(288)	
Total expenses	5,952	7,142	20,647	23,259	
NET INVESTMENT INCOME	742	2,984	120	11,141	
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS Net realized gain (loss) on investments:					
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	(12,344)	-	(25,518)	(3,544)	
Affiliate investments	-	12	1,341	2,288	
Control investments	-	-	(484)	(19,656)	
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	(12,344)	12	(24,661)	(20,912)	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments:			( ) )	(-)-	
Non-control/non-affiliate investments	15,218	1,518	3,686	4,539	
Affiliate investments	(156)	1,218	(14,887)	(3,719)	
Control investments	(260)	(4,015)	(398)	(17,999)	
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	14,802	(1,279)	(11,599)	(17,179)	
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2,458	(1,267)	(36,260)	(38,091)	
Tax provision	2,430	(1,207)	(30,200)	(628)	
Total net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on	-	-		(020)	
investments, net of taxes	2,458	(1,267)	(36,260)	(38,719)	
Net realized gain on extinguishment of debt	155	-	155	-	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 3,355	\$ 1,717	<u>\$ (35,985</u> )	<u>\$ (27,578)</u>	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS PER SHARE RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS – BASIC AND DILUTED <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.24	\$ 0.64	\$ (13.29)	\$ (10.28	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING – BASIC AND DILUTED <sup>(1)</sup>	2,711,068	2,688,894	2,708,532	2,682,985	

DISTRIBUTIONS PAID PER SHARE <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	- \$	1.50 \$	1.50 \$	4.50
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- Basic and diluted shares of Capitala Finance Corp.'s (the "Company") common stock have been adjusted for the periods shown to reflect the one-for-six reverse stock split effected on August 21, 2020 on a retroactive basis.
  Dividends paid per share of the Company's common stock has been adjusted for the periods shown to reflect the one-for-six reverse stock split effected
- on August 21, 2020 on a retroactive basis.