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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re:) Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)

DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING (I) REJECTION OF CERTAIN UNEXPIRED LEASES AND (II) ABANDONMENT OF ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE REJECTION DATE AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")² respectfully state as follows in support of this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>"):

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the "First Day Declaration") filed contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief filed under chapter 11 of title 11 of the

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Relief Requested

Exhibit A (the "Order") authorizing the Debtors to: (a) reject certain unexpired leases of real property, including any guaranties thereof and any amendments, modifications, or subleases thereto (each, a "Lease," and collectively, the "Leases"), a list of which is annexed as Schedule 1 to Exhibit A attached hereto; (b) abandon certain equipment, fixtures, furniture, or other personal property that may be located at the premises and not otherwise transitioned to another store location (collectively, the "Personal Property"), both rejection of Leases and abandonment of Personal Property to be effective as of the Rejection Date (as defined herein); and (c) granting related relief. The Debtors submit the Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck in Support of Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing (I) Rejection of Certain Unexpired Leases and (III) Abandonment of any Personal Property, Each Effective as of the Rejection Date and (III) Granting Related Relief, to be filed in advance of the hearing to approve this Motion (the "Riesbeck Declaration"), and respectfully state the following in support of this Motion:

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated August 15, 1984. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court,

United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration or as later defined herein, as applicable.

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absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

- 3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 6006, and rule 6007-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules").

Background

- 5. The Debtors are a leading omni-channel retailer of unique home décor, furniture, and accessories. Their retail approach has focused on providing the discerning customer a curated mix of home goods from artisans around the world. The Debtors offer their merchandise through 923 stores throughout the United States and Canada as well as online through their U.S. e-commerce website. The Debtors are headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas and currently employ approximately 17,000 non-seasonal employees. On January 6, 2020, the Debtors announced the closing of up to 450 of their stores, and in connection with the filing of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors announced the closing of all Canadian operations.
- 6. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases to facilitate a timely and efficient process that will maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Debtors anticipate winding down the brick-and-mortar stores not part of their go-forward plan and will seek to implement a value-maximizing going-concern transaction for the remaining operations.
- 7. As of the Petition Date, each of the Debtors filed a petition with the Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors will also file for relief under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108

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of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrently with the filing of this motion, the Debtors have requested procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

Leases to be Rejected

- 8. In 2019, the Debtors, with the assistance of their advisors, undertook a comprehensive review and store-by-store analysis of their lease portfolio and the performance of each of their stores. Following this process, the Debtors determined that certain of their brick-and-mortar retail stores do not have a place in the Debtors' go-forward business plan. Accordingly, the Debtors filed a motion seeking to close such stores contemporaneously herewith.³ As described therein, the Debtors initiated the process of shuttering 398 of those stores across the United States and Canada (each, a "Closing Store" and collectively, the "Closing Stores") prior to the Petition Date (or intend to start such closings shortly). The Debtors' lease portfolio is a significant contributing factor to their current financial challenges and they have determined, as a sound exercise of business judgment, that closure of numerous underperforming stores (the "Store Closings") and a rejection of such Leases would be value maximizing.
- 9. By this Motion, the Debtors seek to reject the Leases of such Closing Stores, to be effective as of the later of (i) the Rejection Date set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u> or (ii) the date upon which the Debtors surrender the premises to the landlord via delivery of the keys, key codes, or security codes, as applicable, to the respective landlords of the Closing Stores (the "<u>Rejection Date</u>"); *provided* that the Debtors may modify the Rejection Date set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u> upon seven (7)

The Debtors' Motion for Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume the Consulting Agreement, (II) Authorizing and Approving the Conduct of Store Closing Sales, With Such Sales to be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, and Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing Customary Bonuses to Employees of Closing Stores, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 24].

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days' notice to affected landlords. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors may agree with an affected landlord, through written confirmation (which may be in email), to an alternative Rejection Date earlier than the Rejection Date set forth in <u>Schedule 1</u>. With respect to all Canadian Closing Stores not vacant or slated to close in February, the Debtors intend to operate such stores for at least thirty (30) days from the date of entry of the Interim Order.

10. Of the 396 Leases slated for rejection, there are several proposed Rejection Dates set forth on Schedule 1. For stores that are already vacant or that are scheduled to be rejected in the first few weeks of the case, the applicable landlords are aware of the Debtors' intent to reject such Lease.

Rejection Date	2/17/2020	2/29/2020	3/1/2020	3/4/2020	3/29/2020	3/31/2020
Number of Stores	15	55	1	1	1	323

- 11. Since announcing the Store Closings on January 6, 2020, the Debtors have fielded questions from landlords. This week, the Debtors intend to list the Closing Stores on the website of A&G Real Estate Partners, LLC ("A&G"). As a result of the Debtors' actions, the landlords will have had ample notice of the Debtors' irrevocable and unequivocal surrender of the Closing Stores and associated abandonment of any remaining personal property located therein.
- 12. The Leases to be rejected provide no benefit to the Debtors' estates or these chapter 11 cases. By rejecting the Leases, the Debtors believe that they will save approximately \$7 million per month in rent and associated costs. Absent rejection, the Debtors would be obligated to pay rent under the Leases even though they will have ceased operations at, and will no longer be in possession of, such store locations. As of the Rejection Date, the Debtors will have vacated

the Closing Stores for the Leases sought to be rejected by this Motion. Moreover, in addition to their obligations to pay rent under the Leases, the Debtors may be obligated to pay certain real property taxes, utilities, insurance, and other related charges associated with the Leases. The Debtors have determined in their business judgment that such costs constitute a waste of estate assets. Additionally, the Debtors have determined in their business judgment that the costs of the Leases exceed any marginal benefits that could potentially be achieved from assignments or subleases of the Leases.

13. Accordingly, in an effort to reduce unnecessary postpetition rent and administrative costs, the Debtors have determined that it is in the best interests of their estates to reject the Leases set forth on Schedule 1, effective as of the Rejection Date.

Personal Property to Be Abandoned

- 14. Additionally, before the Debtors vacate the Closing Stores, the Debtors will evaluate the remaining personal property located therein and determine whether (a) the personal property is of inconsequential value or (b) the cost of removing and storing the personal property for future use, marketing, or sale exceeds its value to the Debtors' estates.
- 15. Accordingly, to reduce postpetition administrative costs and in the exercise of the Debtors' sound business judgment, the Debtors believe that the abandonment of the Personal Property as of the Rejection Date is appropriate and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors.

Basis for Relief

I. Rejection of the Leases Reflects the Debtors' Sound Business Judgment.

16. Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor in possession, "subject to the court's approval, may . . . reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). *See also In re Merry-Go-Round Enters.*, *Inc.*, 400 F.3d 219, 225

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(4th Cir. 2005). For the benefit of the estate, a debtor may, under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, relieve itself of burdensome agreements where performance still remains. *See In re Shangra-La, Inc.*, 167 F.3d 843, 849 (4th Cir. 1999) ("[T]he authority to reject an executory contract is vital to the basic purpose of a Chapter 11 reorganization, because rejection can release the debtor's estate from burdensome obligations that can impede a successful reorganization." (*quoting NLRB v. Bildisco & Bildisco*, 465 U.S. 513, 528 (1984) (alteration in original))); *In re Park*, 275 B.R. 253, 255 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2002); *see also Stewart Title Guar. Co. v. Old Republic Nat'l Title Ins. Co.*, 83 F.3d 735, 741 (5th Cir. 1996) (stating that section 365 "allows a [debtor] to relieve the bankruptcy estate of burdensome agreements which have not been completely performed" (citation omitted)).

17. The Debtors' rejection of an executory contract is governed by the "business judgment" standard. *Lubrizol Enters., Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers, Inc.*, 756 F.2d 1043, 1046 (4th Cir. 1985). The business judgment standard requires a court to approve a debtor's business decision unless that decision is the product of bad faith or gross abuse. *See, e.g., Lubrizol*, 756 F.2d. at 1047; *Quality Inns Int'l, Inc. v. L.B.H. Assocs. Ltd. P'ship*, 911 F.2d 724 (4th Cir. 1990). Upon finding that a debtor exercised its sound business judgment in determining that rejection of certain contracts or leases is in the best interests of its creditors and all parties in interest, a court should approve the rejection under section 365(a). *See In re Summit Land Co.*, 13 B.R. 310, 315 (Bankr. D. Utah 1981) (holding that absent extraordinary circumstances, court approval of a debtors' decision to assume or reject an executory contract "should be granted as a matter of course"). "Accordingly, the court should not interfere with or second-guess the debtor's sound business judgment unless and until evidence is presented that establishes that the debtor's decision was one taken in bad faith or in gross abuse of its retained business discretion." *In re*

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Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp., 72 B.R. 845, 849 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1987) (citing Lubrizol, 756 F.2d. at 1047).

II. Rejection of the Leases is within the Debtors' business judgment and is in the best interest of their estates.

- 18. After evaluation and analysis, the Debtors, with the assistance of their advisors, have determined that there is no net benefit that is likely to be realized from the Debtors' efforts to retain and market the Leases, and that there is little if any likelihood that the Debtors will be able to realize value from the Leases.⁴ Therefore, the Leases are not a part of the Debtors' go-forward business plan and are otherwise a burden to the Debtors' estates.
- 19. The Debtors seek to reject the Leases, pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to avoid the incurrence of any additional, unnecessary expenses related to the Leases and the maintenance of the Closing Stores. The Debtors have concluded that the cost of maintaining the Closing Stores outweighs any revenues that such stores or premises currently generate or that they are likely to generate in the near future. Absent rejection, the Debtors believe that the Leases will continue to burden the Debtors' estates with substantial administrative expenses at a critical time when the Debtors are making concerted efforts to maximize liquidity and preserve the going concern value of the Debtors' business. Rejecting the Leases will help ease the Debtors' cash burn and increase the Debtors' liquidity.
- 20. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Debtors have decided, in the exercise of their sound business judgment, to reject the Leases. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request that

The Debtors are continuing to analyze whether or not certain of the Leases they propose to reject pursuant to this Motion may have value to potential purchasers and will consider any offers to purchase such Lease received following the Petition Date. Relevant lease information is available on A&G's website. In the event that the Debtors receive interest in any particular Lease, the Debtors will provide notice of an auction or otherwise negotiate between interested parties for a highest and best offer and seek approval of such sale (and related assumption and assignment of the Lease) as appropriate.

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the Bankruptcy Court authorize the rejection of the Leases pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

III. Rejection of the Leases as of the Rejection Date Is Appropriate.

21. Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code does not specifically address whether the Bankruptcy Court may order rejection to be applied retroactively. See In re Chi-Chi's, Inc., 305 B.R. 396, 399 (Bankr. D. Del. 2004) (stating that section 365 allows for retroactive rejection of nonresidential leases where the principles of equity dictate); see also In re CCI Wireless, LLC, 297 B.R. 133, 138 (D. Colo. 2003) (noting that section 365 "does not prohibit the bankruptcy court from allowing the rejection of leases to apply retroactively"). Many courts have held that bankruptcy courts may, in their discretion, authorize rejection retroactively to a date prior to entry of the order authorizing such rejection where the balance of equities favor such relief. See, e.g., In re Virginia Packaging Supply Co., Inc., 122 B.R. 491, 493 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1990) (allowing retroactive rejection of a lease where the debtor timely filed a motion for rejection); see also In re Philadelphia Newspapers, LLC, 424 B.R. 178, 185 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2010) (granting retroactive rejection where equitable considerations did not weigh against it); BP Energy Co. v. Bethlehem Steel Corp., 2002 WL 31548723, at *3 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 15, 2002) ("[W]e cannot conclude . . . that a bankruptcy court's assignment of a retroactive rejection date falls outside of its authority when the balance of the equities favors this solution."); In re At Home Corp., 392 F.3d 1064, 1065–66 (9th Cir. 2004) cert. denied sub nom., 546 U.S. 814 (2005) (affirming bankruptcy court's approval of retroactive rejection); In re Thinking Machs., Corp., 67 F.3d 1021, 1028 (1st. Cir. 1995) ("[B]ankruptcy courts may enter retroactive orders of approval, and should do so when the balance of equities preponderates in favor of such remediation."). In considering whether to approve retroactive rejection, courts examine a number of factors, and generally approve retroactive

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rejection where it promotes the purposes of section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See In re Chi-Chi's, Inc.*, 305 B.R. at 339.

- 22. In this instance, the balance of the equities favors approval of retroactive rejection of the Leases. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors determined in their business judgment to initiate the Store Closings in an attempt to preserve liquidity. As a result of these prepetition actions and notice of this Motion, the landlords are not subject to any uncertainty regarding the Debtors' intent with respect to the Leases. Moreover, the landlords will not be unduly prejudiced if rejection is deemed effective as of the Rejection Date because they will have received notice of this Motion and had sufficient opportunity to act accordingly. Upon the applicable Rejection Date of the Leases identified in Schedule 1, the affected landlords will be relieved of their own obligations under the Leases, allowing them to cease performance and immediately repossess their property or enter into new leases. Any postponement of the effective date of rejection of the Leases would compel the Debtors to compensate the landlords, at the estates' expense, for a delay that the Debtors made every effort to avoid, and force the Debtors potentially to incur unnecessary administrative expenses for Leases that provide no benefit to these estates. Such an outcome would be inequitable to the Debtors' other stakeholders.
- 23. Pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors seek to effectuate rejection of the Leases as of the Rejection Date, which may in some cases occur before the date an order approving rejection of the Leases has been entered by the Court. For the reasons set forth above, permitting rejection of the Leases to occur as of the Rejection Date is fair and equitable to all parties in interest, especially where the counterparties to the Leases will not be prejudiced thereby. Permitting rejection to occur as of the Rejection Date is consistent with prior rulings in this and other jurisdictions. *See, e.g., In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.*, No. 17-34665 (KLP)

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(Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 25, 2017) (approving rejection of unexpired leases to the petition date); *In re Patriot Coal Corp.*, No. 15-32450 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Sept. 1, 2015) (approving retroactive rejection of unexpired leases); *In re Barneys New York, Inc.*, Case No. 19-36300 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 4, 2019) (approving rejection of unexpired leases to the date of rejection); *In re Sears Holdings Corporation*, Case No. 18-23538 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 16, 2018) (same); *In re Nine West Holdings, Inc.*, Case No. 18-10947 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 9, 2018) (approving rejection of unexpired leases). ⁵

estate to unwarranted postpetition administrative or other expenses. If the relief requested is not granted, the Debtors and their creditors will be burdened with unnecessary expenses. Moreover, the counterparties to the Leases will not be unduly prejudiced, because (a) the counterparties have sufficient notice of the Debtors' intent to reject the applicable Leases and (b) the Debtors will have vacated and returned the keys to all the counterparties. *See Bildisco & Bildisco*, 465 U.S. at 523 (stating that rejection relates back to the petition date); *In re Thinking Machs. Corp.*, 67 F.3d at 1028 ("In the section 365 context . . . bankruptcy courts may enter retroactive orders of approval, and should do so when the balance of equities preponderates in favor of such remediation."); *Stonebriar Mall Ltd. P'ship v. CCI Wireless, LLC (In re CCI Wireless, LLC)*, 297 B.R. 133, 140 (D. Col. 2003) (holding that a bankruptcy court "has authority under section 365(d)(3) to set the effective date of rejection at least as early as the filing date of the motion to reject"); *In re Amber's Stores*, 193 B.R. 819, 827 (N.D. Tex. 1996).

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

IV. Abandonment of Any Personal Property Located at the Closing Stores is Authorized by Section 554(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 25. Section 554(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that, "[a]fter notice and a hearing, the [debtor] may abandon any property of the estate that is burdensome to the estate or that is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 554(a); *see also In re Wilson*, 94 B.R. 886, 888 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1989) ("It is well settled, however, that a trustee is not obligated to accept onerous or unprofitable property surrendered as part of the estate, and may abandon property that is 'burdensome' or 'of inconsequential value and benefit' under § 554 of the Code.") (internal citations omitted). The right to abandon property is virtually unfettered, unless: (a) abandonment of the property will contravene laws designed to protect public health and safety; or (b) the property poses an imminent threat to the public's welfare. *See In re Midlantic Nat'l Bank*, 474 U.S. 494, 501 (1986). Neither of these limitations is relevant under the instant facts.
- 26. The Debtors submit that any Personal Property left at any of the Closing Stores is of inconsequential value to the Debtors' estates, or the costs to the Debtors of retrieving, marketing, and reselling the Personal Property will exceed the recoveries, if any, that the Debtors and their estates could reasonably obtain in exchange for such property. Accordingly, the Debtors have determined, in the exercise of their sound business judgment that abandonment of any Personal Property will be in the best interest of the Debtors and their estates.

Notice

27. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion via first class mail, facsimile or email (where available) to: (a) the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, Attn: Kenneth N. Whitehurst III and Shannon F. Pecoraro; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition secured facilities and counsel thereto; (d) the DIP Agents and their respective counsel

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thereto; (e) the indenture trustee to the Debtors' industrial revenue bonds; (f) counsel to the ad hoc group of term loan lenders; (g) the lenders under certain Company-owned life insurance policies; (h) the Debtors' Canadian counsel; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia; (j) the Internal Revenue Service; (k) the office of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (l) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) the lessors of the Leases listed on Schedule 1 to Exhibit A; and (n) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

28. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Order, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

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Dated: February 17, 2020

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Exhibit A

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ORDER AUTHORIZING (I) REJECTION OF CERTAIN UNEXPIRED LEASES AND (II) ABANDONMENT OF ANY PERSONAL PROPERTY, EACH EFFECTIVE AS OF THE REJECTION DATE AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "<u>Motion</u>")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>"), (a) authorizing the Debtors to reject the Leases set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> attached hereto, effective as of the Rejection Date, (b) authorizing the Debtors to abandon any Personal Property located at any such

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

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store locations, effective as of the Rejection Date, and (c) granting related relief; all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration and the Riesbeck Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated July 10, 1984; and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Leases identified on **Schedule 1** attached hereto are hereby rejected, to be effective as of the later of (i) the Rejection Date set forth in **Schedule 1** or (ii) the date upon which the Debtors surrender the premises to the landlord via delivery of the keys, key codes, or security codes, as applicable, to the respective landlords of the Closing Stores (the "Rejection Date").
 - 3. The Debtors may modify the Rejection Date set forth in **Schedule 1** by providing

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seven (7) days' notice to affected landlords.

4. The Debtors may agree with an affected landlord, through written confirmation (which may be in email), to an alternative Rejection Date earlier than the date set forth in **Schedule 1**.

- 5. Nothing herein shall limit the Debtors' right to remove a Lease from <u>Schedule 1</u> and seek to assume such Lease on notice to affected parties.
- 6. The Debtors do not waive any claims that they may have against any counterparty to the Leases, whether or not such claims arise under, are related to the rejection of, or are independent of the Leases.
- 7. Nothing herein shall prejudice any party's rights to assert that the Leases are not, in fact, executory within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 8. The Debtors are authorized to abandon any Personal Property located at the Closing Stores free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, interests, and rights of third parties.
- 9. Nothing herein shall prejudice the rights of the Debtors to argue that any of the Leases were terminated prior to the Petition Date, or that any claim for damages arising from the rejection of the Leases is limited to the remedies available under any applicable termination provision of such lease, sublease, or contract, as applicable, or that any such claim is an obligation of a third party, and not that of the Debtors or their estates.
- 10. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code, any foreign bankruptcy or insolvency law, or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other

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party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay

any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified

or defined in this Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject

any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission

to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or

encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver of any claims or causes of action

which may exist against any entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

11. Nothing in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as an approval of

an assumption of any lease, sublease, or contract pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code,

and all such rights are reserved.

12. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order is intended or should be construed

to create an administrative priority claim.

13. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this Order

are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

14. Notice of the Motion as provided therein is good and sufficient notice of such

Motion.

15. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief

granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

16. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or

related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated:

Richmond, Virginia

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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WE ASK FOR THIS:

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<u>CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT</u> <u>UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)</u>

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/c/	Laramy C	Williams	

Schedule 1

Lease Counterparties	Debtor Counterparty	Store Number	Leased Location	Counterparty Address	Rejection Effective Date
116863 PROPERTIES LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1122	17515 STONY PLAIN RD NW EDMONTON, AB T5S 2S1	C/O RANCHO MANAGEMENT SERVICE 10423 -101 STREET NW EDMONTON, AB T5H 0E7	3/31/2020
1248743 ONTARIO INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	827	1163 ST LAURENT BLVD OTTAWA, ON K1K 3B7	ATTN: MR ANDRE DESROCHERS PRES 100-1680 VIMONT COURT ORLEANS, ON K4A 3M3	3/31/2020
145 GREAT ROAD LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1246	145 GREAT ROAD SUITE 15 ACTON, MA 01720-5673	C/O KEY POINT PARTNERS, LLC PO BOX 21232 NEW YORK, NY 10087-1232	2/29/2020
1651051 ALBERTA LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1615	105-11517 WESTGATE DRIVE GRANDE PRAIRIE, AB T8V 3B1	C/O WESTGATE GRANDE PRAIRIE RETAIL LP 12420-104 AVE., SUITE 200 EDMONTON, AB T5N 3Z9	3/31/2020
168TH & DODGE LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1363	17110 DAVENPORT STREET SUITE 114 OMAHA, NE 68118-4097	C/O MUTUAL BANK OF OMAHA P.O. BOX 60005 PHOENIX, AZ 85082-0005	3/31/2020
170 NORTH QUEEN DEVELOPMENTS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1679	170 NORTH QUEEN ST UNIT D TORONTO, ON M9C 1A7	2323 YONGE STREET, SUITE 605 TORONTO, ON M4P 3C2	3/31/2020
1776 WILSON BLVD 2014, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1639	1717 CLARENDON BLVD ARLINGTON, VA 22209-2517	C/O LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY 4601 N. FAIRFAX DR., STE 1115 ARLINGTON, VA 22203	3/31/2020
1800 ROSECRANS PARTNERS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	508	1800 C ROSECRANS AVE MANHATTAN BEACH, CA 90266- 3776	C/O COMSTOCK CROSSER & ASSOCIATES DEV CO INC 2301 ROSECRANS AVENUE STE 1150 EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245	2/29/2020
23000 HAWTHORNE BLVD, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1360	23000 HAWTHORNE BLVD TORRANCE, CA 90505-3703	C/O RIVIERA CENTER MANAGEMENT 1815 VIA EL PRADO, SUITE 300 REDONDO BEACH, CA 90277	3/31/2020
2433265 ONTARIO, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	630	17440 YONGE ST	11-445 EDGELEY BOULEVARD	3/31/2020
280 METRO LIMITED	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	485	NEWMARKET, ON L3Y 6Y9 101 COLMA BLVD	PO BOX 62045	3/31/2020
PARTNERSHIP 320TH ST LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	874	COLMA, CA 94014-3232 2424 SOUTH 320TH ST FEDERAL WAY, WA 98003-5419	NEWARK, NJ 07101 C/O LJS BOOKKEEPING PO BOX 88889 STEILACOOM, WA 98388	3/31/2020
3N-SB, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1659	59 GARDEN STREET	300 SPECTRUM CENTER DR., STE 400	3/31/2020
QUARTIER DIX30 MANAGEMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1564	SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT 05403 45-9550 BOUL. LEDUC SUITE 45 PLAZA 1030	IRVINE, CA 92618 9160 BOUL. LEDUC SUITE 210	2/17/2020
5200 TROPICANA FOUR, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1386	BROSSARD, QC J4Y 0B3 4950 SOUTH FORT APACHE RD LAS VEGAS, NV 89148-1699	BROSSARD, QCJ4Y 0E3 C/O SKR REAL ESTATE SERVICES, LLC 9275 W, RUSSELL ROAD, SUITE 210	3/31/2020
6245 SUNRISE BLVD, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	51	6245 SUNRISE BLVD CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610-5911	LAS VEGAS, NV 89148 C/O CLAY HERMAN REALTORS 251 PARK ROAD BURLINGAME, CA 94010	2/29/2020
6914888 CANADA INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1440	8180 11TH STREET SE STE 700	277 - 8180, 11TH STREET SE	3/31/2020
7 EAST JERICHO TURNPIKE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	456	CALGARY, AB T2H 3B5 7 EAST JERICHO TURNPIKE HUNTINGTON STATION, NY 11746-	CALGARY, AB T2H 3B5 C/O MICHAEL P SCANLON MANAGER 2291 ARBY COURT	3/31/2020
7405 DODGE PARTNERS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	57	7301 7405 DODGE ST OMAHA, NE 68114-3615	WANTAGH, NY 11793 C/O WOODSONIA REAL ESTATE INC 17007 MARCY STREET, SUITE 2	3/31/2020
792 NORTH BEDFORD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	246	792 BEDFORD ROAD	OMAHA, NE 68118 3102 ROUTE 9	3/31/2020
ROAD, LLC 8650 VILLA LA JOLLA, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1034	BEDFORD HILLS, NY 10507-1525 8657 VILLA LA JOLLA DR SUITE 221	COLD SPRINGS, NY 10516 LA JOLLA VILLAGE SQUARE 16986 COLLECTIONS CENTER DR	3/31/2020
ABP PEARL HIGHLANDS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1678	LA JOLLA, CA 92037-8310 1000 KAMEHAMEHA HWY STE 209	CHICAGO, IL 60693-0169 ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC. MSC 61428	2/17/2020
ABRAMS WILLOWBROOK THREE LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1480	PEARL CITY, HI 96782-2596 17725 TOMBALL PARKWAY HOUSTON, TX 77064-1010	HONOLULU, HI 96807-1300 C/O GORDON PARTNERS MANAGEMENT, LLC 4900 WOODWAY DR SUITE 1125 HOUSTON, TX 77056	2/29/2020
ACADIA MERRILLVILLE REALTY LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	357	1685 EAST 80TH AVE MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410-5737	005-004565 PO BOX 415980	3/31/2020
ACV PIER LITTLE ROCK, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	414	724 SOUTH BOWMAN RD	BOSTON, MA 02241-5980 465 FIRST STREET WEST SECOND FLOOR	3/31/2020
AEI NATIONAL INCOME	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1600	340 MERHAR AVENUE	SANOMA, CA 95476 30 EAST SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 1300	2/17/2020
PROPERTY FUND VII LP AIRPORT GATEWAY PLAZA,	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1078	FAIRBANKS, AK 99701-3166 9771 BRIDGEPORT RD	ST PAUL, MN 55101 633-5960 NO. 6 ROAD	3/31/2020
ALPINE ACADIAN LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1645	RICHMOND, BC V6X 1S3 3535 PERKINS RD. STE. 300	RICHMOND, BC V6V 1Z1 C/O LINCOLN PROPERTY CO PO BOX 734149	3/31/2020
ALPINE BANK AVON	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1346	BATON ROUGE, LA 70808-2262 220 BEAVER CREEK PLACE PO BOX 1199 AVON, CO 81620-4914	DALLAS, TX 75373-4149 C/O TRAER CREEK EXWMT LOCK BOX ACCOUNT PO BOX 7330	3/31/2020
ANDREW ASSOCIATES, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	101	1556 MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD HOUMA, LA 70360-2404	AVON, CO 81620 C/O PROPERTY MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC 1055 ST CHARLES AVE NEW OPI FANS 1 A 70120	3/31/2020
ANDREW SQUARE85 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	47	3734 EAST FRANKLIN BLVD GASTONIA, NC 28056-5210	NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130 PO BOX 714571 CINCINNATI, OH 45271-4571	3/31/2020

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ANTERRA SUNRIDGE POWER CENTRE LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1269	3221 SUNRIDGE WAY SUITE 700 CALGARY, AB T1Y 7M4	C/O ANTHEM PROPERTIES GROUP LTD. SUITE 1100, BENTALL 4, BOX 49200 VANCOUVER, BC V7X 1K8	3/31/2020
ARC ASANDSC001 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1334	120 STATION DRIVE ANDERSON, SC 29621-1173	PO BOX 74598 CLEVELAND, OH 44194-4598	2/29/2020
ARC MCLVSNV001, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1359	6680 N DURANGO DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NV 89149-4430	PO BOX 848556 DALLAS, TX 75284-8556	2/29/2020
ARC PSFKFKY001, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1661	7800 JOHN DAVIS DR STE 200	PO BOX 842394 DALLAS, TX 75284-2394	3/31/2020
ARC TMMONPA001 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1121	FRANKFORT, KY 40601-9334 135 WAGNER ROAD MONACA, PA 15061-2421	LOCKBOX # - 847181 PO BOX 847181	2/29/2020
ASBURY SHOPS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1569	2531 NW ARTERIAL	DALLAS, TX 75284-7181 PO BOX 932400	3/31/2020
ASCONS CORP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	506	DUBUQUE, IA 52002-0493 2475 W RIDGE ROAD ROCHESTER, NY 14626-3033	CLEVELAND, OH 44193 C/O COMPSON DEVELOPMENT 2465 RIDGE ROAD WEST	3/31/2020
ASHRAF KAVIAN CO -	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	191	5711 HOLLYWOOD BLVD	ROCHESTER, NY 14626 P.O. BOX 49182	3/31/2020
TRUSTEE AND FARIBA ASPEN GRF2, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1115	LOS ANGELES, CA 90028-6705 7301 S SANTA FE DRIVE	LOS ANGELES, CA 90049 PO BOX 845758	3/31/2020
	•		#710 LITTLETON, CO 80120-2926	LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-5758	
AVENUE AT WHITE MARSH (233-2202)	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	218	8165-A HONEYGO BLVD NOTTINGHAM, MD 21236-8208	C/O FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST P.O. BOX 8500-9320 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178-9320	3/31/2020
B33 WOODCREEK COMMONS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1317	718 SOUTH RANDALL ROAD ALGONQUIN, IL 60102-5915	4001 S. DECATUR BLVD STE 6 LAS VEGAS, NV 89103	3/31/2020
BAILEY'S CROSSROADS LLP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	332	5857-A LEESBURG PIKE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041-2324	C/O MARYLAND FINANCIAL INVESTORS, INC. 2800 QUARRY LAKE DRIVE, STE 340 BALTIMORE, MD 21209	3/31/2020
BALLYGLASS WEST LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	496	5517 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA AVE OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73112-7753	C/O H. MAX HEDGES PO BOX 1010	2/29/2020
BANK STREET MEWS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1385	1009 DAZE STREET UNIT B SOUTH KEYS CENTRUM OTTAWA, ON K1V 2G3	BETHANY, OK 73008 C/O PETER ANANNY 2039 BAFFIN AVE OTTAWA, ON K1H 5X2	2/29/2020
BARONE PROPERTIES INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1567	191 - 24 NORTHERN BLVD	189 - 19 NORTHERN BLVD.	3/31/2020
BAROWSKY REAL ESTATE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	853	98 LOWER WESTFIELD RD	FLUSHING, NY 11358 PO BOX 10308	2/29/2020
INC. BARRETT ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1424	HOLYOKE, MA 01040-2712 5919 EAST BROADWAY BOULEVARD TUCSON, AZ 85711-3903	HOLYOKE, MA 01041-1908 VENTURE WEST REAL ESTATE SERVICES LLC COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGER	3/31/2020
BAY PLAZA COMMUNITY CENTER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1582	2146 BARTOW AVENUE BRONX, NY 10475-4615	TUCSON, AZ 85712 C/O PRESTIGE PROPERTIES & DEVELOPMENT CO., INC. 546 FIFTH AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10036	3/31/2020
BAYSHORE MALL LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1553	3300 BROADWAY STREET SUITE 622	SDS-12-1380 PO BOX 86	3/31/2020
BEAVERCREEK TOWNE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	94	EUREKA, CA 95501-3821 2781-A CENTRE DR	MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55486-1380 PO BOX 645414	2/29/2020
STATION LLC BENDERSON 85-1 TRUST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1455	FAIRBORN, OH 45324-2676 1165 ULSTER AVENUE	PITTSBURGH, PA 15264-5414 PO BOX 823201	2/29/2020
BENTALL RETAIL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1103	KINGSTON, NY 12401-1513 32720 S FRASER WAY ABBOTSFORD, BC V2T 4M5	PHILDELPHIA, PA 19182-3201 IN TRUST FOR WEST OAKS SHOPPING CENTER C/O WEST OAKS MALL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE	3/31/2020
BFW/HOWELL ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1284	4759 ROUTE 9 NORTH HOWELL, NJ 07731-3385	ABBOTSFORD, BC V2T 4M5 PO BOX 823201 PHILDELPHIA, PA 19182-3201	3/31/2020
BIT INVESTMENT TWENTY- SEVEN LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1302	1470 OLD COUNTRY RD RIVERHEAD, NY 11901-2040	P.O. BOX 414697 BOSTON, MA 02241-4697	3/31/2020
BLOOMINGDALE COURT, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1685	360 W ARMY TRAIL RD BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108-2688	867625 RELIABLE PARKWAY CHICAGO, IL 60686-0076	3/31/2020
BLOSSOM HILL PAVILLION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1169	636 BLOSSOM HILL RD LOS GATOS, CA 95032-4514	C/O PORTFOLIO REALTY MANAGEMENT 4020 MOORPARK AVENUE, SUITE #218 SAN JOSE, CA 95117	3/31/2020
BMC MARC RANDALL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1148	358 RANDALL ROAD SOUTH ELGIN, IL 60177-2261	SA30 W BRYN MAWR AVENUE STE 850 CHICAGO, IL 60631-3448	3/31/2020
BOURBONNAIS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	144	1660 NORTH STATE RTE 50 BOURBONNAIS, IL 60914-9304	BANK ONE ACCT 636-984-783 C/O BANK ONE, ATTN: L MORRISON GROSS POINTE FARMS, MI 46236	2/29/2020
BR OF WISCONSIN 15 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	880	2621 SOUTH GREEN BAY RD RACINE, WI 53406-4948	GROSS POINTE FARMS, MI 46236 C/O BRIAN R RIORDAN INC PO BOX 13125 MILWAUKEE, WI 53213-0125	3/31/2020
BR OF WISCONSIN 18, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	543	3970 MORSE CROSSING COLUMBUS, OH 43219-3016	C/O BRIAN R RIORDAN INC PO BOX 13125 MILWAUKEE, WI 53213-0125	3/31/2020
BR OF WISCONSIN 5, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1131	647 N MARKET PLACE BLVD LANSING, MI 48917-7736	C/O BRIAN R RIORDAN INC PO BOX 13125 MILWAUKEE, WI 53213-0125	3/31/2020
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BRAUVIN NET INVESTMENTS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	102	715 SOUTH WASHINGTON ST BISMARCK, ND 58504-5475	205 N MICHIGAN AVE SUITE 1900 CHICAGO, IL 60601	3/31/2020
BRAUVIN NET INVESTMENTS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	298	4265 SERGEANT RD SIOUX CITY, IA 51106-4625	205 MICHIGAN AVENUE SUITE 1900 CHICAGO, IL 60601	3/31/2020
BRE DDR GREAT NORTHERN LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1171	25953 GREAT NORTHERN SHOP CTR	DEPT 394676 61413 75906 PO BOX 9183404	3/31/2020
BRE DDR RIVERDALE VILLAGE INNER RING LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1330	NORTH OLMSTED, OH 44070-4371 12760 RIVERDALE BLVD COON RAPIDS, MN 55448-1259	CHICAGO, IL 60691-3404 DEPT. 104035 61432 74256 PO BOX 9183404	3/31/2020
BRE DDR SHOPPERS WORLD LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1680	1 WORCESTER RD #9950	CHICAGO, IL 60691-3404 DEPT # 350710-21422-60744 PO BOX 392472	3/31/2020
BRE DDR WOODFIELD VILLAGE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1688	FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701-5359 1522 E GOLF RD SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173-4904	CLEVELAND, OH 44193 DEPT 368837-21419-61507 PO BOX 392472	3/31/2020
BRE RC FIRST COLONY MD LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1043	45098 WORTH AVE CALIFORNIA, MD 20619-2406	CLEVELAND, OH 44193 BRE RC RETAIL PARENT LLC C/O BRE RC SOUTHPARK I TX LP LOS ANGELES, CA 90087-5660	3/31/2020
BRE RC LINCOLN SQUARE TX LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1429	780 ROAD TO SIX FLAGS ST EAST SUITE 262 ARLINGTON, TX 76011-4862	PO BOX 944161 CLEVELAND, OH 44194-4161	3/31/2020
BRIER CREEK COMMONS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1275	8391 BRIER CREEK PARKWAY RALEIGH, NC 27617-7303	C/O AMERICAN ASSET CORP 5950 FAIRVIEW RD STE . 800 CHARLOTTE, NC 28210	3/31/2020
BRIXMOR BERKSHIRE CROSSING LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	824	555 HUBBARD AVE PITTSFIELD, MA 01201-3876	C/O BRIXMOR PROPERTY GROUP PO BOX 645351 CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5351	3/31/2020
BRIXMOR SPE 1 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	344	1750 APPLE GLEN BLVD FORT WAYNE, IN 46804-1725	C/O BRIXMOR PROPERTY GROUP PO BOX 645346 CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5346	3/31/2020
BRIXMOR WENDOVER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1222	1210-C BRIDFORD PARKWAY	PO BOX 645344	3/31/2020
PLACE LLC BRIXMORE SPE 4 LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1050	GREENSBORO, NC 27407-2645 289 NORTH MAIN STREET 15 WATER TOWER PLAZA	CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5344 C/O BRIXMORE PROPERTY GROUP PO BOX 645349	3/31/2020
BUCKHEAD PLACE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1578	LEOMINSTER, MA 01453-2249 3232 PEACHTREE RD UNIT A1 ATLANTA, GA 30305-2407	CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5349 3715 NORTHSIDE PKWY NW STE 100 400 NORTH CREEK ATLANTA, GA 30327	3/31/2020
BUCKLAND ROAD RETAIL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1671	69 EVERGREEN WAY SOUTH WINDSOR, CT 06074-6975	2650 THOUSAND OAKS BLVD SUITE 2200 MEMPHIS, TN 38118	3/31/2020
BUILDING M PACKWOOD CENTER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1450	4018 SOUTH MOONEY BOULEVARD	PO BOX 944281 CLEVELAND, OH 44194-4281	3/4/2020
BURLESON GATEWAY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1147	VISALIA, CA 93277-9306 1107 N BURLESON BLVD	PO BOX 62045	3/31/2020
STATION, LP BVA SPRADLIN LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1108	BURLESON, TX 76028-7009 35 CONSTON AVENUE CHRISTIANSBURG, VA 24073-1164	NEWARK, NJ 07101 C/O BIG V PROPERTIES LLC 162 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITE 5	3/31/2020
BYER PROPERTIES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	374	20610 STEVENS CREEK BLVD CUPERTINO, CA 95014-2120	FLORIDA, NY 10921 66 POTRERO AVENUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94103	3/31/2020
CALLOWAY REIT - FIRST STICK POND	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1394	56 ABERDEEN AVENUE ST. JOHN'S, NL A1A 5T3	C/O FIRST PRO SHOPPING CENTRES 700 APPLEWOOD CRESCENT, STE 100 VAUGHAN, ON L4K 5X3	3/31/2020
CALLOWAY REIT - KAMLOOPS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1097	1055 HILLSIDE DR KAMLOOPS, BC V2E 2S5	C/O FIRST PRO SHOPPING CENTRES 700 APPLEWOOD CRESCENT SUITE 100 VAUGHAN, ON L4K 5X3	3/31/2020
CALLOWAY REIT - REGINA E	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1206	2030 PRINCE OF WALES DRIVE BUILDING H REGINA, SK S4V 3A6	C/O FIRST PRO SHOPPING CENTRES 700 APPLEWOOD CRESCENT, STE 100 VAUGHAN, ON L4K 5X3	3/31/2020
CALLOWAY REIT (WESTGATE) INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1216	3135 ARGENTIA RD #4 MISSISSAUGA, ON L5N 8E1	700 APPLEWOOD CRESCENT SUITE 200 VAUGHAN, ON L4K 5X3	3/31/2020
CAMELBACK COLONNADE SPE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	308	1743 EAST CAMELBACK RD SUITE A-3 PHOENIX, AZ 85016-4015	OPERATING ACCOUNT PO BOX 95273 LAS VEGAS, NV 89193-5273	3/31/2020
CAMINO REAL LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1595	6996 MARKETPLACE DR	7004 MARKETPLACE DR.	3/31/2020
CAMPBELL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1383	GOLETA, CA 93117-2997 2800 DEERFIELD DRIVE JANESVILLE, WI 53546-4381	GOLETA, CA 93117 505 S PEARL STREET JANESVILLE, WI 53545	3/31/2020
CANADIAN PROPERTY HOLDINGS (ONTARIO) INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1168	4315 WALKER ROAD WINDSOR, ON N8W 3T6	C/O CANADIÁN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST 175 BLOOR ST EAST TORONTO, ON M4W 3R8	3/31/2020
CANADIAN PROPERTY HOLDINGS (WHEELER) INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1191	185 TRINITY DR MONCTON, NB E1G 2J7	C/O CREIT MANAGEMENT LP 1801 HOLLIS STREET SUITE 1100 HALIFAX, NS B3J 3N4	3/31/2020
CANAL TC LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1642	1014 S CANAL ST CHICAGO, IL 60607-4907	CANAL TC LLC DEPT 3412422115757217 CLEVELAND, OH 44193	2/17/2020
CAPITAL AUGUSTA PROPERTIES LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1287	12 STEPHEN KING DR SUITE 3 AUGUSTA, ME 04330-8082	PO BOX 441 BRATTLEBORO, VT 05302-0441	3/31/2020
CAPITOL LIGHTING OF EAST HANOVER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	793	375 RTE 10 EAST HANOVER, NJ 07936-9998	365 ROUTE 10 EAST HANOVER, NJ 07936	3/31/2020

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CENTRAL PROPERTY EXCHANGE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	659	2508 TITTABAWASSEE RD SAGINAW, MI 48604-9477	614 S. ASHLEY ST. ANN ARBOR, MI 48103	3/31/2020
CENTRE POINTE II AT CITRUS LC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1291	6907 GUNN HWY TAMPA, FL 33625-3817	3641 KENNEDY BLVD STE A TAMPA, FL 33609	3/31/2020
CESARE PROPERTIES, LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1282	3155 US HIGHWAY 41 WEST MARQUETTE, MI 49855-9494	6756 IRON OAK DR BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312	3/31/2020
CH REALTY VIII	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	83	1401 JOHNSON FERRY RD SUITE 172 MARIETTA, GA 30062-6499	PO BOX 851985 RICHARDSON, TX 75085	3/31/2020
CHARLES L CARTER/EDWINA CARTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	556	1401 EAST MAIN ST PO BOX 3636 CARBONDALE, IL 62901-3141	5407 S.W. 26TH COURT CAPE CORAL, FL 33914	3/31/2020
CHERRY HILLS PARTNERS AT HADDONFIELD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1626	801 HADDONFIELD ROAD CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002-2604	C/O EDGEWOOD PROPERTIES ATTN: LEASE ADMINISTRATOR PISCATAWAY, NJ 08854	3/31/2020
CMW INVESTMENT, LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	22	140 ALLENDALE RD COURTSIDE SQ SUITE 100 KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406-2939	C/O WILLNER PROPERTIES 150 ALLENDALE ROAD, BLDG. #3 KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406	3/31/2020
COFAL PARTNERS, L.P.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1058	7219 B MCKNIGHT RD PITTSBURGH, PA 15237-3509	PO BOX 3445 PITTSBURGH, PA 15230	3/31/2020
COLONY PLACE DEVELOPMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1662	122 COLONY PLACE RD. PLYMOUTH, MA 02360-7233	C/O CAMBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK PO BOX 984001 BOSTON, MA 02298	3/31/2020
COMMERCIAL REALTY INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	303	8301 KINGSTON PIKE	8200 KINGSTON PIKE	3/31/2020
COMMODORE REALTY INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1441	KNOXVILLE, TN 37919-5450 91214 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY	KNOXVILLE, TN 37919 30 W MASHTA DRIVE STE 400	3/31/2020
COPPERWOOD VILLAGE,	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	184	TAVERNIER, FL 33070-2517 6815 HWY 6 N	PO BOX 62045	3/31/2020
L.P CORAL RIDGE MALL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	525	HOUSTON, TX 77084-1315 1401 CORAL RIDGE AVE	NEWARK, NJ 07101 SDS-12-1657 PO BOX 86	3/31/2020
CORTLAND TOWN CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	446	CORALVILLE, IA 52241-2801 3125 E MAIN ST MOHEGAN LAKE, NY 10547-1521	MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55486-1657 PROPERTY # 0139 PO BOX 419326	3/31/2020
COUNTRY VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	295	11315 HWY 7 MINNETONKA, MN 55305-5300	BOSTON, MA 02241-9326 C/O NORTH AMERICA PROPERTY FUND LP COUNTRY VILLAGE COLLECTION	2/29/2020
CPBP-VII ASSOCIATES, LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1056	975 BALTIMORE PIKE GLEN MILLS, PA 19342-1016	CHICAGO, IL 60674-7204 ATTN: LEASE ADMINISTRATOR 333 LUDLOW STREET, 8TH FLOOR	3/31/2020
CRANBERRY SQUARE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	162	405 NORTH CENTER ST SUITE 13 WESTMINSTER, MD 21157-5119	STAMFORD, CT 06902 C/O SAUL HOLDINGS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP P.O. BOX 38042 BALTIMORE, MD 21297-8042	3/31/2020
CREA/PPC LONG BEACH TOWNE CENTER PO LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1208	7641 CARSON BLVD LONG BEACH, CA 90808-2367	C/O VESTAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 2425 E. CAMELBACK RD., SUITE 750 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	3/31/2020
CROMBIE PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1125	3230 FAIRVIEW STREET UNIT 2 BURLINGTON, ON L7N 3H5	115 KING STREET STELLARTON, NS BOK 1S0	3/31/2020
CROSSROADS JOINT VENTURE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	680	499 TARRYTOWN RD	P.O. BOX 416246 BOSTON, MA 02241-6246	3/31/2020
CRW ST CLOUD, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1340	WHITE PLAINS, NY 10607-1339 3701 W DIVISION STREET ST CLOUD, MN 56301-3300	ATTN: LAURIE JOHNSTON 10301 WOODCREST DRIVE NW	2/29/2020
CSHV WAUGH CHAPEL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1391	1352 MAIN CHAPEL WAY GAMBRILLS, MD 21054-1658	COON RAPIDS, MN 55433 C/O GREENBERG GIBBONS COMMERCIAL 10096 RED RUN BLVD. STE. 100	3/31/2020
	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	849	849 AUTOMALL RD	OWINGS MILLS, MD 21117 2906 BUICK - CADILLAC BLVD	3/31/2020
PARTNERSHIP DARTMOUTH CROSSING	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1579	BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401-6320 205 HECTOR GATE	BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401 2851 JOHN STREET STE 1	3/31/2020
LIMITED DAVOS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	196	DARTMOUTH, NS B3B 0E5 26771 ALISO CREEK RD	MARKHAM, ON L3R 5R7 220 NEWPORT CENTER DR. #11-393	2/29/2020
DDR DB SA VENTURES LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1095	ALISO VIEJO, CA 92656-2887 11625 BANDERA ROAD SAN ANTONIO, TX 78250-6818	NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 DEPT 104305-20339-6011 PO BOX 931835	3/31/2020
DEERWOOD PROPERTIES UTAH LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1493	120 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD CENTERVILLE, UT 84014-1746	CLEVELAND, OH 44193 3720 S SUSAN STREET SUITE 100	3/31/2020
DELAWARE EAST ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1461	2310 S CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148-9000	SANTA ANA, CA 92704 PO BOX 65013 BALTIMORE, MD 21264-5013	2/29/2020
DFG- CHAPEL HILL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1127	392 HOWE AVENUE CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH 44221-4919	P.O. BOX 74895 CHICAGO, IL 60694-4895	2/29/2020
DFG-P1 MONROE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	232	5203 MONROE ST	10100 WATERVILLE ST	3/31/2020
DILYNN MANAGEMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	14	TOLEDO, OH 43623-3139 5440 MORENO ST MONTCLAIR, CA 91763-1631	WHITEHOUSE, OH 43571 C/O PHARMACY MANAGEMENT SERVICES 14241 E. FIRESTONE BLVD., STE 320 LA MIRADA, CA 90638	2/29/2020
DIMMOCK SQUARE MARKETPLACE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1479	729 SOUTHPARK BOULEVARD COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA 23834- 3606	LA MIRADA, CA 90638 C/O BLACKWOOD DEVELOPMENT CO. INC 7301 BOULDER VIEW LANE NORTH CHESTERFIELD, VA 23225	3/31/2020
DOUGLASVILLE PAVILION, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	503	2850 CHAPEL HILL ROAD DOUGLASVILLE, GA 30135-1766	ATTN: MS. AUDREY GARNER HOUSTON, TX 77098	3/31/2020

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DOVER COMMONS LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	832	1231 NORTH DUPONT HWY DOVER, DE 19901-8703	PO BOX 403430 ATLANTA, GA 30384-3430	3/31/2020
DRFC SOUTHDALE SQUARE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	835	2900 WEST 66TH ST RICHFIELD, MN 55423-1939	C/O FRAUENSHUH, INC. 7101 W 78TH ST. MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55439	3/31/2020
DT AHWATUKEE FOOTHILLS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	554	4717 EAST RAY RD PHOENIX, AZ 85044-6230	DEPT 104305 25602 77059 PO BOX 734208 CHICAGO, IL 60673-4208	3/31/2020
EAGAN PROMENADE, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	498	1275 PROMENADE PLACE EAGAN, MN 55121-2293	C/IIO/AGO, IL 00/13-4208 C/O MID-AMERICA REAL ESTATE - MINNESOTA, LLC 5353 WAYZATA BLVD., STE 650 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55416	3/31/2020
EDENS PARK PLACE AT CASCADES LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	689	21050 SOUTHBANK STERLING, VA 20165-7273	DEPT # 2456 PO BOX 531767 ATLANTA, GA 30353-1767	3/31/2020
EDWIN B RASKIN COMPANY, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	372	2021 N GALLATIN RD SUITE 200 MADISON, TN 37115-2029	5210 MARYLAND WAY SUITE 300 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027	3/31/2020
ELZA HANCZ	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	8	490 LIGHTHOUSE AVE PACIFIC GROVE, CA 93950-2727	919 N ALPINE DR BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210	3/31/2020
ENRO REALTY COMPANY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	192	200 BUYERS DR DOTHAN, AL 36303-2286	P O BOX 968 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35201	3/31/2020
ETA PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	855	3909 ALPINE AVE NW COMSTOCK PARK, MI 49321-8350	C/O AUGUST U PABST 35303 WEST PABST RD OCONOMOWOC, WI 53066	3/31/2020
ETHELYN M BRADFORD, TRUSTEE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	671	1525 SKYLAND BLVD E TUSCALOOSA, AL 35405-4231	C/O JAMES A BRADFORD, ESQ PO BOX 306 BIRMINGHAM, AL 35201	3/31/2020
EVERETT MALL 01, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	364	1425 SE EVERETT MALL WAY EVERETT, WA 98208-2850	CIO ACF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. 12411 VENTURA BLVD STUDIO CITY, CA 91604	3/31/2020
FAIRDALE SHOPPES L.L.C.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	863	2397 NORTH FAIRVIEW AVE ROSEVILLE, MN 55113-2707	C/O WALPERT PROPERTIES 12295 OLIVE BLVD CREVE COEUR, MO 63141	2/29/2020
FAIRLANE GREEN OWNER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1546	3200 FAIRLANE DRIVE ALLEN PARK, MI 48101-2871	0335-006216 PO BOX 419592 BOSTON, MA 02241-9592	3/31/2020
FAYETTE PLACE IMPROVEMENTS OWNER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	432	4001 NICHOLASVILLE RD LEXINGTON, KY 40503-4487	C/O DLC MANAGEMENT CORP PO BOX 5122 WHITE PLAINS, NY 10602	3/31/2020
FEASTERVILLE REALTY ASSOCIATES LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1251	120 EAST STREET ROAD FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053-7604	310 YORKTOWN PLAZA ELKINS PARK, PA 19027	3/31/2020
FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	753	594 FARMINGTON AVE BRISTOL, CT 06010-3951	C/O FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST 500-1050 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178-9320	3/31/2020
FEDERAL REALTY PARTNERS LP - #1490	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1624	7684 RICHMOND HWY ALEXANDRIA, VA 22306-2843	C/O FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST PO BOX 8500-9320 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178-9320	3/1/2020
FIERA PROPERTIES LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1419	125 THE QUEENSWAY BUILDING B ETOBICOKE, ON M8Y 1H6	IN TRUST FOR 125 THE QUEENSWAY C/O 20 VIC MANAGEMENT MISSISSAUGA, ON L5M 4Z5	2/29/2020
FINANCIAL TRADING AND TRANSACTING LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	268	12657 NORTH TATUM BOULEVARD PHOENIX, AZ 85032-7795		2/29/2020
FIRST & MAIN SOUTH NO. 1, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1306	3030 NEW CENTER POINT COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80922- 2814	111 SOUTH TEJON STREET SUITE 222 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	3/31/2020
FIRST CAPITAL (FAIRWAY) CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1388	655 FAIRWAY RD S BLDG C KITCHENER, ON N2C 1X4	C/O FCB PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES MANAGEMENT OFFICE KITCHENER, ON N2A 1H2	3/31/2020
FIRST WESTRIDGE SHOPPING CENTRES LTD.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	738	3900 HWY 7 UNIT 4 WOODBRIDGE, ON L4L 1A6	AND WESTRIDGE SHOPPING CENTRE LTD C/O CREIT MANAGEMENT LTD TORONTO, ON M4W 3R8	3/31/2020
FLOUNDER INVESTMENTS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	136	8832 VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY METAIRIE, LA 70003-5263	1840 JUTLAND DRIVE HARVEY, LA 70058	3/31/2020
FORTJOY DEVELOPMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1318	1014 BALTIMORE PIKE SPRINGFIELD, PA 19064-2836	C/O CONTINENTAL DEVELOPERS LLC 1604 WALNUT ST, 5TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	3/31/2020
FREEZE ENTERPRISES, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	300	2320 NORTH SALISBURY BLVD SALISBURY, MD 21801-2145	C/O BRAD FREEZE 5643 LOLENE WAY TAYLORSVILLE, UT 84129	3/31/2020
FREMAUX TOWN CENTER SPE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1682	690 TOWN CENTER PKWY SLIDELL, LA 70458-8006	109 NORTHPARK BLVD SUITE 300 COVINGTON, LA 70433	3/31/2020
FREMONT RETAIL PARTNERS, L.P.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	642	39198 FREMONT BLVD. THE HUB FREMONT, CA 94538-1316	PO BOX 62045 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020
FRIEDMAN MANAGEMENT COMPANY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1313	6830 GREENBAY ROAD KENOSHA, WI 53142-1426	C/O FRIEDMAN REAL ESTATE 26711 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033	3/31/2020
FRIT ESCONDIDO PROMENADE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	523	1272 AUTO PARKWAY SUITE D ESCONDIDO, CA 92029-2239	C/O FEDERAL REALTY INVESTMENT TRUST P.O. BOX 848706 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-8706	3/31/2020
FRONTAGE INVESTMENTS, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1013	516 N ROLLING MEADOWS DR FOND DU LAC, WI 54937-9700	498 N ROLLING MEADOWS DR FOND DU LAC, WI 54937	3/31/2020
G & I IX EMPIRE TOPS PLAZA ITHACA LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1235	722 SOUTH MEADOW STREET SUITE 1200 ITHACA, NY 14850-5321	580 WHITE PLAINS ROAD ATTN: MARILYN ZENGOTTA TARRYTOWN, NY 10591	2/29/2020

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G & J PARTNERS #90012090	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	841	1 SUGAR HOLLOW RD DANBURY, CT 06810-7401	C/O SAVINGS BANK OF DANBURY ROUTING NUMBER 221172238 090012090 DANBURY, CT 06810	3/31/2020
G & M SANDS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1601	1902 MT. DIABLO BLVD. WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596-4412	2255 MARINEVIEW DR SAN LEANDRO, CA 94577-6324	3/31/2020
G&I VII Redmond Power LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	30	7225 170TH AVE. NE #101 REDMOND, WA 98052-4485	7225 170TH AVE Redmond, WA 98052-4485	3/31/2020
GATEWAY CENTER PROPERTIES PHASE II OWNER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1614	410 GATEWAY DRIVE BOX 1 UNIT 8 BROOKLYN, NY 11239-2825	PO BOX 416837 BOSTON, MA 02441-6837	3/31/2020
GATEWAY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	631	2800 NORTH RESERVE MISSOULA, MT 59808-1308	P. O. BOX 16630 100 INTERNATIONAL WAY MISSOULA, MT 59808-6630	3/31/2020
GERMANTOWN BB LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1296	N96W18768 COUNTY LINE ROAD GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-4553	C/O TCG MANAGEMENT INC 1564 W ALGONQUIN RD	3/31/2020
GLEN PLAZA ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	61	216 GLEN COVE CARLE PLACE, NY 11514-1224	HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60192 C/O AVR REALTY CO ONE EXECUTIVE BLVD 4TH FLOOR	3/31/2020
GOLDEN EAGLE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	190	2671 VIA DE LA VALLE	YONKERS, NY 10701 2775 VIA DE LA VALLE #200	2/29/2020
MANAGEMENT LLC GOLDEN ISLES PLAZA, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	695	DEL MAR, CA 92014-1903 181 GOLDEN ISLES PLAZA BRUNSWICK, GA 31520-1937	DEL MAR, CA 92014 C/O THE SHOPPING CENTER GROUP, LLC 300 GALLERIA PARKWAY, 12TH FLOOR ATLANTA, GA 30339	3/31/2020
GOLDEN WEST PROPERTIES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	657	8940 TAMPA AVE NORTHRIDGE, CA 91324-3521	9200 SUNSET BLVD PENTHOUSE 9 C/O NORTHRIDGE GROVE SHOPPING LOS ANGELES, CA 90069	3/31/2020
GOODMILL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1590	2148 NORTH 2ND STREET A MILLVILLE, NJ 08332-1304	C/O GOODMAN PROPERTIES 636 OLD YORK ROAD, 2ND FLOOR JENKINTOWN, PA 19046	3/31/2020
GREAT FALLS MARKETPLACE HOLDINGS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	656	1601 MARKET PLACE DR SUITE 1 GREAT FALLS, MT 59404-3482	PO BOX 913007 DENVER, CO 80291-3007	3/31/2020
GREAT WALL INDUSTRIES 2003 INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	549	755 FINLAYSON STREET VICTORIA, BC V8T 4W4	202-2736 QUANDRA STREET VICTORIA, BC V8T 4E6	2/29/2020
GREENS OF STRONGSVILLE TRUSTEE ANNEX LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1337	18094 ROYALTON ROAD STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136-5180	C/O WALD & FISHER INC 3311 RICHMOND RD, STE 200 BEACHWOOD, OH 44122-4166	3/31/2020
GREF GG EASTLAND CENTER LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1652	2700 E WORKMAN AVE STE B WEST COVINA, CA 91791-1628	PO BOX 82751 GOLETA, CA 93118-2751	3/31/2020
GRI FOXCHASE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1666	4609 DUKE STREET ALEXANDRIA, VA 22304-2505	4350 EAST-WEST HIGHWAY SUITE 400 BETHESDA, MD 20814	3/31/2020
GRI-REGENCY, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	890	1809 REISTERSTOWN RD SUITE 103 BALTIMORE, MD 21208-6329	WOODHOLME PROPERTIES, LP PO BOX 822125 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182-2125	3/31/2020
GUSTINE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATES,LTD.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1190	351 WASHINGTON ROAD WASHINGTON, PA 15301-2701	C/O ECHO RE SRVS. CO. 560 EPSILON DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15238	3/31/2020
GWL REALTY ADVISORS INC, ITF	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1344	1500 BANKS ROAD UNIT # 502 KELOWNA, BC V1X 7Y1	SUITE 150 RICHMOND, BC V6V 2L1	3/31/2020
GWL REALTY ADVISORS INC. ITF	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1556	117-2401C MILLSTREAM ROAD VICTORIA, BC V9B 3R5	SUITE 150, 13575 COMMERCE PARKWAY RICHMOND, BC V6V 2L1	3/31/2020
HARMONY SHOPPING CENTRES LIMITED	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1392	1425 HARMONY ROAD NORTH OSHAWA, ON L1H 7K5	AN ONTARIO CORPORATION C/O FIRST PRO SHOPPING CENTRES VAUGHAN, ON L4K 5X3	2/29/2020
HARRISON FAMILY LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	567	300 PEARL NIX PKWY GAINESVILLE, GA 30501-4101	CO THE SIMPSON MANAGEMENT CO PO BOX 292 GAINSVILLE, GA 30503	3/31/2020
HART WILLOW CREEK, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1261	2331 WILLOW ROAD GLENVIEW, IL 60025-7637	C/O MID-AMERICA ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC ONE PARKVIEW PLAZA, 9TH FLOOR OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181	3/31/2020
HAVEN HARRISBURG, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	71	5104 JONESTOWN RD	P.O. BOX 2360	3/31/2020
HDR INVESTMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1491	HARRISBURG, PA 17112-2923 12160 VENTURA BOULEVARD STUDIO CITY, CA 91604-2514	LIVERMORE, CA 94551-2360 21650 BURBANK BLVD STE 110	2/29/2020
COMPANY HELM EQUITIES RICHMOND AVE LLC	•	1616	2385 RICHMOND AVE STATEN ISLAND, NY 10314-3906	WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91367 150 BROADWAY ROOM 800 NEW YORK, NY 10038	3/31/2020
HGIT BRIARGATE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1297	1685 BRIARGATE PKWY STE 311 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920- 8600	PO BOX 734862 DALLAS, TX 75373-4862	3/31/2020
HGREIT II EDMONSON ROAD LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	411	2689 EDMONDSON ROAD CINCINNATI, OH 45209-1910	PO BOX 733538 DALLAS, TX 75373-3538	3/31/2020
HICKORY POINT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	645	987 S ROUTE 51 FORSYTH, IL 62535-1022	PO BOX 5582 CAROL STREAM, IL 60197-5582	3/31/2020
HIGH BLUFF CENTER, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	408	6535 LANDMARK DRIVE PARK CITY, UT 84098-5990	P.O. BOX 683960 PARK CITY, UT 84068	3/31/2020
HIGHLANDS SQUARE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1069	88 HIGHLAND SQUARE DR	C/O RIVERCREST REALTY ASSOCIATES 8816 SIX FORKS RD STE 201 RALEIGH, NC 27615	3/31/2020
HK NEW PLAN ERP PROP HLDGS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	511	4024 ELKHART RD SUITE 20A GOSHEN, IN 46526-5803	C/O BRIXMOR PROPERTY GROUP PO BOX 645321 CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5321	3/31/2020

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HUNTERDON SHOPPING CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1023	39 REAVILLE AVE FLEMINGTON, NJ 08822-1714	C/O METRO COMMERCIAL 307 FELLOWSHIP ROAD, SUITE 300 MT LAUREL, NJ 08054	3/31/2020
HVTC, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1378	2501 W. HAPPY VALLEY PKWY #26 PHOENIX, AZ 85027-3710	C/O VESTAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PO BOX 60051 CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91716	2/29/2020
INLAND COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE SERVICES L	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1618	1041 BRANSON HILLS PKWY. BRANSON, MO 65616	BLDG # 75027 CHICAGO, IL 60693-0629	3/31/2020
IRC RETAIL CENTERS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1443	1901 E MADISON AVENUE MANKATO, MN 56001-6266	THE STATE OF THE S	2/29/2020
IRC RETAIL CENTERS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1608	1116 W BOUGHTON RD BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440-1508	TIEASC, IL 60073-3128 CHICAGO, IL 60675-3128 CHICAGO, IL 60675-3128	3/31/2020
IRVINE COMPANY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1431	8072 EAST COAST HIGHWAY NEWPORT COAST, CA 92657-2140	RETAIL CENTER: CRYSTAL COVE DEPT 1684-S45324 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-1684	2/29/2020
IRVINE RETAIL PROPERTIES CO	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1366	2822 EL CAMINO REAL TUSTIN, CA 92782-8901	RETAIL CENTER: THE MARKET PLACE I - S50102 PO BOX 842567 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-2567	3/31/2020
IVANHOE CAMBRIDGE INC - WOODGROVE CENTRE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1272	6660 MARY ELLEN DR NANAIMO, BC V9V 1T7	95 WELLINGTON ST. W STE 300 TORONTO, ON M5J 2R2	3/31/2020
IVT RENAISSANCE CENTER DURHAM I LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1252	6807 FAYETTEVILLE RD SUITE 102 DURHAM, NC 27713-8721	33227 COLLECTION CENTER DRIVE DEPT 44740 CHICAGO, IL 60693	3/31/2020
JCC CALIFORNIA PROPERTIES LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1186	108 VINTAGE WAY B-1 NOVATO, CA 94945-5003	C/O JAMES CAMPBELL COMPANY LLC P.O. BOX 742682 LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-2682	3/31/2020
JEFFREY'S CROSSING ASSOCIATES, LLP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	69	1472 JEFFREYS ROAD ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27804-1820	4530 PARK ROAD STE 410 PIER 1 IMPORTS #069 TENANT ID T228-2 CHARLOTTE, NC 28209	3/31/2020
JONESBORO CROSSROADS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1003	2300 E. HIGHLAND DR. STE. A JONESBORO, AR 72401-6211	C/O STONEMAR REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC 32 UNION SQUARE EAST - SUITE 1100 NEW YORK, NY 10003	3/31/2020
KANATA ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1188	501 EARL GREY DRIVE KANATA, ON K2T 1K4	C/O PENEQUITY REALTY CORPORATION 33 YONGE STREET, SUITE 901 TORONTO, ON M5E 1G4	3/31/2020
KEENE MZI LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1350	36 ASH BROOK ROAD KEENE, NH 03431-5918	C/O KATZ PROPERTIES, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 254 WEST 31ST STREET, 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10001	3/31/2020
KIMCO BAYSHORE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	669	1871 SUNRISE HWY BAYSHORE, NY 11706-6017	PO BOX 62045 ACCOUNT 113570-021265 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020
KIR BATAVIA 051,LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	707	481 NORTH RANDALL BATAVIA, IL 60510-9298	PO BOX 62045 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020
KIR PASADENA II, L.P	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1089	5660 FAIRMONT PKWY PASADENA, TX 77505-3904	PO BOX 62045 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020
KML PROPERTIES LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	421	2351 101ST STREET LARGO, FL 33771-3552	9800 4TH STREET NORTH SUITE 204 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33702	3/31/2020
KRIEGER INVESTMENT CO	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	286	3535 GEARY BLVD SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94118-3212	C/O JLL 655 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE #177 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	3/31/2020
KUKUI MARKETPLACE SPE, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1641	4303 NAWILIWILI RD J LIHUE, HI 96766-9581	ATTN: JLL LIHUE, HI 96766	2/17/2020
LAKE SUCCESS SHOPPING CENTER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1369	1454 UNION TURNPIKE NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040-1761	1526A UNION TURNPIKE NEW HYDE PARK, NY 11040	3/31/2020
LAKEVIEW POINTE SHOPPING CENTER, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1563	2144 N PERKINS ROAD STILLWATER, OK 74075-3075	PO BOX 410425 KANSAS CITY, MO 64141	2/29/2020
LEGACY VILLAGE INVESTORS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1599	24703 CEDAR RD. LYNDHURST, OH 44124-3766	25333 CEDAR ROAD, SUITE 303 LYNDHURST, OH 44092	3/31/2020
LEVIN PROPERTIES LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1517	889 SAINT GEORGE AVENUE WOODBRIDGE, NJ 07095-2514	LYNDHORS 1, OH 44092 C/O LEVIN MANAGEMENT CORP 893 RTE 22 W PLAINFIELD, NJ 07061	2/17/2020
LFG-1, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	537	3787 AIRPORT BLVD MOBILE, AL 36608-1617	718 DOWNTOWNER BOULEVARD ATTN: WILLIAM M. LYON, JR. MOBILE, AL 36609	3/31/2020
LIBERTY WILSHIRE PLAZA II LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1331	8530 N EVANSTON RD KANSAS CITY, MO 64157-1226	INIOBILE, AL 30009 C/O ROBERT LYNN MANAGEMENT 4851 LBJ FREEWAY, SUITE 1000 DALLAS, TX 75244	3/31/2020
LINEAR RETAIL NORTH ANDOVER # 1 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1487	133 TURNPIKE STREET NORTH ANDOVER, MA 01845-5032	DALLAS, 1X 13244 CAMBRIDGE SAVINGS BANK PO BOX 984001 BOSTON, MA 02298	3/31/2020
LM 1329 BOSTON POST RD, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	690	1329 BOSTON POST RD LARCHMONT, NY 10538-3902	C/O DIRECT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC 415 FIFITH AVE, 2ND FLOOR PELHAM, NY 10803	2/29/2020
LONG BEACH SHOPPING LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	706	214 EAST PARK AVE LONG BEACH, NY 11561-3521	C/O PHILIPS INTL HOLDING CORP 295 MADISON AVE 2ND FL NEW YORK, NY 10017	3/31/2020
LONGPIER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	865	307 WEST LOOP 281 LONGVIEW, TX 75604-4442	A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION P.O. BOX 5287 CULVER CITY, CA 90231	3/31/2020

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LUPO MISSISSIPPI, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	315	3836 NORTH GLOSTER ST TUPELO, MS 38804-9730	2295 NW CORPORATE BLVD., SUITE 135 BOCCA RATTON, FL 33431	3/31/2020
MACARTHUR PARK, LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	80	7805 N MACARTHUR SUITE 110 IRVING, TX 75063-7531	DEPARTMENT # 2627 P.O. BOX 95435 GRAPEVINE, TX 76099-9734	2/29/2020
MACDONALD COMMERCIAL	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	336	1702 WEST BROADWAY VANCOUVER, BC V6J 1Y1	1827 WEST 5TH AVENUE VANCOUVER, BC V6J 1P5	3/31/2020
MAGNOLIA TYLER CENTER, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	140	3784 TYLER STREET RIVERSIDE, CA 92503-4161	C/O IPA COMMERICAL REAL ESTATE 3538 CENTRAL AVE STE 200 RIVERSIDE, CA 92506	3/31/2020
MARKLAND PLAZA, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1021	1429 S REED RD KOKOMO, IN 46902-1927	867915 RELIABLE PARKWAY CHICAGO, IL 60686-0079	2/29/2020
MAUI MARKETPLACE NVESTMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	371	270 DAIRY RD KAHULUI, HI 96732-2987	GROUP INC. C/O MAUI MARKETPLACE KAHULUI, HI 96732	2/17/2020
MELRO COMPANY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1506	1981 NORTH FEDERAL HWY POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062-1015	PO BOX 670 FAIRFIELD, FL 32634	3/31/2020
MENG FARMS,INC & JOE & MARTHA MENG	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	501	5221 FREDERICA ST SUITE 101 OWENSBORO, KY 42301-7444	1540 BENT TREE AVE BOWLING GREEN, KY 42103	3/31/2020
MEYERLAND RETAIL ASSOCIATES, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1500	110 MEYERLAND PLAZA MALL HOUSTON, TX 77096-1607	C/O FIDELIS REALTY PARTNERS 4500 BISSONET STREET, SUITE 300 BELLAIRE, TX 77401	3/31/2020
MGM MANAGEMENT, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1406	6672 SAWMILL RD COLUMBUS, OH 43235-4943	ATTN: TINA GANDHI 485 METRO PLACE SOUTH, STE 270 DUBLIN, OH 43017	3/31/2020
MISSION VIEJO CENTER LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1570	28371 MARGUERITE PARKWAY MISSION VIEJO, CA 92692-3705	1100 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE #200 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660	3/31/2020
MK KAPOLEI COMMONS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1651	4460 KAPOLEI PKWY STE. 225 KAPOLEI, HI 96707-1890	MMI REALTY SERVICES, INC. A/F MK KAPOLEI COMMONS LLC HONOLULU, HI 96849-5739	2/17/2020
ML-MJW PORT CHESTER SC OWNER LLC		1609	427 BOSTON POST RD PORT CHESTER, NY 10573-4738	PO BOX 780130 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178-0130	3/31/2020
MNG MANAGEMENT, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	878	3795 NORTH DRUID HILLS RD DECATUR, GA 30033-3730	MIDTOWN NATIONAL GROUP, LP 415 S. CEDROS AVENUE, SUITE 240 SOLANA BEACH, CA 92075	3/31/2020
MONAHAN EQUITIES I	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	517	422 EISENHOWER DR HANOVER, PA 17331-5221	C/O THE MONAHAN GROUP 131 CARLISLE STREET 2ND FLOOR GETTYSBURG, PA 17325-1831	3/31/2020
MONTECITO MARKET PLACE ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1605	409 3RD STREET SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901-3548	980 FIFTH AVENUE SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901	3/31/2020
MOORPARK VILLAGE COMPANY LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1356	33 N MOORPARK ROAD SUITE K THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360-4431	PO BOX 843176 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-3176	3/31/2020
MP PIER 1 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	594	4301 SOUTH STEELE ST TACOMA, WA 98409-7222	1000 2ND AVE, SUITE 2420 SEATTLE, WA 98104	3/31/2020
MUNDELEIN 83 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1526	3062 W. RT 60 MUNDELEIN, IL 60060-4270	3201 OLD GLENVIEW ROAD SUITE 235 WILMETTE, IL 60091	3/31/2020
NAPA RESOURCES, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1606	3900 BEL AIRE PLZ. STE.A NAPA, CA 94558-2823	C/O CROSSPOINT REALTY SERVICES, INC P.O. BOX 7365	3/31/2020
NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	530	8535 OLD SEWARD HWY ANCHORAGE, AK 99515-2015	SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94120-7365 PO BOX 864202 ORLANDO, FL 32886-4202	2/17/2020
NATIONAL RETAIL PROPERTIES, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	520	1819 NORMAN DRIVE VALDOSTA, GA 31601-3502	PO BOX 864202 ORLANDO, FL 32886-4202	3/31/2020
NF MERCED -LH, LLC / NF MERCED-CONN, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1325	1778 W OLIVE AVE MERCED, CA 95348-1201	C/O DECRON PROPERTIES CORPORATION 6222 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD SUITE 400 LOS ANGELES. CA 90048	2/29/2020
NIFONG REALTY/ WISPO LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1232	150 SILHAVY ROAD SUITE 110 VALPARAISO, IN 46383-6971	2181 SOUTH ONEIDA ST GREEN BAY, WI 54304	2/29/2020
NMSP ITF ARTIS POCO PLACE LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1288	2755 LOUGHEED HWY UNIT 8	206-1168 HAMILTON STREET VANCOUVER, BC V6B 2S2	3/31/2020
NORTH & KINGSBURY OWNER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1665	PORT COQUITLAM, BC V3B 5Y9 1574 N KINGSBURY ST UNIT A CHICAGO, IL 60642-2532	0313-005449 PO BOX 419869 BOSTON, MA 02241-9869	3/31/2020
NORTH AMERICAN(BOUCHERVILLE) CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1467	1402-582 CHEMIN DE TOURAINE BOUCHERVILLE, QC J4B 8S5	2840 PROMENADE ST-HONORE BOISBRIAND, QC J7H 0A8	2/17/2020
NORTH ANCHORAGE REAL ESTATE INVESTORS, L	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1669	1124 N MULDOON RD STE O	C/O BROWMAN DEVELOPMENT INC ATTN: DARRYL BROWMAN, PRESIDENT	2/17/2020
NORTHGATE CENTRE INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	524	ANCHORAGE, AK 99504-6101 564 KING STREET NORTH WATERLOO, ON N2L 6L3	WALNUT CREEK, CA 94596 C/O VOISIN PROPERTIES 101 IRA NEEDLES BLVD WATER CO. ON 102 1-274	3/31/2020
NORTHINGTON HAMDEN NVESTORS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	596	2335 DIXWELL AVE HAMDEN, CT 06514-2100	WATERLOO, ON N2J 3Z4 C/O THE WILDER COMPANIES 800 BOLYSTON ST BOSTON, MA 02199	3/31/2020
NORTHRIDGE PLAZA 07 A, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1469	15340 WEST 119TH STREET OLATHE, KS 66062-1073	ACF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT 7500 COLLEGE BLVD SUITE 500 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66210	2/29/2020
NUMEADOWLAND PROPERTIES INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1283	737 GOLF LINKS RD UNIT 6 ANCASTER, ON L9K 1L5	C/O CAPITOL MANAGEMENT CORP 340 SHEPPARD AVE. EAST, STE 300 TORONTO, ON M2N 3B4	3/31/2020
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OAK PARK HEIGHTS PAT, LLC-015610	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1420	5855 KRUEGER LANE OAK PARK HEIGHTS, MN 55082- 2189	PO BOX 310300 PROPERTY 051610 DES MOINES, IA 50331-0300	3/31/2020
OCT STONEFIELD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1592	1951 SWANSON DR	C/O O'CONNOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT,	3/31/2020
PROPERTY OWNER, LLC			CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA 22901-2754	LLC 240 ROYAL PALM WAY , SUITE 200 PALM BEACH, FL 33480	
ONNI MAYFAIR PLACE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1543	940-19800 LOUGHEED HWY	SUITE #200-1010 SEYMOUR STREET	3/31/2020
DEVELOPMENT LP OPB REALTY INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	546	PITT MEADOWS, BC V3Y 2W1 221 GLENDALE AVE. #601	VANCOUVER, BC V6B 3M6 C/O CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD ASSET	3/31/2020
SI BINEALIT INC	Tier Timports, inc.	340	ST. CATHARINES, ON L2T 2K9	SERVICES INC 221 GLENDALE AVENUE ST CATHERINES. ON L2T 2K9	3/3/1/2020
OPB REALTY INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1197	7010 MUMFORD ROAD UNIT B4-2	20 VIC MANAGEMENT INC. 7001 MUMFORD ROAD	3/31/2020
ORANGE TOWN & COUNTRY CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1217	HALIFAX, NS B3L 4W7 763 S MAIN STREET SUITE 150	HALIFAX, NS B3L 4R3 C/O BURNHAM USA EQUITIES, INC 1100 NEWPORT CENTER DR	3/31/2020
ORLANDO CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	377	ORANGE, CA 92868-4610 5980 MCLAUGHLIN RD UNIT 1	NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660 6205 AIRPORT ROAD MISSISSAUGA, ON L4V 1E3	3/31/2020
OUTERLOOP INVESTMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	309	MISSISSAUGA, ON L5R 3X9 2000 SOUTH HURSTBORNE PKWY	9462 BROWNSBORO RD #153	3/31/2020
PROPERTIES, LP OXFORD VALLEY ROAD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	63	LOUISVILLE, KY 40220-4207 630 COMMERCE BLVD	LOUISVILLE, KY 40241 PO BOX 62651	3/31/2020
ASSOCIATES	•		FAIRLESS HILLS, PA 19030-1026	BALTIMORE, MD 21264-2651	
PACE-BRENTWOOD PARTNERS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1073	1805 S BRENTWOOD BLVD SAINT LOUIS, MO 63144-1809	C/O PACE PROPERTIES, INC. PO BOX 952071 ST. LOUIS, MO 63195-2071	3/31/2020
PACIFIC SQUARE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	611	4362 EAST NEW YORK AURORA, IL 60504-4121	4360 EAST NEW YORK STREET AURORA, IL 60504	3/31/2020
PAL PROPERTIES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1610	1241 VANN DR. JACKSON, TN 38305-6024	C/O GARY A TAYLOR 2574 CHRISTMASVILLE COVE JACKSON, TN 38305	3/31/2020
PALMER FAMILY REALTY TRUST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1029	120 GRANITE ST BRAINTREE, MA 02184-1747	BANK OF AMERICA 500 WEST 7TH ST	3/31/2020
PANTOS FAMILY LLC VIII	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	212	4400 KEMP BLVD	FORT WORTH, TX 76102 45 WARNER RD	3/31/2020
DAOLL CHODDING CENTED	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	4440	WICHITA FALLS, TX 76308-3714 82 E LANCASTER AVE	GROSS POINTE FARMS, MI 48236 1301 LANCASTER AVE	2/24/2020
PAOLI SHOPPING CENTER, P.	Pier i imports, inc.	1113	STORE 2A PAOLI, PA 19301-1485	BERWYN, PA 19312	3/31/2020
PARK WEST VILLAGE PHASE II LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1657	2108 VILLAGE MARKET PL. MORRISVILLE, NC 27560-7538	C/O CASTO PO BOX 1450 COLUMBUS, OH 43216	3/31/2020
PARKMALL LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	151	1820 N DIXIE HWY	P.O. BOX 602745	2/29/2020
PARKWAY POINTE-FCA, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1214	BLIZABETHTOWN, KY 42701-9492 3101 COBB PARKWAY SE SUITE 100	CHARLOTTE, NC 28260-2745 C/O RETAIL PLANNING CORPORATION 35 JOHNSON FERRY ROAD	3/31/2020
PEBB GERMANTOWN IND	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	694	ATLANTA, GA 30339-3497 7730 POPLAR AVE SUITE 7	MARIETTA, GA 30068 MAIL CODE 5708 PO BOX 71200	3/31/2020
			GERMANTOWN, TN 38138-3948	CHARLOTTE, NC 28272-1200	
PENNMARK COVENTRY HOLDING, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1552	351 W. SCHUYLKILL RD STE. A-1 POTTSTOWN, PA 19465-7438	ATTN: R SICHELSTIEL 1000 GERMANTOWN PIKE, STE A-2 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462	3/31/2020
PERRY L. & ROSEMARIE E. CARTER TRUSTEES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	361	1727 MONTGOMERY HWY RIVERCHASE	CARTER FAMILY TRUST 264 CLAUDIA	3/31/2020
			HOOVER, AL 35244-1215	MORAGA, CA 94556	
PGI MANAGEMENT	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	92	1520 NORTH MAIN ST SALINAS, CA 93906-5101	AGENT FOR HARDEN RANCH PLAZA 1606 NORTH MAIN STREET SALINAS, CA 93906	2/29/2020
PICO PAVILION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	822	415 EAST AVENIDA PICO SUITE L	C/O PACIFIC WEST ASSET MGMT PO BOX 19068	3/31/2020
PIER 1, FOLEY, AL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1141	SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92672-3800 2863 S MCKENZIE ST	IRVINE, CA 92623-9068 310 SAPPHIRE WAY	3/31/2020
PINECREST PROPERTIES, NC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	404	FOLEY, AL 36535-3413 2620 DAWSON RD ALBANY, GA 31707-6679	VERO BEACH, FL 32968 C/O THE JENKINS GROUP PO BOX 70847	3/31/2020
PLAZA AT CAPE MAY COURTHOUSE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1316	5 COURT HOUSE SOUTH DENNIS CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ	ALBANY, GA 31708 630 WEST GERMANTOWN PIKE, STE 303 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462	3/31/2020
PMAT WESTBANK, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1051	08210-1966 1629 WESTBANK EXPRESSWAY SUITE A	P.O. BOX 714650 CINCINNATI, OH 45202	3/31/2020
PPG SHADOW REAL ESTATE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1604	HARVEY, LA 70058-4312 7809 TOWNE CENTER PKWY SUITE 115	PO BOX 74384 CLEVELAND, OH 44194	3/31/2020
PRESTON CROSSING	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1229	PAPILLION, NE 68046-2146 121-1715 PRESTON	C/O HARVARD DEVELOPMENTS INC	3/31/2020
PROPERTIES INC			AVENUE NORTH SASKATOON, SK S7H 2V7	2000-1874 SCARTH ST REGINA, SK S4P 4B3	
PRIMARIS MANAGEMENT INC ITF PARK PLACE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1504	745 1ST AVENUE SOUTH LETHBRIDGE, AB T1J 5A4	PARK PLACE SHOPPING CENTRE 501 1ST AVENUE SOUTH, UNIT 131 LETHBRIDGE, AB T1J 4L9	3/31/2020
PRINCE KUHIO PLAZA, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1672	111 E PUAINAKO ST STE 655	SDS-12-2464 PO BOX 85	2/17/2020
		L	HILO, HI 96720-5278	MINNEAPLOIS, MN 55486-2464	

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PRINCIPAL REAL ESTATE HOLDING COMPANY	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1265	3113 SILVERLAKE VILLAGE DR PEARLAND, TX 77584-8082	SILVERLAKE SORRENTO WEST, LLC PO BOX 310300 DES MOINES, IA 50331-0300	3/31/2020	
PRR TRUST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1268	2020 SHERWOOD DRIVE UNIT 12	C/O PRIMARIS MANAGEMENT INC 2020 SHERWOOD DR	3/31/2020	
PUBLIC STORAGE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	199	SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 3H9 3000 WILSHIRE BLVD SANTA MONICA, CA 90403-2302	SHERWOOD PARK, AB T8A 5V3 PO BOX 205144 DALLAS, TX 75320-5144	3/31/2020	
R.E.D CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1233	2950 PINE LAKE ROAD SUITE C LINCOLN, NE 68516-6020	C/O RED CAPITOL DEVELOPMENT LLC ONE EAST WASHINGTON ST SUITE 300 PHOENIX, AZ 85004-2513	3/31/2020	
RAM PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1482	780 NW GARDEN VALLEY BLVD SUITE 200 ROSEBURG, OR 97471-6526	C/O SILVA MANAGEMENT 101 EAST BROADWAY, SUITE 103 EUGENE, OR 97404	3/31/2020	
REALTY INCOME CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	204	1000 TURTLE CREEK DR SUITE 4	ATTN: PM BLDG #0946 DEPARTMENT 2428 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-2428	3/31/2020	
REALTY INCOME CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	675	HATTIESBURG, MS 39402-1173 16318 NORTH DALE MABRY TAMPA, FL 33618-1341	ATTN: PM BLDG #0954 DEPARTMENT 2428	3/31/2020	
REALTY INCOME CORPORATION	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	711	4681 PECANLAND MALL DR MONROE, LA 71203-7001	LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-2428 ATTN: PM BLDG #0951 DEPARTMENT 2428 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-2428	3/31/2020	
REALTY INCOME	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	767	250 HARBISON BLVD	DEPARTMENT 2428	3/31/2020	
CORPORATION RED MILL WEST, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1162	COLUMBIA, SC 29212-2232 1169 NIMMO PARKWAY	LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-2428 C/O VENTURE REALTY GROUP	3/31/2020	
	•		SUITE 218 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23456-7730	1081 19TH STREET, SUITE 203 VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23451		
REG8 SEQUOIA STATION, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1585	1087 EL CAMINO REAL UNIT E REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063-1689	633 SEQUOIA STATION C/O REGENCY CENTERS, LP PASADENA, CA 91110-0740	3/31/2020	
REGENCY CENTERS LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1536	436 DANIELS STREET RALEIGH, NC 27605-1315	CAMERON VILLAGE C/O COLUMBIA RETAIL CAMERON VILLAGE LLC ATLANTA, GA 30353-4243	3/31/2020	
REGO II BORROWER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1572	61-35 JUNCTION BLVD SUITE A5	P.O. BOX 29227 NEW YORK, NY 10087-9227	3/31/2020	
REIN WARSAW ASSOCIATES LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	512	REGO PARK, NY 11374-2772 2802 FRONTAGE RD WARSAW, IN 46580-3912	75 REMITTANCE DRIVE DEPT 6907 CHICAGO, IL 60675	3/31/2020	
RETAILIA OF NORTH LONDON LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	145	94 FANSHAWE PK RD E LONDON, ON N5X 4C5	34 HESS STREET SOUTH HAMILTON, ON L8P 3N1	3/31/2020	
RIO TRIN PROPERTIES (BRAMPTON) INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	500	200 GREAT LAKES DRIVE UNIT #142	C/O RIOCAN PROPERTY SERVICES SHOPPERS WORLD BRAMPTON	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN (REIT)	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	241	BRAMPTON, ON L6R 2K7 90 KINGSTON RD E UNIT 2	BRAMPTON, ON L6Y 1N7 RIOCAN PROP. SERVICES 285 TAUNTON RD EAST	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN (REIT) WEST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	529	AJAX, ON L1Z 1G1 5506 SIGNAL HILL CENTER CALGARY, AB T3H 3P8	OSHAWA, ON L1G 3V2 RIOCAN PROP. SERVICES #257 495-36 STREET NE	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN CENTRE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1064	646 GARDINERS RD #15	CALGARY, AB T2A 6K3 RIOCAN PROPERTY SERVICES 1300 BATH RD	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN MANAGEMENT INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1640	KINGSTON, ON K7M 3X9 30 WESTON ROAD UNIT 209	KINGSTON, ON K7M 4X4 RIOCAN YONGE EGLINTON CENTRE 2300 YONGE STREET, SUITE 500	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN PROPERTY SERVICES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1001	TORONTO, ON M6N 0A7 1910 99 STREET NW SOUTH EDMONTON COMMON	TORONTO, ON M4P 1E4 C/O RIOCAN MANAGEMENT INC. 14969 STONY PLAIN RD	3/31/2020	
RIOCAN PROPERTY SERVICES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1348	EDMONTON, AB T6N 1K9 1635 VICTORIA STREET EAST WHITBY, ON L1N 9W4	EDMONTON, AB T5P 4W1 285 TAUNTON ROAD EAST OSHAWA, ON L1G 3V2	3/31/2020	
RIOKIM HOLDINGS ALBERTA INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	547	200-303 SHAWVILLE BLVD SE CALGARY, AB T2Y 3W6	C/O RIOCAN PROPERTY SERVICES 495-36TH STREET N.E./SUITE 257 CALGARY, AB T2A 6K3	2/29/2020	
RIOKIM HOLDINGS (ALBERTA) INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	505	3630 BRENTWOOD RD NW #700 CALGARY, AB T2L 1K8	C\O RIOCAN PROP.SER 495-36TH ST NE SUITE 257 CALGARY, AB T2A 6K3	3/31/2020	
RIOTRIN PROPERTIES (BARRHAVEN) INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1574	3161 GREENBANK ROAD UNIT 1	C/O RIOCAN MANAGEMENT INC 1239 DONALD STREET	3/31/2020	
RIVER ROOT PARTNERS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1285	OTTAWA, ON K2J 4H9 1438 TURNER MCCALL BLVD SW	OTTAWA, ON K1J 8W3 106 EAST 8TH AVENUE	3/31/2020	
LLC RMI - ITF SUDBURY NEW MILLENNIUM CENTRE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1250	ROME, GA 30161-6072 1400 MARCUS DRIVE SUDBURY, ON P3B 4K5	ROME, GA 30161-5204 C/O RIOCAN MANAGEMENT INC. 1599 MARCUS DRIVE, UNIT C-5	2/29/2020	
RMI ITF LEASIDE CENTRE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	661	815 EGLINTON AVE E EAST YORK, ON M4G 4G9	SUDBURY, ON P3B 4K6 C/O RIOCAN MANAGEMENT INC 700 LAWRENCE AVE. WEST, STE 428	3/31/2020	
ROCKCLIFFE ESTATES LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	548	20195 LANGLEY BYPASS LANGLEY, BC V3A 6K9	TORONTO, ON M6A 3B4 C/O BENTALL LP ITF PIER 1 IMPORTS C/O BENTALL REGIONAL OFFICE	2/29/2020	
ROIC WASHINGTON, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	174	15725 WESTMINSTER WAY SEATTLE, WA 98133-5900	LANGLEY, BC V3A 7E9 MS 631099 PO BOX 3953	3/31/2020	
				SEATTLE, WA 98124-3953		

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ROUNDHOUSE ALEXANDRIA, INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1311	3901 RICHMOND HWY ALEXANDRIA, VA 22305-3124	DBA CPYR, INC PO BOX 79798 BALTIMORE, MD 21279-0798	3/31/2020
RPAI SOUTHWEST MANAGEMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1248	1800 S. LOOP 288 STE. 360 DENTON, TX 76205-4803	15105 COLLECTION CENTER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60693-5105	3/31/2020
RPAI SOUTHWEST MANAGEMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1398	6228 BROADWAY STREET SUITE C GALVESTON, TX 77551-1031	15105 COLLECTIONS CENTER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60693	3/31/2020
RPAI US MANAGEMENT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1488	12551 JEFFERSON AVENUE SUITE 161 NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23602-4494	13068 COLLECTIONS CENTER DR CHICAGO, IL 60693	3/31/2020
RPI MANAGEMENT CO	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	239	2501 RICE BLVD HOUSTON, TX 77005-3220	PO BOX 159 BELLAIRE, TX 77402	3/31/2020
RREEF AMERICA REIT II CORP HH	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1009	11 THE PROMENADE EDGEWATER, NJ 07020-2126	C/O REEF MGMT. CO. ATTN. ASSET MGR 200 CRESENT CT. STE 560 DALLAS, TX 75201	3/31/2020
RUTH STALEY TRUST	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	662	8511 WEST INTERSTATE HWY 40 AMARILLO, TX 79121-2000	BANK OF AMERICA 990464505 P.O.BOX 840790 DALLAS, TX 75283	3/31/2020
S J JORDAN, LC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1612	6305 MILLS CIVIC PKWY. SUITE 2115 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266-8349	3101 INGERSOLL AVENUE DES MOINES, IA 50312	3/31/2020
SALTWHISTLE BAY PROPERTIES INC.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1414	8825 YONGE STREET UNIT A1 RICHMOND HILL, ON L4C 6Z1	1500 HIGHWAY 7 CONCORD, ON L4K 5Y4	3/31/2020
SANTA MARIA COMMERCE CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	781	230 EAST BETTERAVIA RD SANTA MARIA, CA 93455-7845	C/O GAIN MANAGEMENT GROUP INC 11949 W JEFFERSON BLVD STE 101 CULVER CITY, CA 90230	3/31/2020
SANTAN FESTIVAL, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1648	2600 W. CHANDLER BLVD. STE. 12 CHANDLER, AZ 85224-4927	C/O CHANDLER FESTIVAL SPE LLC PO BOX 96004 LAS VEGAS, NV 89193-6004	3/31/2020
SAYVILLE PLAZA DEVELOPMENT CO	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1459	5187 SUNRISE HIGHWAY BOHEMIA, NY 11716-4617	500 OLD COUNTRY RD GARDEN CITY, NY 11530	2/17/2020
SCG-NORTH RIVERS LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	834	7643 NORTH RIVERS AVE NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29406- 4073	C/O SOUTH COAST MANAGEMENT LLC PO BOX 724498 ATLANTA, GA 31139	2/29/2020
SCI ITC SOUTH FUND, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1182	30 INTERNATIONAL DR SOUTH SUITE F2 FLANDERS, NJ 07836-4110	C/O FAMECO MANAGEMENT SERVICES P.O. BOX 57424 PHILADEPHIA, PA 19111-7424	3/31/2020
SDM REALTY ADVISORS LTD. IN TRUST FOR	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1102	3091 152ND STREET UNIT 360 SURREY, BC V4P 3K1	KOWSAR HOLDINGS LTD. C/O SDM REALTY ADVISOR LTD VANCOUVER, BC V6E 4H1	3/31/2020
SDOP CORP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	400	1143 WEST LAKE ST OAK PARK, IL 60301-1001	C/O MID-AMERICA ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC ONE PARKVIEW PLAZA, 9TH FLOOR OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181	3/31/2020
SEEKONK SHOPPING CENTER EQUITIES II, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	527	145 HIGHLAND AVE SEEKONK, MA 02771-5818	C/O TIME EQUITIES, INC 55 FIFTH AVENUE, 15TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10003	3/31/2020
SEEMANN FAMILY LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	249	6010 NORTH PORT WASH RD GLENDALE, WI 53217-4524	11301 N. SHORECLIFF LN MEQUON, WI 53092	3/31/2020
SELIG ENTERPRISES INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	229	1544 PIEDMONT RD ATLANTA, GA 30324-5018	TT# 31544-000065 1100 SPRING STREET NW-STE 550 ATLANTA, GA 30309-2848	2/29/2020
SHADRALL RIVERSIDE MARKET, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	115	5300 TCHOUPITOULAS ST SUITE E NEW ORLEANS, LA 70115-1903	PO BOX 204119 DALLAS, TX 75320-4119	2/29/2020
SHERMAN PARTNERS WR CLARKSVILLE	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	845		209 29TH AVENUE NORTH, SUITE 150 NASHVILLE, TN 37203	3/31/2020
SHOPPES AT RIVER CROSSING, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1677	5080 RIVERSIDE DR STE 602 MACON, GA 31210-1100	SDS-12-2746 PO BOX 86 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55486	3/31/2020
SHOPS AT DALE CORNER, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	802	385 WEST MAIN ST UNIT A AVON, CT 06001-4357	750 CONNECTICUT BLVD EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108	3/31/2020
SIX POINTS JAX, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	45	1071 ATLANTIC BLVD ATLANTIC BEACH, FL 32233-3348	C/O TSG REALTY 8650-12 OLD KINGS ROAD S JACKSONVILLE, FL 32217	3/31/2020
SKYLINE COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1437	389 MAIN STREET UNIT B 2 THUNDER BAY, ON P7B 5L6	70 FOUNTAIN STREET EAST GUELPH, ON N1H 3N6	3/31/2020
SKYVIEW EQUITIES INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1119	13530 137TH AVENUE NW EDMONTON, AB T5L 5E9	C/O TONKO REALTY ADVISORS LTD #300, 707- 10TH AVE SW CALGARY, AB T2R 0B3	3/31/2020
SMITHTOWN VENTURE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1237	118 VETERANS MEMORIAL HWY COMMACK, NY 11725-3432	P.O. BOX 62045 ACCOUNT 105750-004495 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020
SOUTH LAKE ASSOCIATES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	323	422 SOUTH LAKE AVE PASADENA, CA 91101-3510	C/O ALBERT B. GLICKMAN & ASSOCIATES 111 COMMERCIAL ST STE 300 PORTLAND, ME 04101-4719	3/31/2020
SOUTHBRIDGE 2009 I , LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1460	8085 OLD CARRIAGE COURT SHAKOPEE, MN 55379-3157	C/O H.J. DÉVELOPMENT, INC 2655 CHESHIRE LANE NORTH PLYMOUTH, MN 55447	3/29/2020
SOUTHPOINTE COMMON CORP.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1210	2004-50TH AVE UNIT 189 RED DEER, AB T4R 3A2	C/O RANCHO REALTY (1975) LTD. SUITE #1, 5528 - 1 STREET SE CALGARY, AB T2H 2W9	3/31/2020

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SPHEAR INVESTMENTS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1597	901 RANCHO PKWY ARROYO GRANDE, CA 93420-1970	C/O INVESTEC MANAGEMENT CORP. ATTN: PRESIDENT SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101	3/31/2020	
SPRINGFIELD COMMONS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	431	6751-A FRONTIER DR SPRINGFIELD, VA 22150-1412	PO BOX 645550 CINCINNATI, OH 45264-5550	2/29/2020	
	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	452	58-64 RTE 4 E PARAMUS, NJ 07652-2621	PO BOX 667 HACKENSACK, NJ 07601	2/29/2020	
SPRINGTREE GLOBAL LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1323	2800 CAMPUS PARKWAY SUITE 101	C/O SPRINGTREE INVESTMENTS LLC 713 W DUARTE ROAD #G217	3/31/2020	
ST VITAL SQUARE LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1076	RIVERSIDE, CA 92507-0906 785 DAKOTA STREET	ARCADIA, CA 91007 SUITE 1206-220 PORTAGE AVENUE	2/29/2020	
OTAFFORD MARKETRI AGE	District Inc.	4405	UNIT 3 WINNIPEG, MB R2M 5M2	WINNIPEG, MB R3C 0A5	0/04/0000	
LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1495	1250 STAFFORD MARKET PLACE STAFFORD, VA 22556-4525	PO BOX 62045 ACCOUNT 113320-011463 NEWARK, NJ 07101	3/31/2020	
STATELINE STATION MO LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1292	1011 W 136TH STREET KANSAS CITY, MO 64145-1651	DEPT L-2632 ID# 161705243 COLUMBUS, OH 43260-2632	3/31/2020	
STERLING 777 LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1004	777 CONNECTICUT AVE NORWALK, CT 06854-1615	C/O FIRST STERLING CORPORATION 1650 BROARDWAY-SUITE 1200 NEW YORK, NY 10019-6833	3/31/2020	
STONE ROAD MALL HOLDINGS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1471	435 STONE ROAD WEST UNIT L10 GUELPH, ON N1G 2X6	OXFORD RETAIL GROUP A DIVISION OF OMERS REALTY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION GUELPH, ON N1G 2X6	2/29/2020	
SUMMERHILL SQUARE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1584	615 ROUTE 18 SOUTH EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ 08816-3708	P.O. BOX 823818 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182-3818	3/31/2020	
SUMMITWOODS SPE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1196	1712 NW CHIPMAN ROAD LEES SUMMIT, MO 64081-3936	PO BOX 310310 DES MOINES, IA 50331	3/31/2020	
SUNSET ARCADIA CENTER INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1489	1100 HIGHWAY 35 OCEAN, NJ 07712-3542	620 TINTON AVE., BLDG B, STE 200 TINTON FALLS, NJ 07724	3/31/2020	
SUP I WESTGATE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	31	8105 SUDLEY RD MANASSAS, VA 20109-8035	PO BOX 209372 AUSTIN, TX 78720-9372	3/31/2020	
SYCAMORE CENTER DEKALB LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1068	2371 SYCAMORE RD #2371 DEKALB, IL 60115-2007	C/O THE MID AMERICA MGMT CORP 3333 RICHMOND RD STE #350 BEACHWOOD, OH 44122	2/29/2020	
TEXAS AVENUE CROSSING LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1463	1424 TEXAS AVENUE SOUTH COLLEGE STATION, TX 77840-2435	4635 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY	3/31/2020	
T-HAMPSHIRE GATE HOLDINGFS LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	522	2501 HAMPSHIRE GATE #1 OAKVILLE, ON L6H 6C8	181 BAY STREET SUITE #1400 TORONTO, ON M5J 2V1	3/31/2020	
THE FOUNTAINS AT FARAH LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1632	8889 GATEWAY BLVD W STE 570	123 W. MILLS AVENUE, SUITE 600 EL PASO, TX 79901	3/31/2020	
THE MANHATTAN PROJECT LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1430	EL PASO, TX 79925-6519 320 SOUTHWIND PLACE MANHATTAN, KS 66503-3110	C/O WINBURY REALTY OF K.C.,LLC 4520 MAIN STREET 1000	2/29/2020	
THE REAL MCKEEVER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	668	300 HYLAN DR ROCHESTER, NY 14623-4216	KANSAS CITY, MO 64111 F/B/O MC-FIVE MILE COMMERICAL MORTGAGE PO BOX 780313 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19178-0313	3/31/2020	
THF SHAWNEE STATION LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1279	15300 SHAWNEE MISSION PARKWAY SHAWNEE, KS 66217-9312	C/O RUBENSTEIN REAL ESTATE CO LC 6310 LAMAR, SUITE 220 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202	3/31/2020	
THF ST.CLAIRSVILLE PARCEL POSS,LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1052	50850 VALLEY CENTRE BLVD SAINT CLAIRSVILLE, OH 43950- 1741	2127 INNERBELT BUSINESS CENTER DR. SUITE 200	3/31/2020	
TKG BLACKMORE MARKETPLACE PERM ONE,	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1676	555 NEWPORT RD CASPER, WY 82609-3740	ST.LOUIS, MO 63114 C/O TKG MANAGEMENT 211 N STADIUM BOULEVARD, SUITE 201	3/31/2020	
LLC TKG MOUNTAIN VIEW PLAZA, L.L.C.	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1289	2375 US HIGHWAY 93 NORTH KALISPELL, MT 59901-7531	COLUMBIA, MO 65203 C/O TKG MANAGEMENT 211 N. STADIUM BOULEVARD, SUITE 201	2/29/2020	
TOLSON INVESTMENTS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	46	2308 NORTH PARK DR	COLUMBIA, MO 65203 7150 W. CENTRAL AVENUE SUITE #200	3/31/2020	
TOWER SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1294	HOLLAND, MI 49424-9599 574 PRAIRIE CENTER DRIVE SUITE 165	TOLEDO, OH 43617 PO BOX 93070 ROCHESTER, NY 14692	3/31/2020	
TRAHWEN, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1218	EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55344-7945 4799 COMMERCIAL DRIVE	P.O. BOX 823201	3/31/2020	
	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	247	NEW HARTFORD, NY 13413-6211 2003 CHESS DR	PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182-3201 PO BOX 748765	3/31/2020	
PARKWAY LLC TRINITY PROPERTY SERVICES INC ITF ADM	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	171	SAN MATEO, CA 94404-1567 1595 MERIVALE ROAD OTTAWA, ON K2G 3J4	LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-8765 C/O TRINITY PROPERTY SERVICES INC 359 KENT STREET, SUITE 400	3/31/2020	
TRIOVEST REALTY ADVISORS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1382	1230 WELLINGTON RD UNIT 101	OTTAWA, ON K29OR6 200-1275 BARTON ST E HAMILTON, ON L8H 2V4	3/31/2020	
U.S. RETAIL PARTNERS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	378	LONDON, ON N6E 1M3 2530 ARAPAHOE BOULDER, CO 80302-6711	C\O ARAPAHOE VILLAGE PO BOX 676143	3/31/2020	
UNIVERSITY CROSSING SHOPPING CENTER, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1667	374 E. UNIVERSITY PKWY OREM, UT 84058-7602	DALLAS, TX 75267-6143 PO BOX 413081 SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84141-3081	3/31/2020	

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VESTAR LPTC, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1565	10092 WEST HAPPY VALLEY ROAD PEORIA, AZ 85383-1229	C/O VESTAR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PO BOX 60051 CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 91716	3/31/2020
VICTORIA WARD LTD	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1613	1170 AUAHI ST STE. 101 HONOLULU, HI 96814-4900	MSC 77772 PO BOX 1300 HONOLULU, HI 96807-1300	2/17/2020
VISTA RIDGE RETAIL,LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1643	500 E. ROUND GROVE RD. SUITE 101 LEWISVILLE, TX 75067-8381	C/O LAMAR COMPANIES 695 US ROUTE 46, SUITE 210 FAIRFIELD, NJ 07004	3/31/2020
VR TRABUCO KONA COAST, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1581	74-5586 PALANI ROAD KAILUA - KONA, HI 96740-3119	ATTN: TRANSACTION PROCESSING PO BOX 1120 HONOLULU, HI 96807-1120	2/17/2020
VWE, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1558	878 EASTLAKE PARKWAY SUITE 1110	C/O SUDBERRY PROPERTIES, INC 5465 MOREHOUSE DR., STE 260	3/31/2020
W/S HADLEY PROPERTIES	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1449	CHULA VISTA, CA 91914-4518 351 RUSSELL STREET SUITE B HADLEY, MA 01035-3536	SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 PO BOX 845007 BOSTON, MA 02284-5007	2/29/2020
WALDEN CONSUMER SQUARE LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1189	1740 WALDEN AVE SUITE 300 CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225-4925	4053 MAPLE ROAD SUITE 200 AMHERST, NY 14226	3/31/2020
WARNER COMMONS, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1005	SUITE C GREENWOOD, SC 29649-1301	GREENWOOD RENTAL AGENCY, INC P.O. BOX 1211 GREENWOOD, SC 29648	3/31/2020
WASHINGTONIAN ASSOCIATES, LC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	509	30 GRAND CORNER AVENUE GAITHERSBURG, MD 20878-7303	P.O. BOX 751263 CHARLOTTE, NC 28275-1263	3/31/2020
WATHEN-ARLINGTON, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	823	4145 SOUTH COOPER ST ARLINGTON, TX 76015-4128	WATHEN-ARLINGTON, LLC 802 W. PINEDALE AVE #104 FRESNO, CA 93711	2/29/2020
WEINGARTEN NOSTAT INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1345	2788 E COLONIAL DRIVE ORLANDO, FL 32803-5025	C/O WEINGARTEN REALTY MANAGEMENT CO PO BOX 201692 HOUSTON, TX 77216-1692	3/31/2020
WEINGARTEN REALTY INVESTORS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1637	12137 ROCKVILLE PIKE B ROCKVILLE, MD 20852-1605	PO BOX 301074 DALLAS, TX 75303-1074	3/31/2020
WELL GROUNDED DEVELOPMENTS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	896	70 BARRIE VIEW DR BARRIE, ON L4N 8V4	1407 YONGE STREET SUITE 303 TORONTO, ON M4T 1Y7	3/31/2020
WEST WINDSOR PLAZA ASSOCIATES LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1349	3512 BRUNSWICK PIKE PRINCETON, NJ 08540-5924	820 MORRIS TURNPIKE SUITE 301 SHORT HILLS, NJ 07078	3/31/2020
WESTERLY ASSOCIATES, LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	510	100 FRANKLIN STREET #M WESTERLY, RI 02891-3152	C/O FIGURE 8 PROPERTIES 433 S. MAIN ST STE #328 WEST HARTFORD, CT 06110	3/31/2020
WILDWOOD CROSSINGS SHOPPING CENTER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1059	3535 MISSOURI BLVD #107 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109-5769	C/O RUBENSTEIN REAL ESTATE CO, LC 6310 LAMAR, STE 2220 OVERLAND PARK, KS 66202	2/29/2020
WM ASSOCIATES. LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1598	12641 OCEAN GTWY STE 104 OCEAN CITY, MD 21842-9588	P.O. BOX 823695 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19182-3695	3/31/2020
WOODSIDE DEVELOPMENTS INC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1175	3135 HIGHWAY 7 MARKHAM, ON L3R 0T9	C/O CREIT MGMT LTD 175 BLOOR ST EAST TORONTO, ON M4W 3R8	3/31/2020
WOODWARD PIER LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	194	31800 WOODWARD AVE ROYAL OAK, MI 48073-0937	C/O A.F. JONNA DEVELOPMENT ATTN: JORDAN N. JONNA BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48302	3/31/2020
WPG WOLF RANCH LLC	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1509	1019 WEST UNIVERSITY AVE. SUITE 800 GEORGETOWN, TX 78628-5363	PO BOX 6389 DEPT: CC002632 CAROL STREAM, IL 60197-6389	3/31/2020
YORK TOWN CENTER HOLDINGS LP	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1611	2975 CONCORD RD YORK, PA 17402-7009	PO BOX 746200 ATLANTA, GA 30374-6200	3/31/2020
ZEPHYR HOLDINGS	Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	1154	1595 MARINE DRIVE NORTH VANCOUVER, BC V7P 1T8	PO BOX 91721	3/31/2020

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THIS IS EXHIBIT "Z" REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF GRAEME ROTRAND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., 1) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)
)

DEBTORS' MOTION
FOR ENTRY OF INTERIM
AND FINAL ORDERS (I) AUTHORIZING
THE DEBTORS TO OBTAIN POSTPETITION
FINANCING, (II) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS
TO USE CASH COLLATERAL, (III) GRANTING LIENS
AND PROVIDING SUPERPRIORITY ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPENSE STATUS, (IV) GRANTING ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO THE
PREPETITION SECURED PARTIES, (V) MODIFYING THE AUTOMATIC STAY,
(VI) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING, AND (VII) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")² respectfully state as follows in support of this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>").

Relief Requested³

- 1. The Debtors seek entry of an interim order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Interim Order"), and a final order (the "Final Order," and together with the Interim Order, the "DIP Orders"): (a) authorizing the Debtors to incur the DIP Senior Credit Facility; (b) authorizing the Debtors to use Cash Collateral; (c) granting liens and providing superpriority administrative expense status to the DIP Senior Credit Facility; (d) granting adequate protection to the Prepetition Secured Parties (as defined in the Interim Order); (e) modifying the automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent necessary to implement and effectuate the terms of the DIP Orders; and (f) granting related relief.
- 2. In addition, the Debtors request that the Court schedule the final hearing within approximately 21 days of the commencement of these chapter 11 cases to consider approval of this Motion on a final basis (the "Final Hearing").
- 3. In support of this Motion, the Debtors submit: (a) the First Day Declaration; and (b) the Declaration of Durc Savini in Support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (III) Granting Liens and Providing Superpriority Administrative

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer, of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the "First Day Declaration") filed contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief filed under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration or as later defined herein, as applicable.

³ Capitalized terms used but not defined in this paragraph have the meanings ascribed to such terms in this Motion, the Interim Order, or the DIP ABL Credit Agreement (as defined herein), as applicable.

⁴ The Debtors will file the form of Final Order prior to the Final Hearing (as defined herein).

Expense Status, (IV) Granting Adequate Protection to the Prepetition Secured Parties, (V) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (VI) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VII) Granting Related Relief (the "Savini Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith.

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 4. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated August 15, 1984. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 6. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105, 361, 362, 363, 364, 503, and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 4001, 6003, 6004, and 9014, and rule 4001(a)-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules").

Background

7. The Debtors are a leading omni-channel retailer of unique home décor, furniture, and accessories. Their retail approach has focused on providing the discerning customer a curated mix of home goods from artisans around the world. The Debtors offer their merchandise through 923 stores throughout the United States and Canada as well as online through their U.S. ecommerce website. The Debtors are headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas and currently employ

approximately 17,000 non-seasonal employees. On January 6, 2020, the Debtors announced the closing of up to 450 of their stores, and in connection with the filing of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors announced the closing of all Canadian operations.

- 8. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases to facilitate a timely and efficient process that will maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Debtors anticipate winding down the brick-and-mortar stores not part of their go-forward plan and will seek to implement a value-maximizing transaction for the remaining operations.
- 9. As of the Petition Date, each of the Debtors filed a petition with the Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors will also file for relief under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrently with the filing of this motion, the Debtors have requested procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

Preliminary Statement

10. Immediate access to incremental liquidity in the form of postpetition financing (as well as access to Cash Collateral) is necessary and critical to preserving and maximizing the value of the Debtors' estates, including, by providing the flexibility for the Debtors, with the consent of the vast majority of their lenders, to pursue a sale of all, some, or substantially all of the Debtors' assets, or, upon certain conditions, a standalone chapter 11 plan confirmation process. The Debtors will suffer immediate and irreparable harm absent access to additional liquidity.

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Indeed, at the time of the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors have less than approximately \$11.1 million of cash on hand—an amount insufficient to operate the Debtors' businesses or continue in the ordinary course.

- 11. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases with firm commitments for approximately \$256 million of postpetition financing to support their businesses at this critical juncture. As described below and in the Savini Declaration, the Debtors' proposed DIP Senior Credit Facility is the product of an intense, well-organized, and competitive marketing process that resulted in multiple value-maximizing financing proposals that (a) contained interest rates, fees, and other economic and non-economic terms that are highly favorable to the Debtors and (b) would ensure that the Debtors have the liquidity necessary to adequately finance these chapter 11 cases, as well as the dual-track chapter 11 plan and sale processes.
- 12. In addition, to facilitate the closure of their Canadian stores, the Debtors will commence an ancillary proceeding in Canada under Part IV of the CCAA in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Canadian Court") to request that the Canadian Court recognize these chapter 11 cases as "foreign main proceedings" under the applicable provisions of the CCAA. As it relates to the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the DIP ABL Credit Agreement establishes reserves to provide for, among other things, the fees and expenses owed to the Information Officer (and its counsel), taxes, wages and other source deductions, and the Debtors' Canadian counsel in respect of the recognition proceedings and any other items required to be paid by order of the Canadian Court or that are the subject of a court ordered charge, reserve, or holdback granted in such proceedings.
- 13. For these reasons, and for the reasons set forth below, in the Savini Declaration, and in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors believe that entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility

Documentation (as defined below) and incurrence of the DIP Senior Credit Facility is vital, will avoid immediate and irreparable harm, will maximize the value of the Debtors' estates, and is a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.

Concise Statements Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(b)

- I. Concise Statement Regarding the DIP Senior Credit Facility.
 - 14. The Debtors seek entry of the DIP Orders:
 - authorizing the Debtors to obtain a senior secured asset-based credit facility financing on a superpriority basis (subject to the lien priorities described herein and in the DIP Orders) in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$256 million (the "DIP Senior Credit Facility"), consisting of (a) \$200 million in revolving commitments (the "Revolving Commitments", and the loans outstanding thereunder from time to time, the "Revolving Loans"), which will include a \$60 million sublimit for the issuance of letters (the "Letters of Credit"), (b) a \$15 million first in, last out term loan commitment (the "FILO Commitment", and the loan outstanding thereunder from time to time, the "FILO Loan", and together with the Revolving Commitments, collectively, the "Commitments"), and (c) approximately \$41.2 million asset-based term loan (the "ABL Term Loan" and together with the Revolving Loans, and the FILO Loan, collectively, the "DIP ABL Loans"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Senior Secured Super-Priority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, by and among Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. ("Pier 1"), as borrower, the Facility Guarantors named therein, Bank of America, N.A. ("BofA"), as administrative agent and collateral agent (in such capacities, the "DIP ABL Agent"), Pathlight Capital LP ("Pathlight") (or an affiliated debt fund) as administrative agent for the ABL Term Lenders (in such capacity, the "DIP ABL Term Loan Agent" and together with the DIP ABL Agent, the "Agents"), and the Lenders named therein, substantially in the form attached to the Interim Order as **Exhibit 1** (as may be amended, restated, supplemented, waived, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "DIP ABL Credit Agreement") and all collateral documents to be executed or delivered in connection therewith consistent with the DIP Documentation Principles (collectively, with the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, the "DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation");
 - authorizing the Debtors to enter into, be bound by, and perform under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and documents related thereto and to perform such other and further acts as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith;

- authorizing the Debtors to grant to the Agents for the benefit of themselves and the DIP ABL Lenders (as defined herein): (a) valid, binding, enforceable, non-avoidable, properly perfected replacement liens (collectively, the "DIP Liens") on the DIP Collateral (as defined in the DIP Orders), including all property constituting cash collateral as defined in section 363(a) of the Bankruptcy Code ("Cash Collateral"), which liens shall be subject to the priorities set forth in the DIP Orders and (b) allowed superpriority administrative expense claims (the "DIP Superpriority Claims") for all obligations owing to the Agents and the DIP ABL Lenders under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (the "DIP Facility Obligations"), in each case, which DIP Liens and DIP Superpriority Claims shall be junior and subordinate to the Carve Out (as defined in the DIP Orders) in all respects and otherwise subject to the priorities set forth in the DIP Orders and the applicable DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation;
- authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay the principal, interest, fees, expenses, and other amounts payable under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the DIP Orders as such become earned, due, and payable;
- authorizing the Debtors to use the collateral securing the Prepetition Obligations (such collateral, the "<u>Prepetition Collateral</u>"), including the Cash Collateral of the Prepetition Secured Parties;
- approving the form of adequate protection to be provided to the Prepetition Secured Parties;
- vacating and modifying the automatic stay to the extent necessary as set forth in detail herein;
- scheduling the Final Hearing to consider entry of the Final Order; and
- granting related relief.
- 15. The chart below contains a summary of the material terms of the proposed DIP Senior Credit Facility, together with references to the applicable sections of the relevant source documents, as required by Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(1)(B) and 4001(c)(1)(B).⁵

The summaries contained in this Motion are qualified in their entirety by the provisions of the documents referenced, including the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the Interim Order. To the extent anything in this Motion is inconsistent with such documents, the terms of the applicable documents shall control. Capitalized terms used in this summary chart but not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or the Interim Order, as applicable.

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Borrower(s)	Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. as "Borrower."	
Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Preamble.	
Guarantor(s) Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	Pier 1 Imports, Inc., Pier 1 Assets, Inc., Pier 1 Licensing, Inc., Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., Pier 1 Services Company, and Pier 1 Value Services, LLC, PIR Trading, Inc. (collectively, the " <u>Guarantors</u> ", and together with the Borrower, collectively, the " <u>Loan Parties</u> " and each individually, a " <u>Loan Party</u> ").	
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Preamble.	
Lenders Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	BofA and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") (collectively in their capacities as such, the "Revolving Lenders") shall each provide 50% of the Revolving Commitments.	
	BofA and Wells Fargo (collectively in their capacities as such, the " <u>FILO Lenders</u> ") shall each provide 50% of the FILO Commitment.	
	Pathlight (together with its affiliated debt funds and co-investment vehicles as may be appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby) (collectively in their capacities as such, the " <u>ABL Term Lenders</u> " and together with the Revolving Lenders and FILO Lenders, the " <u>DIP ABL Lenders</u> ") shall provide 100% of the ABL Term Loan.	
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Preamble.	
Reporting Information Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)	The Borrower will furnish to the DIP ABL Agent for distribution to the DIP ABL Lenders customary Reports and Financial Statements, including, but not limited to, consolidated balance sheets, consolidated statements of operations, and consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and cash flows.	
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 5.01.	
Entities with Interests in Cash Collateral Bankruptcy Rule 4001(b)(l)(B)(i)	Prepetition Secured Parties under the Prepetition Documents. See Interim Order, ¶ F.	

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Term Bankruptcy Rule 4001(b)(l)(B)(iii), 4001(c)(1)(B)	That date that is the earliest to occur of (i) the Maturity Date, (ii) with respect to the Revolving and FILO Obligations, the date on which the maturity of the Revolving and FILO Obligations is accelerated in accordance herewith and the Revolving Commitments are irrevocably terminated, and with respect to the ABL Term Obligations, the date on which the ABL Term Obligations are accelerated, in each case in accordance with Article VII, whether by acceleration or otherwise, (iii) the effective date of a Plan of Reorganization for the Debtors, (iv) the date of consummation of a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Debtors' working capital assets under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, (v) the date on which any Agent is granted relief from the automatic stay or the stay granted in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings; (vi) the first Business Day on which the Interim Order or the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order expire by their terms or is terminated, unless the Final Order or Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, as applicable, has been entered and become effective prior thereto (unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders), (vii) conversion of any of the Cases to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or other case under the BIA or CCAA unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and (viii) dismissal of any of the Bankruptcy Cases, unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and (viii) dismissal of any of the Bankruptcy Cases, unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders.	
Adequate Protection Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(l)(B)(iv), 4001(c)(1)(B)(ii)	As adequate protection for any Diminution in Value of the interests of the holders of the Prepetition ABL Obligations in the "Collateral" (as defined in the Prepetition Credit Agreement) ⁶ , and the security interests and liens securing the Prepetition ABL Obligations, the Prepetition Secured Parties will receive, subject to the Carve Out: (a) replacement liens on all Collateral, in each case subject and subordinate to the Carve Out and liens of the DIP ABL Agent (subject to the priorities contained in the Intercreditor Agreement); (b) superpriority claims as provided for in section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, junior only to the super priority claim status applicable to the DIP Senior Credit Facility; and (c) adequate protection payments in the amount of any amounts due under the Prepetition Credit Agreement at the times required therein (including, without limitation, indemnities and expenses). In addition, as adequate protection for any Diminution in Value of the interests of the holders of the Prepetition Term Loan in the Prepetition Collateral, the Borrower hereby grants the Prepetition Term Loan Agent for the benefit of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, and perfected postpetition security interests in and liens on the DIP Collateral. The Prepetition Term Loan Lenders' liens shall be subject to the Carve Out and shall otherwise be junior only to: (i) with respect to the DIP Primary Collateral, (A) Permitted Prior Liens, (B) the DIP Liens, (C) the Prepetition ABL Liens, (D) the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens, and (E) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens; and (ii) with respect to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (A) Permitted Prior Liens, and (B) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens. See Interim Order ¶ 12 - 14.	

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As used herein, "<u>Prepetition Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2017 (as amended, restated, supplemented, and otherwise modified from time to time prior to the Petition Date, and the loans and all other obligations thereunder, collectively, the "<u>Prepetition ABL Obligations</u>"), among the Borrower, the Facility Guarantors identified on Schedule 2.1 thereof,

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Waiver/Modification of the Automatic Stay Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)(iv)	The automatic stay imposed under section 362(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code is hereby modified as necessary to effectuate all of the terms and provisions of the Interim Order, including to: (a) permit the Debtors to grant the DIP Liens, Adequate Protection Liens, DIP Superpriority Claims, and Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims; (b) permit the Debtors to perform such acts as the DIP ABL Agent may reasonably request to assure the perfection and priority of the liens granted herein; (c) permit the Debtors to incur all liabilities and obligations to the DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition ABL Parties under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and the Interim Order; and (d) authorize the Debtors to pay, and the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties to retain and apply, payments made in accordance with the terms of the Interim Order. See Interim Order ¶ 22.
Carve Out	The "Carve Out" means the sum of:
Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B);	(i) all fees required to be paid to (A) the Clerk of the Court and (B) the Office of the United States Trustee under section 1930(a) of title 28 of the United States Code; (ii) all reasonable fees and expenses up to \$100,000 (and any interest thereon) incurred by a trustee under section 726(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 7 Trustee Carve Out"); (iii) to the extent allowed at any time, whether by interim order, procedural order, or otherwise, all unpaid fees and expenses incurred by persons or firms retained by the Debtors pursuant to section 327, 328 or 363 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Debtor Professionals") and a Committee (if appointed) pursuant to section 328 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Committee Professionals" and, together with the Debtor Professionals, the "Professional Persons") (such fees and expenses, the "Allowed Professional Fees") at any time before or on the first business day following delivery by the DIP ABL Agent of a Carve Out Trigger Notice (solely with respect to the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral and the DIP Primary Collateral, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap (defined herein)); (iv) Allowed Professional Fees of Professional Persons in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 incurred after the first business day following delivery by the DIP ABL Agent of the Carve Out Trigger Notice, to the extent allowed at any time, whether by interim order, procedural order or otherwise (the amounts set forth in this clause (iv) being the "Post Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap"); and (v) the Monthly Fees and the Financing Fee related to the financing hereunder to the extent payable to Guggenheim Securities, LLC pursuant to that certain engagement letter between Guggenheim Securities, LLC and the Debtors, dated as of August 21, 2019, as amended as of the date hereof. For purposes of the foregoing, "Carve Out Trigger Notice" shall mean a written notice delivered by email (or other electronic means) by the DIP ABL Agent to the Debtors, their l

the lenders party thereto from time to time, the DIP ABL Term Loan Agent, and the DIP ABL Agent (each as defined herein).

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506(c) Waiver Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)(x)	Subject to the entry of the Final Order, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties shall each be entitled to a waiver of the provisions of Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.		
	See Interim Order ¶ 46.		
Section 552(b) Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)	Subject to the entry of the Final Order, the Prepetition Secured Parties shall each be entitled to a waiver of any "equities of the case" exception under Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.		
	See Interim Order ¶ 48.		
Commitment Bankruptcy Rule	\$256 million in the aggregate as of the Closing Date of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.		
4001(c)(1)(B)	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 2.01.		
Conditions of Borrowing Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	The obligations of the Revolving Lenders to make each Revolving Credit Loan, and of the Issuing Banks to issue each Letter of Credit, are subject to the following conditions precedent:		
	a. The DIP ABL Agent shall have received a notice with respect to such Borrowing or issuance, as the case may be, as required by Article II of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.		
	 b. (i) No Default or Event of Default is then occurring, (ii) the representations and warranties contained in Section 3.04(b) shall be true and correct in all respects, and (iii) all other representations and warranties contained in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the other DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or otherwise made in writing in connection herewith or therewith shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of each Borrowing or the issuance of each Letter of Credit hereunder with the same effect as if made on and as of such date, except to the extent that (A) such representations and warranties are qualified as to "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language, in which case they shall be true and correct in all respects (as so qualified by "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language) on and as of such date, and (B) such representations and warranties relate to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date. c. On the date of each Borrowing hereunder and the issuance of each Letter of Credit 		
	and after giving effect thereto, the Loan Parties shall be in compliance with all of the terms and provisions set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents to be observed or performed and no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.		
	d. The DIP ABL Agent shall have received timely delivery of the most recently required Borrowing Base Certificate, with each such Borrowing Base Certificate including schedules as reasonably required by the DIP ABL Agent.		
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 4.02.		

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Interest Rates Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	"Applicable Margin" means (a) in the case of Revolving Loans that are (i) LIBOR loans, 3.00% per annum and (ii) Prime Rate loans, 2.00% per annum, and (b) in the case of the FILO Loans that are (i) LIBOR loans, 4.50% per annum and (ii) Prime Rate loans, 3.50% per annum.		
	LIBOR Loans shall be limited to an interest period of one month.		
	The interest rate applicable to ABL Term Loans under the DIP Senior Credit Facility will be determined monthly by the DIP ABL Term Loan Agent and shall be a rate per annum equal to 3-month LIBOR plus 8.00% (or, in the event that such rate is unavailable, a rate per annum equal to the Prime Rate plus 7.00%).		
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 2.08.		
Milestones Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	Each of the following DIP Milestones and Plan and Sale Milestones, a "Required Milestone" and collectively, the "Required Milestones", each of which may be extended with the written consent (which may be via email of applicable counsel) of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders (in their sole discretion):		
	a. The Debtors shall achieve each of the following milestones (the " <u>DIP Milestones</u> "), in each case on terms and conditions, and subject to documentation in form and substance, reasonably acceptable to the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders in all respects.		
	 On the Petition Date, the Debtors shall file a motion seeking approval of the DIP Senior Credit Facility. 		
	 On or before five (5) business days after the Petition Date, the Interim Order shall have been entered by the Court. 		
	iii. On or before March 13, 2020 the Court shall have entered:		
	A. The Final Order authorizing and approving the DIP Senior Credit Facility on a final basis; and		
	B. An order extending the lease assumption/rejection period such that the lease assumption/rejection period shall be 210 days.		
	b. The Debtors shall achieve each of the following milestones (the " <u>Plan and Sale Milestones</u> "), in each case on terms and conditions, and subject to documentation in form and substance, reasonably acceptable to the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders in all respects.		
	i. On the Petition Date, the Debtors shall file a motion (the "Bidding Procedures Motion") requesting an order from the Bankruptcy Court approving bidding procedures relating to the solicitation of qualified bids and approval of a sale of all, some, or substantially all of the assets of the Debtors pursuant to the Acceptable Plan (defined below).		
	ii. On or before five (5) business days after the Petition Date, the Court shall have entered an order approving the Bidding Procedures Motion (the "Bidding Procedures Order"), which order shall establish a submission deadline for qualified bids on or before March 23, 2020.		
	iii. On or before February 24, 2020, the Debtors shall file the Plan of Reorganization and a corresponding disclosure statement, which plan shall provide for indefeasible payment in full in cash of the DIP Facility Obligations and the Pre-Petition Obligations on the effective date of the		

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	plan (any such Chapter 11 plan satisfying the foregoing, an "Acceptable Plan").		
	iv. On or before March 9, 2020, the Debtors shall distribute informational packages and solicitations for a sale of the Debtors' assets on a liquidation basis to parties identified by the Restructuring Advisor, the Financial Advisor, the Agents and/or the Term Loan Agent, such informational packages to be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Agents and the DIP ABL Lenders.		
	 On or before March 23, 2020, the Debtors shall have obtained an order from the Bankruptcy Court approving the disclosure statement and voting and solicitation procedures for an Acceptable Plan. 		
	vi. On or before March 27, 2020, the Term Loan Lenders shall have made the "Lender Election" under and as defined in the Plan Support Agreement, and the Debtors shall have communicated the results thereof to the Agents and the Term Loan Agent and the DIP ABL Lenders.		
	vii. On or before April 23, 2020, the Debtors shall have obtained an order from the Bankruptcy Court confirming an Acceptable Plan, which may include approval of a sale transaction in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order.		
	viii. On or before May 15, 2020 (the "Outside Date"), the effective date of the Acceptable Plan shall have occurred in accordance with its terms, the Obligations and the Pre-Petition Obligations shall have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, and the Debtors shall have emerged from Chapter 11; provided that such Outside Date shall be extended in the sole discretion of the Agents, the and the DIP ABL Lenders to a time mutually agreeable by and between the Debtors, Agents, ABL Term Loan Agent, and the Lenders in the event that the Acceptable Plan incorporates a wind-down of operations.		
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Schedule 5.17.		
Challenge Period Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)	The admissions, stipulations, agreements, releases, and waivers set forth in paragraph F of the Interim Order (collectively, the "Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters") are and shall be binding on the Debtors, any subsequent trustee, responsible person, examiner with expanded powers, any other estate representative, and all creditors and parties in interest and all of their successors in interest and assigns, including a Committee (if appointed), unless and to the extent that a party in interest with proper standing granted by order of the Bankruptcy Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction) has properly filed an adversary proceeding or contested matter under the Bankruptcy Rules (other than the Debtors, as to which any Challenge (as defined below) is irrevocably waived and relinquished) and (i) has timely filed the appropriate pleadings, and timely commenced the appropriate proceeding required under the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules, including as required pursuant to Part VII of the Bankruptcy Rules (in each case subject to the limitations set forth in this paragraph 44) challenging the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters (each such proceeding or appropriate pleading commencing a proceeding or other contested matter, a "Challenge") by no later than the earlier of (I) (a) 60 days from the date of formation of a Committee (if appointed) or (b) 75 days following the entry of the Interim Order in the case that no Committee is appointed or (II) the entry of an Order of this Court approving a Plan of Reorganization of the Debtors or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Debtors (the "Challenge Deadline"), as such applicable date may be extended in writing from time to time in the sole discretion of		

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	the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (with respect to the Prepetition ABL Documents) and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent (with respect to the Prepetition Term Loan Documents and acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), or by this Court for good cause shown pursuant to an application filed by a party in interest prior to the expiration of the Challenge Deadline, and (ii) this Court enters judgment in favor of the plaintiff or movant in any such timely and properly commenced Challenge proceeding and any such judgment has become a final judgment that is not subject to any further review or appeal.		
	See Interim Order ¶ 44.		
Use of DIP Senior Credit Facility and Cash Collateral Bankruptcy Rule 4001(b)(l)(B)(ii)	The proceeds of the DIP Senior Credit Facility will be used only on or after the Closing Date, to fund the Chapter 11 Cases and the Canadian Cases consistent with the Approved Budget: a. to refinance in full the Pre-Petition Obligations (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit		
4001(b)(l)(b)(ll)	Agreement);		
	b. for working capital and letters of credit;		
	 c. for payment of costs, premiums, fees and expenses of administering the Chapter 11 Cases (including the Carve Out) and the Canadian Cases; 		
	d. for payment of Bankruptcy Court approved Pre-Petition Obligations of the Loan Parties consistent with the Approved Budget or otherwise approved by the Required Lenders; and		
	e. for other lawful purposes of the Borrower consistent with the Approved Budget and the terms of the Loan Documents.		
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 5.11.		
Stipulations to Prepetition Liens and Claims Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)(iii)	After consultation with their attorneys and advisors, and without prejudice to the rights of parties in interest, the Debtors, on their behalf and on behalf of their estates, admit, stipulate, acknowledge, and agree immediately upon entry of the Interim Order, to certain stipulations regarding the validity of the Prepetition ABL Lenders' and Prepetition Term Loan Lenders' claims and liens.		
	See Interim Order ¶ F.		
Waiver/Modification of Applicability of Nonbankruptcy Law Relating to Perfection or Enforceability of Liens Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)(vii)	"		

Bankruptcy Code	DIP Senior Credit Facility	
	Adequate Protection Liens, and all such financing statements, mortgages, notices, and other documents shall be deemed to have been filed or recorded as of the Petition Date; provided, however, that no such filing or recordation shall be necessary or required in order to create or perfect the DIP Liens or the Adequate Protection Liens. The Debtors are authorized and directed to execute and deliver promptly upon demand to the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, as applicable, all such financing statements, mortgages, notices, and other documents as the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent may reasonably request. Each of the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, in its discretion, may file a photocopy of the Interim Order as a financing statement with any filing or recording office or with any registry of deeds or similar office, in addition to or in lieu of such financing statements, notices of lien, or similar instrument. To the extent that the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent is the secured party under any security agreement, mortgage, leasehold mortgage, landlord waiver, credit card processor notices or agreements, bailee letters, custom broker agreements, financing statement, account control agreements, or any other Prepetition Documents or is listed as loss payee or additional insured under any of the Debtors' insurance policies, the DIP ABL Agent shall also be deemed to be the secured party under such documents or to be the loss payee or additional insured, as applicable. The Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent shall serve as agent for the DIP ABL Agent for purposes of perfecting the DIP ABL Agent's liens on all DIP Collateral that, without giving effect to the Bankruptcy Code and the Interim Order, is of a type such that perfection of a lien therein may be accomplished only by possession or control by a secured party. See Interim Orde	
Repayment Features	Optional Repayments	
	Subject to the provisions of Section 2.16(d), the Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay (without a commitment reduction) outstanding Revolving Credit Loans in whole or in part, (x) with respect to LIBO Loans, upon at least two (2) Business Days' prior written, telex, e-mail or facsimile notice to the Administrative Agent prior to 1:00 p.m., and (y) with respect to Prime Rate Loans, on the same Business Day if written, telex, e-mail or facsimile notice is received by the Administrative Agent prior to 2:00 p.m., subject in each case to certain limitations.	
	Mandatory Repayments	
	If at any time the amount of the Revolving Credit Extensions exceeds the Revolving Line Cap, the Borrower will (x) immediately upon notice from the DIP ABL Agent if such notice is received on or before 12:00 noon on a Business Day, or (y) if such notice is received after 12:00 noon on a Business Day, by 10:00 a.m. on the next succeeding Business Day, (1) prepay the Revolving Credit Loans in an amount necessary to eliminate such excess (without a corresponding commitment reduction), and (2) if, after giving effect to the prepayment in full of all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans such excess has not been eliminated, deposit cash into the applicable Cash Collateral Account in an amount equal to 103% of the Letters of Credit Outstanding.	
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Sections 2.16 - 2.17.	

Bankruptcy Code	DIP Senior Credit Facility		
Fees Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)	Pursuant to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and in consideration for the services of the Agents and the DIP ABL Lenders, as applicable, the Debtors shall pay the fees described in separate fee letters.		
	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 2.19.		
Budget Bankruptcy Rule 4001 (c)(1)(B)	Prior to the Closing Date (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement), the Debtors will furnish, to the Agents the Budget, which shall be accompanied customary supporting documentation, and each such Budget shall be prepared in good faith based upon assumptions the Debtors believe to be reasonable at the time of delivery. A copy of any Budget (or updated Budget) shall simultaneously be delivered to counsel for the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, counsel for a Committee (if appointed), and the U.S. Trustee after (or if) once approved by the Agents.		
	See Interim Order ¶ 20, DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 5.16.		
Variance Covenant Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)	The Debtors shall, commencing with the fourth full calendar week following the Petition Date, comply with the Budget, subject to the variances set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The Debtors shall provide to the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders all copies of all reports and other information as required in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement (subject to the grace periods provided therein) and simultaneously with delivery to the Agents, including the reporting required to be delivered to the DIP ABL Lenders in Section 5.16 of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The Debtors' failure to comply with the Budget (including the variances set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) or to provide the reports and other information required in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement shall constitute an Event of Default (each as defined herein), following the expiration of any applicable grace period set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.		
	See Interim Order ¶ 21, DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 5.16.		
Liens and Priorities Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)(i)	Subject to the Carve Out as set forth in the Interim Order, pursuant to sections 361, 363(e), and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as adequate protection of the interests of the Prepetition ABL Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Debtors hereby grant to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition ABL Parties, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, and perfected postpetition security interests in and liens on the DIP Collateral.		
	In addition, subject to the Carve Out as set forth in the Interim Order, pursuant to sections 361, 363(e), and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as adequate protection of the interests of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Debtors hereby grant to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, and perfected postpetition security interests in and liens on the DIP Collateral (the "Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens," and together with the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens, the "Adequate Protection Liens").		
	The Collateral shall secure the Debtors' obligations in respect of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and any treasury management, bank products, interest protection, or other hedging arrangements entered into with a DIP ABL Lender (or an affiliate thereof).		
	The Adequate Protection Liens shall have the priorities set forth in the Interim Order, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement.		

Bankruptcy Code	DIP Senior Credit Facility		
	The Debtors, the DIP ABL Lenders, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan") have agreed that the letter of credit issued by JPMorgan under the Prepetition ABL Documents prior to the Petition Date (the "JPMorgan Letter of Credit") will not be repaid in connection with the Debtors' entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility but will instead remain outstanding for some period during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases. JPMorgan is entitled to adequate protection for Diminution in Value in respect of its interest in the Prepetition Collateral as a participant in the Prepetition ABL Documents, and the Debtors are authorized and directed to provide adequate protection to JPMorgan as set forth in the Interim Order. Immediately upon the closing of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the Debtors shall provide (which may be effected through a draw under the DIP Senior Credit Facility) JPMorgan with cash collateral in an amount equal to 103% of the face amount of the JPMorgan Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Interim Order, (a) the lien of JPMorgan in and to the JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral shall be senior to, and shall not be subject to or subordinate to, the Carve Out, the DIP Liens, the Adequate Protection Liens, the Prepetition Liens, or the Prior Permitted Liens and (b) JPMorgan shall be entitled to an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in the amount of the JPMorgan LC Obligations (but limited to the amount of the JPMorgan Cash Collateral) in each of the Cases and any Successor Cases in respect of the JPMorgan LC Obligations.		
Events of Default Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(l)(B)	Usual and customary events of default for debtor-in-possession credit facilities agented by the DIP ABL Agent of this size, type, and purpose, which shall be acceptable to the Agents, including, but not limited to, payment of obligations, defaults under covenants, breaches of representations and warranties, attachment defaults, judgment defaults, failure to comply with ERISA rules and regulations, invalidity of collateral documents, changes of control, cross-defaults to other indebtedness, cross-default in the event the Plan Support Agreement is (i) terminated and not (a) replaced with an agreement on terms acceptable to the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in their sole discretion or (b) upon such termination, the Obligations are Paid in Full or (ii) the Debtors breach any of their obligations thereunder, failure to comply with specified store closings, indictment of any Loan Party, and the occurrence of any number of adverse actions or consequences in any of the chapter 11 cases.		
Indemnification Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(1)(B)(ix)	See DIP ABL Credit Agreement, Section 7.01. The Debtors shall indemnify and hold harmless the DIP Secured Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, except for any claims, actions, or causes of action of any and every nature whatsoever related to any act or omission that are determined by final order of a court with competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct. Upon the earlier of the (a) payment in full in cash of the DIP Facility Obligations or (b) conclusion of the Remedies Notice Period, the Debtors shall pay \$500,000 from proceeds of the DIP Primary Collateral into an indemnity account (the "DIP Indemnity Account") subject to first priority liens of the DIP ABL Agent for the benefit of the DIP Secured Parties. The DIP Indemnity Account shall be released and the funds applied in accordance with paragraph 24 of the Interim Order upon the DIP Facility Obligations being Paid in Full . See Interim Order ¶ 38.		

I. The Debtors' Prepetition Capital Structure.⁷

16. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors have approximately \$400.0 million in aggregate principal amount outstanding of funded debt obligations, which includes the following:

Maturity	Facility	Interest Rates	Funded Debt Outstanding as of the Petition Date
	ABL Facility	LIBOR + 1.25–1.50% or Prime rate + 0.25–0.50%	\$187,300,000 ⁸
June 2, 2022	FILO Facility	LIBOR + 3.00% Prime rate + 0.25–0.50%	
	ABL Term Loan	LIBOR + 8.00% or Prime rate + 7.00%	
April 30, 2021	Term Loan Facility	LIBOR ⁹ + 3.50% or Base rate + 2.50%	\$189,000,000
	TOTAL		\$400,000,00010

A. The Prepetition Revolving Credit Facility.

17. Pier 1, as lead borrower, and certain affiliates of Pier 1, as guarantors, BofA, as administrative agent and collateral agent, Pathlight Capital Fund as ABL Term Loan agent, and certain financial institutions, as lenders (the "Prepetition Revolving Lenders"), are party to the Prepetition Credit Agreement, which provides for a senior secured asset based revolving credit facility that matures on June 2, 2022 (the "ABL Facility"), a senior secured tranche "first-in-last-out" term loan that matures on June 2, 2022 (the "FILO Facility"), and an asset-based term loan

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the operative documents, agreements, schedules, and exhibits. In the event of inconsistency between this summary (including the defined terms therein) and such documents, the source documents shall control and govern. Additional detail regarding the Debtors' capital structure is available in the First Day Declaration. See First Day Declaration, Part II.

⁸ Amount is inclusive of approximately \$47.3 million in Letters of Credit Outstanding.

⁹ There is 1.00% LIBOR Floor.

Amount is inclusive of approximately \$9.5 million outstanding under industrial revenue bonds and approximately \$14.0 million in loans secured by company-owned life insurance policies.

(the "<u>Term Loan Facility</u>", and together with the ABL Facility and the FILO Facility, the "Revolving Credit Facility").

18. The obligations under the Prepetition Credit Agreement are secured, subject to certain exceptions, by a first priority lien on certain of the assets of Pier 1 and the other domestic guarantors, including, without limitation, eligible merchandise inventory, third-party credit card receivables, and related assets, and a second lien on substantially all other assets of certain subsidiaries. As of the Petition Date, approximately \$140.0 million in borrowings and approximately \$47.3 million of letters of credit are outstanding under the Prepetition Credit Agreement.

B. The Prepetition Term Loan Facility.

- 19. Pier 1, as lead borrower, certain affiliates of Pier 1, as guarantors, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as successor administrative agent and collateral agent, and certain financial institutions, as lenders (the "<u>Term Lenders</u>"), are party to that certain Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated as of April 30, 2014 (as amended, novated, supplemented, extended or restated from time to time, the "<u>Term Loan Agreement</u>"), which provides for a secured term credit facility consisting of a term commitment of \$200 million, which matures on April 30, 2021.
- 20. The obligations under the Term Loan Agreement are secured, subject to certain exceptions, by a second priority lien on all assets subject to a first priority lien under the Revolving Credit Facility, and a first lien on substantially all other assets of certain subsidiaries. As of the Petition Date, approximately \$189.0 million in borrowings are outstanding under the Term Loan Agreement.

C. Industrial Revenue Bonds.

21. Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. owns certain property in Mansfield, Texas (the "Mansfield Property"), which was financed by certain bonds (the "Industrial Revenue

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Bonds") incurred under that certain loan agreement by and between itself and the City of Mansfield Industrial Development Corporation dated November 1, 1986 (the "Mansfield Loan Agreement"). The current value of the Mansfield Property is in excess of \$9.9 million. The Industrial Revenue Bonds have approximately \$9.5 million of principal and interest outstanding. Under the Term Loan Agreement, the Mansfield Property is not required to be pledged as collateral as long as the Mansfield Loan Agreement remains outstanding. The Mansfield Loan Agreement is due to mature on November 1, 2026.

D. Company-Owned Life Insurance

22. The Company is party to certain company-owned life insurance contracts (collectively, "COLIs") by and between Pier 1 Services Company and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company ("John Hancock"), and Voya Financial ("Voya" and together with John Hancock, the "Insurers"). The COLIs are life insurance policies on certain former employees held for the benefit of the Company. Pursuant to the COLIs, the policyholder is permitted to borrow against the cash surrender value of each individual COLI. As of the Petition Date, the collective cash surrender value of the COLIs is roughly \$16.1 million. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors' have borrowed roughly \$14.0 million against the collective cash surrender value of the COLIs. Such borrowing is secured by the future proceeds of the loan against the COLI and is afforded first lien priority against such COLI. When a COLI policy becomes payable, the related outstanding loan is deducted from the proceeds of the COLI.

E. Equity Interests.

23. The Debtors' common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "PIR." As of the Petition Date, there were approximately 4.2 million shares outstanding, trading at \$3.56 per share. On August 5, 2019, the Debtors received a delisting notice from NYSE that they were no longer in compliance with Section 802.01B of the NYSE Listed

Company Manual because the Company's average global market capitalization over a consecutive thirty (30) trading-day period fell below \$50 million and shareholders' equity fell below \$50 million. On November 4, 2019, the Company announced that NYSE had accepted the Company's business plan to regain compliance with NYSE continued listing standards.

The Debtors' Immediate Need for Cash

I. The Debtors Cannot Prudently Operate Their Business With Cash Collateral Alone.

- 24. As set forth in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors are commencing these chapter 11 cases in the process of implementing a turnaround with the support of their lenders, including undertaking several initiatives to optimize and realign their business. The Debtors' Term Loan Lenders have analyzed the business plan, met with the Debtors' management team, and are working constructively with the Debtors as part of this chapter 11 process to maximize the value of the estate for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- 25. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors, in consultation with their proposed restructuring advisor, AlixPartners LLP ("Alix"), reviewed and analyzed their projected cash needs and prepared a projection (as updated from time to time in accordance with the terms of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, (the "Budget"))¹¹ of postpetition cash needs of the Debtors in the initial 13 weeks of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The Debtors believe that the Budget and the projections therein provide an accurate reflection of their funding requirements over the identified period and are reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances. The Debtors relied on these forecasts to determine the amount of postpetition financing required to administer these chapter 11 cases.

A copy of the Budget is attached to the Interim Order as Exhibit 2.

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- 26. After a careful review of the Budget, the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, determined that the use of Cash Collateral alone would be insufficient to meet the Debtors' postpetition liquidity needs. In addition, the Cash Collateral is the collateral of the Prepetition Secured Parties. As such, without access to the DIP Senior Credit Facility in addition to Cash Collateral, the Debtors likely would not be able to pursue a value-maximizing transaction, to the detriment of their stakeholders.
- 27. The Debtors determined that they would require access to both postpetition financing sufficient to provide liquidity to administer the Debtors' estates during these chapter 11 cases and the Cash Collateral securing such postpetition financing. Among other things, the DIP Senior Credit Facility provides liquidity that is essential to acquire inventory, and pay vendors and other participants in the Debtors' supply chain in the ordinary course to ensure the continuing and uninterrupted operation of the Debtors' business, to execute on certain turnaround initiatives, and to pay chapter 11-related fees and costs.
- 28. Immediate access to the DIP Senior Credit Facility and Cash Collateral is essential to not only meet working capital and business operating needs, but also to fund the administration of these chapter 11 cases, enabling the Debtors and their stakeholders to develop a value-maximizing transaction. *See* Savini Declaration ¶ 9.
- 29. In sum, without the immediate relief requested by this Motion, the Debtors face a material risk of substantial, irreparable, and ongoing harm. Access to liquidity to fund these chapter 11 cases will ensure the Debtors have sufficient funds to preserve and maximize the value of their estates, responsibly administer these chapter 11 cases, and execute its business plan.

II. The Proposed DIP Senior Credit Facility Represents the Best Available Financing Option for the Debtors' Business.

- 30. In anticipation of these chapter 11 cases, and in an effort to support a marketing and sale process, the Debtors commenced negotiations with certain of the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties in August 2019. As part of the discussions with certain of the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties and the agent for ABL Term Loan under the Prepetition Credit Agreement, Pathlight (together with certain of the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, the "Prepetition DIP ABL Parties"), it became clear to the Debtors and their advisors that the Prepetition DIP ABL Parties were highly supportive of a chapter 11 process and interested in providing postpetition financing. As existing lenders in the Debtors' capital structure, the Prepetition DIP ABL Parties were in a prime position to provide such postpetition financing.
- 31. After receiving an initial term sheet from the Prepetition DIP ABL Parties, the Debtors, with the assistance of Guggenheim Securities, LLC ("Guggenheim Securities"), their proposed investment banker, 12 commenced an intense, well-organized, and competitive marketing process for the Debtors' postpetition financing and solicited interest from twelve (12) financial institutions to determine the extent to which such third parties would be willing to provide such financing to the Debtors. *See* Savini Declaration ¶ 12. Of these third-party financial institutions, all twelve (12) executed confidentiality agreements and received access to a virtual data room containing non-public information. *Id.* The Debtors received four (4) preliminary proposals for debtor-in-possession financing. *Id.*

The Debtors anticipate filing their *Debtors'* Application for Entry of An Order, Pursuant to Sections 327(a) and 328(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Guggenheim Securities, LLC as Investment Banker for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date, and Modifying Certain Time-Keeping Requirements, seeking authority to retain Guggenheim Securities, shortly hereafter.

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32. Simultaneously with this marketing process, the Debtors and their advisors continued their arm's length, good-faith negotiations with the Prepetition DIP ABL Parties regarding their proposal, exchanging term sheets and continuing discussions regarding the key economic and structural terms. The Debtors, with the assistance of Guggenheim Securities, ultimately determined that no other lender was able to provide debtor-in-possession financing on better or more favorable terms to the Debtors than the DIP Senior Secured Facility proposed by the Prepetition DIP ABL Parties.

III. The Refinancing of the Prepetition ABL Facility is a Necessary Element of the DIP Senior Credit Facility.

33. As set forth herein, a key feature of the DIP Senior Credit Facility is that the Debtors will use part of the proceeds to refinance the Prepetition ABL Facility in full. Specifically, upon entry of the Interim Order: (a) \$137.3 million of the Revolving Commitments will be used to refinance, in full, \$137.3 million of revolving commitments under the Prepetition Credit Agreement (including approximately \$47.3 million of the Letter of Credit Outstanding (as defined in the Prepetition Credit Agreement) being refinanced and constituting DIP Facility Obligations under the DIP Senior Credit Facility (including all existing letters of credit issued under the Prepetition Credit Agreement being deemed issued under the DIP Senior Credit Facility); (b) \$15 million of the FILO Commitment will be used to refinance, in full, \$15 million of the FILO facility under the Prepetition Credit Agreement; and (c) \$41.2 million¹³ of the ABL Term Loan will be used to refinance, in full, the term loan under the Prepetition Credit Agreement. This feature presents the Debtors with the best financing option given the Debtors' time constraints. The Prepetition ABL Facility is likely oversecured and, as a result, the Debtors likely would have

This amount represents the amount outstanding, as of the Petition Date, on account of the term loan under the Prepetition Credit Agreement, inclusive of a \$6 million prepayment premium.

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been required to continue to pay interest as part of any adequate protection package. Given the limited number of banks that provide ABL financing, it was not possible for the Debtors to obtain an underwriting commitment from any bank that did not provide for the repayment of Prepetition ABL Facility.

IV. The Proposed DIP Senior Credit Facility Will Send a Positive Signal to the Market and the Debtors' Creditors.

- 34. As described in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors operate in a highly competitive market and have faced increasing market headwinds in recent years, including a myriad of factors that are collectively changing the manner in which consumers and retailers interact and contributing to the struggles companies like the Debtors are facing in the marketplace. The Debtors are certain that their vendors, landlords, and other stakeholders will be focused on whether these chapter 11 cases are appropriately capitalized such that the Debtors can expeditiously pursue a value-maximizing sale transaction and terms of a chapter 11 plan, preserving value for the benefit of the Debtors' estates depends in large part on the Debtors proceeding swiftly to confirmation and minimizing the effects of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases on the value of the Debtors' "brand", a critical component of the value of the Debtors' businesses. Vendors have already demonstrated that they may not be willing to accept new purchase orders or fulfill outstanding purchase orders on anything longer than cash-on-delivery terms if they doubt the Debtors' viability.
- 35. Finally, the DIP Senior Credit Facility will provide the Debtors with the liquidity that they need to stabilize their business and execute on their business plan now, which will increase and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all parties in interest.

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Basis for Relief

- I. The Debtors Should Be Authorized to Obtain Postpetition Financing Through the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the DIP Orders.
 - A. Entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation is an Exercise of the Debtors' Sound Business Judgment.
- 36. The Court should authorize the Debtors, as an exercise of their sound business judgment, to enter into the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, obtain access to the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and continue using Cash Collateral. Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes a debtor to obtain secured or superpriority financing under certain circumstances that are present in these chapter 11 cases, as discussed herein. Courts grant a debtor in possession considerable deference when acting in accordance with its business judgment in obtaining postpetition secured credit, so long as the agreement to obtain such credit does not run afoul of the provisions of, and policies underlying, the Bankruptcy Code. See, e.g., In re L.A. Dodgers LLC, 457 B.R. 308, 313 (Bankr. D. Del. 2011) ("[C]ourts will almost always defer to the business judgment of a debtor in the selection of the lender."); In re Trans World Airlines, Inc., 163 B.R. 964, 974 (Bankr. D. Del. 1994) (approving a postpetition loan and receivables facility because such facility "reflect[ed] sound and prudent business judgment"); In re Ames Dep't Stores, Inc., 115 B.R. 34, 40 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1990) ("[C]ases consistently reflect that the court's discretion under section 364 is to be utilized on grounds that permit reasonable business judgment to be exercised so long as the financing agreement does not contain terms that leverage the bankruptcy process and powers or its purpose is not so much to benefit the estate as it is to benefit a party-in-interest").
- 37. Specifically, to determine whether the business judgment standard is met, a court need only "examine whether a reasonable business person would make a similar decision under similar circumstances." *In re Exide Techs.*, 340 B.R. 222, 239 (Bankr. D. Del. 2006), *rev'd on*

other grounds 607 F.3d 957 (3d Cir. 2010); see also In re Curlew Valley Assocs., 14 B.R. 506, 513–14 (Bankr. D. Utah 1981) (noting that courts should not second guess a debtor's business decision when that decision involves "a business judgment made in good faith, upon a reasonable basis, and within the scope of [the debtor's] authority under the [Bankruptcy] Code").

38. Furthermore, in considering whether the terms of postpetition financing are fair and reasonable, courts consider the terms in light of the relative circumstances of both the debtor and the potential lender. *In re Farmland Indus., Inc.*, 294 B.R. 855, 886 (Bankr. W.D. Mo. 2003); see also Unsecured Creditors' Comm. Mobil Oil Corp. v. First Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. of Escanaba (In re Elingsen McLean Oil Co., Inc.), 65 B.R. 358, 365 n.7 (W.D. Mich. 1986) (recognizing a debtor may have to enter into "hard" bargains to acquire funds for its reorganization). The Court may also appropriately take into consideration non-economic benefits to the Debtors offered by a proposed postpetition facility. For example, in *In re ION Media Networks Inc.*, the bankruptcy court for the Southern District of New York held that:

Although all parties, including the Debtors and the Committee, are naturally motivated to obtain financing on the best possible terms, a business decision to obtain credit from a particular lender is almost never based purely on economic terms. Relevant features of the financing must be evaluated, including non-economic elements such as the timing and certainty of closing, the impact on creditor constituencies and the likelihood of a successful reorganization. This is particularly true in a bankruptcy setting where cooperation and establishing alliances with creditor groups can be a vital part of building support for a restructuring that ultimately may lead to a confirmable reorganization plan. That which helps foster consensus may be preferable to a notionally better transaction that carries the risk of promoting unwanted conflict.

No. 09-13125, 2009 WL 2902568, at *4 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. July 6, 2009) (emphasis added).

39. The decision to move forward with the DIP Senior Credit Facility following an arm's length marketing and negotiation process is well within the Debtors' sound business judgment. Specifically, the DIP Senior Credit Facility will allow the Debtors to: (a) continue

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implementing the Debtors' business plan; (b) provide the liquidity necessary to reassure their stakeholders, including landlords and employees; (c) fund payroll obligations; (d) fund the administrative costs of these chapter 11 cases; and (e) provide a path to emergence by allowing the Debtors to pursue a dual-track sale and chapter 11 plan processes. Moreover, the Debtors negotiated the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation with the DIP ABL Lenders in good faith, at arm's length, and with the assistance of their respective advisors, and the Debtors believe the proposed DIP Senior Credit Facility represents the best available financing under the current circumstances. Further, entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility with certain of the Debtors' prepetition lenders will likely avoid a costly adequate protection fight at the outset of these chapter 11 cases that would cause significant uncertainty among the Debtors' vendors, employees, landlords, and others. Accordingly, the Court should authorize the Debtors' entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and DIP Senior Credit Facility, as it is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.

- B. The Debtors Should Be Authorized to Grant Liens, Priming Liens, and Superpriority Claims.
- 40. The Debtors propose to obtain financing under the DIP Senior Credit Facility by providing security interests, liens, including priming liens, and superpriority claims as set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the DIP Orders pursuant to sections 364(c) and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code. Priming liens on encumbered assets, and liens on unencumbered assets, are common features of postpetition financing facilities and are a necessary feature to obtain the DIP Senior Credit Facility. Specifically, the Debtors propose to provide to the DIP ABL Lenders, subject to the Carve Out and the priorities set forth in the DIP Orders, (a) a valid and

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perfected first priority lien and security interest in the ABL Priority Collateral and (b) a valid and perfected second priority lien and security interest in the Term Priority Collateral.

- 41. In addition, as set forth in the Interim Order, the Debtors, the DIP ABL Lenders, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan") have agreed that the letter of credit issued by JPMorgan under the Prepetition ABL Documents prior to the Petition Date (the "JPMorgan Letter of Credit") will not be repaid in connection with the Debtors' entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility but will instead remain outstanding as of the Petition Date. As adequate protection for any Diminution in Value of JPMorgan's interest in the JPMorgan Letter of Credit, the Debtors will provide cash collateral in an amount equal to 103% of the face amount of the JPMorgan Letter of Credit, which shall not be subject to or subordinate to, the Carve Out, the DIP Liens, the Adequate Protection Liens, the Prepetition Liens, or the Prior Permitted Liens. and JPMorgan shall be entitled to an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in the amount of the JPMorgan LC Obligations (as defined in the Interim Order). The Debtors intend to replace the JPMorgan Letter of Credit shortly after the commencement of these chapter 11 cases.
- 42. The statutory requirement for obtaining postpetition credit under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code is a finding, made after notice and a hearing, that a debtor is "unable to obtain unsecured credit allowable under Section 503(b)(1) of [the Bankruptcy Code]." 11 U.S.C. § 364(c). *See In re Crouse Grp., Inc.*, 71 B.R. 544, 549 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1987) (secured credit under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code is authorized, after notice and hearing, upon showing that unsecured credit cannot be obtained). Courts have articulated a three-part test to determine whether a debtor is entitled to financing under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. Specifically, courts look to whether:
 - a. the debtor is unable to obtain unsecured credit under section 364(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, *i.e.*, by allowing a lender only an administrative claim;

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- b. the credit transaction is necessary to preserve the assets of the estate; and
- c. the terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable, and adequate, given the circumstances of the debtor-borrower and proposed lenders.

See, e.g., In re Aqua Assocs., 123 B.R. 192, 195–96 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1991); Ames Dep't Stores, 115 B.R. at 37-40; see also In re St. Mary Hosp., 86 B.R. 393, 401–02 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1988); Crouse Grp., 71 B.R. at 549.

- 43. The Debtors satisfy each part of this test: *First*, as described above and as set forth in the Savini Declaration, due to the Debtors' existing secured debt obligations no third-party lender was willing to provide postpetition financing on an unsecured or junior priority basis, as proven by Guggenheim Securities' marketing process. *See* Savini Declaration ¶ 17. *Second*, the Debtors require access to the DIP Senior Credit Facility to provide adequate liquidity for the operation of the Debtors' business. Absent such relief, the Debtors will suffer material, immediate, and irreparable harm, and the value of the Debtors' estates will be significantly impaired to the detriment of all stakeholders. *Finally*, the Debtors and DIP ABL Lenders negotiated the DIP Senior Credit Facility in good faith, at arm's length, and in a competitive market. Given these circumstances, the Debtors believe that the terms of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, as set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, are fair, reasonable, and adequate. For all these reasons, the Debtors submit that they have met the standard for obtaining postpetition financing under section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 44. In the event that a debtor is unable to obtain unsecured credit allowable as an administrative expense under section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, section 364(c) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a court "may authorize the obtaining of credit or the incurring of debt (a) with priority over any or all administrative expenses of the kind specified in section 503(b) or 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) secured by a lien on property of the estate that is not

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otherwise subject to a lien; or (c) secured by a junior lien on property of the estate that is subject to a lien." As described above, the Debtors are unable to obtain unsecured credit. Therefore, approving superpriority claims and liens over unencumbered property of the Debtors in favor of the DIP ABL Lenders is also reasonable and appropriate.

- 45. Further, section 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor may obtain credit secured by a senior or equal lien on property of the estate already subject to a lien, after notice and a hearing, where the debtor is "unable to obtain such credit otherwise" and "there is adequate protection of the interest of the holder of the lien on the property of the estate on which such senior or equal lien is proposed to be granted." 11 U.S.C. § 364(d)(1). Consent by secured creditors to priming obviates the need to show adequate protection. *See Anchor Savs. Bank FSB v. Sky Valley, Inc.*, 99 B.R. 117, 122 (N.D. Ga. 1989) ("[B]y tacitly consenting to the superpriority lien, those [undersecured] creditors relieved the debtor of having to demonstrate that they were adequately protected."). Accordingly, the Debtors may incur "priming" liens under the DIP Senior Credit Facility if either (a) the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties have consented or (b) Prepetition ABL Secured Parties' interests in collateral are adequately protected.
- 46. Here, as consideration for the Debtors incurring the Adequate Protection Obligations, the Debtors believe that the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties have consented to the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the priming liens granted thereunder. Therefore, the relief requested pursuant to section 364(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code is appropriate.
- 47. Moreover, to the extent that any Prepetition ABL Secured Party objects to the relief requested by this Motion, such Party is adequately protected. Specifically, the Agents, for the benefit of themselves and the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, will receive (subject to the Carve Out): (a) adequate protection liens and superpriority claims on the

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DIP Collateral; (b) superpriority administrative claims under section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) payment of the professional fees and expenses incurred by the Agents; (d) payment of current interest under the Prepetition Credit Agreement; and (e) customary financial reporting.

C. No Comparable Alternative to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Is Reasonably Available.

48. A debtor need only demonstrate "by a good faith effort that credit was not available without" the protections afforded to potential lenders by sections 364(c) and (d) of the Bankruptcy Code. In re Snowshoe Co., 789 F.2d 1085, 1088 (4th Cir. 1986); see also In re Plabell Rubber Prods., Inc., 137 B.R. 897, 900 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1992). Moreover, in circumstances where only a few lenders likely can or will extend the necessary credit to a debtor, "it would be unrealistic and unnecessary to require [the debtor] to conduct such an exhaustive search for financing." In re Sky Valley, Inc., 100 B.R. 107, 113 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1988); see also Snowshoe, 789 F.2d at 1088 (demonstrating that credit was unavailable absent the senior lien by establishment of unsuccessful contact with other financial institutions in the geographic area); In re Stanley Hotel, Inc., 15 B.R. 660, 663 (D. Colo. 1981) (bankruptcy court's finding that two national banks refused to grant unsecured loans was sufficient to support conclusion that section 364 requirement was met); Ames Dep't Stores, 115 B.R. at 37–40 (debtor must show that it made reasonable efforts to seek other sources of financing under section 364(a) and (b) of the Bankruptcy Code). In this case, the Debtors, with their advisors, undertook a thorough marketing process, broadly soliciting financing proposals from their existing stakeholders and from other large banks and investment institutions. Twelve (12) prospective lenders conducted in-depth diligence, and the Debtors'

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management and advisors engaged each in earnest good faith, arm's-length, and hard fought negotiations. Savini Declaration ¶ 12.

49. These competitive, multi-party negotiations led to more favorable terms than were initially proposed by the various potential lenders and, importantly, are being provided by parties that can help the Debtors to avoid value-destructive, non-consensual priming fights at the outset of these chapter 11 cases. Given the circumstances, the Debtors believe that the DIP Senior Credit Facility is the best possible financing arrangement possible. *See* Savini Declaration ¶ 13. Therefore, the Debtors submit that the requirement of section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code that alternative credit on more favorable terms be unavailable to the Debtors is satisfied.

II. The Use of Cash Collateral is Warranted and Should be Approved.

- 50. Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code generally governs the use of estate property. Section 363(c)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code permits a debtor in possession to use cash collateral with the consent of the secured party. Here, the Prepetition Secured Parties consent to the Debtors' use of the Cash Collateral (as well as the other Prepetition Collateral), subject to the terms and limitations set forth in the Interim Order.
- 51. Section 363(e) of the Bankruptcy Code provides for adequate protection against diminution in value of a creditor's interests in cash when a debtor uses cash collateral. Further, section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides for adequate protection of interests in property due to the imposition of the automatic stay. *See In re Cont'l Airlines*, 91 F.3d 553, 556 (3d Cir. 1996) (en banc). While section 361 of the Bankruptcy Code provides examples of forms of adequate protection, such as granting replacement liens and administrative claims, courts decide what constitutes sufficient adequate protection on a case-by-case basis. *In re Swedeland Dev. Grp., Inc.*, 16 F.3d 552, 564 (3d Cir. 1994); *In re Rocco*, 319 B.R. 411 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 2005); *In re Satcon Tech. Corp.*, No. 12-12869 (KG), 2012 WL 6091160, at *6 (Bankr. D. Del.

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Dec. 7, 2012); see also In re Dynaco Corp., 162 B.R. 389, 394 (Bankr. D.N.H. 1993) (citing 2 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 361.01[1] at 361–66 (15th ed. 1993) (explaining that adequate protection can take many forms and "must be determined based upon equitable considerations arising from the particular facts of each proceeding")). It was the intent of Congress in section 361 of the Bankruptcy Code to give courts flexibility to fashion relief in each case in light of general equitable principals. *In re Wilson*, 30 B.R. 371 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1983).

- 52. As set forth in the Interim Order and as described herein, the Debtors propose to provide the Prepetition Secured Parties with a variety of forms of adequate protection to protect against the postpetition diminution in value of their collateral, including Cash Collateral. Specifically, the Debtors seek to provide the Prepetition Secured Parties with: (a) replacement liens on all Prepetition Collateral, in each case subject and subordinate to the Carve Out and liens of the DIP ABL Agent (subject to the priorities contained in the Intercreditor Agreement); (b) superpriority claims as provided for in Section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, junior only to the super priority claim status applicable to the DIP Senior Credit Facility and as otherwise set forth in the DIP Orders; and (c) adequate protection payments in the amount of any amounts due under the Prepetition Credit Agreement at the times required therein (including, without limitation, indemnities and expenses).
- 53. The Debtors submit that the proposed adequate protection package for their Prepetition Secured Parties is sufficient to protect the Prepetition Secured Parties from any diminution in value of the Cash Collateral and the other Prepetition Collateral. In light of the foregoing, the Debtors further submit that the proposed Adequate Protection Obligations to be provided for the benefit of the Prepetition Secured Parties are adequate and appropriate. This adequate protection package is fair and appropriate under the circumstances of these chapter 11

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cases to ensure the Debtors are able to continue using the Cash Collateral, subject to the terms and limitations set forth in the Interim Order, for the benefit of all parties in interest and their estates.

III. The Debtors Should Be Authorized to Pay the Fees and Payments Required Under the DIP Documents.

- 54. Pursuant to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and as consideration for the extension of postpetition financing, the Debtors have agreed, subject to Court approval, to pay approximately \$2.42 million in aggregate fees to the agents, arrangers, and lenders, equal to approximately 0.9 percent of the total financing proposed to be obtained.
- 55. It is understood and agreed by all parties that these fees are an integral and customary component of the overall terms of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and were required by the Agents and the DIP ABL Lenders as consideration for the extension of postpetition financing after arm's length and good faith negotiations. *See* Savini Declaration ¶ 18. Accordingly, the Court should authorize the Debtors to pay the fees provided under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation in connection with entering into those agreements.

IV. The Proposed Repayment and/or Roll-up, As Applicable, of the Prepetition ABL Obligations is Necessary and Appropriate.

As set forth above, the DIP Senior Credit Facility will be used in part to refinance and/or roll up in full, as applicable, the Prepetition ABL Obligations. Upon entry of the Interim Order, the Debtors will be authorized to use the proceeds to, among other things, refinance and/or roll up, as applicable, the Prepetition ABL Obligations in full, including interest through the date of repayment at the rate allowable under section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code upon the simultaneous release and termination of the relevant Prepetition ABL Secured Parties' existing liens, claims, and encumbrances, and the agreement of the relevant Prepetition ABL Secured Parties to release and terminate any remaining liens, claims, and encumbrances. As discussed herein, upon entry of the Interim Order: (a) \$137.3 million of the Revolving Commitments will

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be used to refinance, in full, \$137.3 million of revolving commitments under the Prepetition Credit Agreement (including \$47.3 million of the Letter of Credit Outstanding (as defined in the Prepetition Credit Agreement) being refinanced and constituting DIP Facility Obligations under the DIP Senior Credit Facility (including all existing letters of credit issued under the Prepetition Credit Agreement being deemed issued under the DIP Senior Credit Facility); (b) \$15 million of the FILO Commitment will be used to refinance, in full, \$15 million of the FILO facility under the Prepetition Credit Agreement; and (c) \$41.2 million of the ABL Term Loan will be used to roll up, in full, the term loan under the Prepetition Credit Agreement. The repayment and roll-up merely accelerate the satisfaction of the Prepetition ABL Obligations without affecting recovery to other creditors because the Debtors believe that these prepetition obligations are fully secured by perfected, first priority liens with respect to, among other things, inventory and receivables. Finally, the DIP ABL Lenders would not provide the proposed debtor-in-possession financing without the repayment of their Prepetition ABL Obligations. Therefore, the repayment and roll-up, as applicable, were a necessary prerequisites to acquiring postpetition financing.

57. Thus, after careful consideration of all available alternatives, the Debtors have determined that repayment and/or roll-up, as applicable, of the Prepetition ABL Obligations and the incurrence of the DIP Senior Credit Facility is the best means to obtain access to the liquidity necessary to preserve the value of their business for the benefit of all stakeholders. Without continued access to an asset-based lending facility to fund the flow of inventory to the Debtors' customers and other working capital needs. Further, as previously noted, the repayment in full and/or roll-up, as applicable, of the Prepetition ABL Obligations with the DIP Senior Credit Facility has no prejudicial effect on any parties in interest because the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, who are likely oversecured, would have received a full recovery upon emergence.

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58. Conversions of prepetition claims into postpetition claims, as well as similar refinancings of prepetition claims with postpetition credit, may be authorized under section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. *See In re Capmark Fin. Grp. Inc.*, 438 B.R. 471, 510-11 (Bankr. D. Del. 2010) ("Post-petition refinancing of uneconomical *secured* debt through a DIP loan may be authorized by section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code as a use of estate property outside the ordinary course of business . . . similarly, prepetition secured claims can be paid off through a roll-up."); *In re Energy Future Holding Corp.*, 527 B.R. 157, 167 (D. Del. 2015). As the United States District Court for the District of Delaware has observed:

[P]repetition secured claims can be paid off through a "roll-up" Most simply, a [roll-up] is the payment of a pre-petition debt with the proceeds of a post-petition loan. Roll-ups most commonly arise where a pre-petition secured creditor is also providing a post-petition DIP loan under section 364(c) and/or (d) of the Bankruptcy Code. The proceeds of the DIP loan are used to pay off or replace the pre-petition debt, resulting in a post-petition debt equal to the pre-petition debt plus any new money being lent to the debtor. As a result, the entirety of the prepetition and post-petition debt enjoys the post-petition protection of section 364(c) and/or (d) as well as the terms of the DIP order. In both a refinancing and a rollup, the pre-petition secured claim is paid through the issuance of new debt rather than from unencumbered cash,

Del. Trust Co. v. Energy Future Intermediate Holdings, LLC (In re Energy Future Holding Corp.), 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 19684, 20-21 (D. Del. Feb. 9, 2015) (quoting Capmark, 438 B.R. at 511).

59. Courts consider a number of factors when determining whether to authorize repayment of prepetition debt into postpetition financing facilities, including whether: (a) the proposed financing is an exercise of sound and reasonable business judgment; (b) no alternative financing is available on any other basis; (c) the financing is in the best interests of the estate and its creditors; (d) no better offers, bids, or timely proposals are before the court; (e) the credit transaction is necessary to preserve the assets of the estate; (f) the terms of the transaction are fair, reasonable, and adequate, given the circumstances of the debtor and proposed lender(s); (g) the

financing is necessary, essential, and appropriate for the continued operating of the Debtors' business and the preservation of their estates; and (h) the financing agreement was negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length between the Debtors and the proposed lenders. *See Farmland Indus.*, *Inc.*, 294 B.R. at 879–80.

- 60. Courts authorizing first-day, interim relief under postpetition financing facilities have permitted such interim borrowings to be applied toward the roll-up of prepetition obligations. *See, e.g., In re The Gymboree Corp.*, No. 17-32986 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 13, 2017); *In re Alpha Nat. Res., Inc.*, No. 15-33896 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Aug. 4, 2015); *In re James River Coal Co.*, No. 14-31848 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Apr. 9, 2014); *In re AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc., No. 12-36495* (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 14, 2012); *In re Bear Island Paper Co.*, No 10-31202 (DOT) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Feb. 26, 2010); *In re On-Site Sourcing, Inc.*, No. 09-10816 (RGM) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Mar. 4, 2009). ¹⁴
- 61. Further, courts in this and other districts authorizing first-day, interim relief under postpetition financing facilities have also permitted such interim borrowings to be applied toward the repayment of prepetition obligations. *See, e.g., In re Toys "R" Us,* No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Sep. 20, 2017); *In re James River Coal Company,* No. 14-31848 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. May 9, 2014); *In re Nuverra Env't Sol. Inc.*, No. 17-10949 (Bankr. D. Del. May 2, 2017); *In re Payless Holdings LLC,* No. 17-42267 (Bankr. E.D. Mo. Apr. 5, 2017); *In re BCBG Max Azria Glob. Holdings,* No. 17-10466 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 2, 2017); *In re United Road Towing, Inc.*, No. 17-10249 (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 7, 2017). ¹⁵

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62. Consistent with this authority, the Debtors respectfully submit that the Court approve the Debtors' decision to enter into the DIP Senior Credit Facility, including the refinancing of the Prepetition ABL Obligations with proceeds therefrom, as a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.

V. The DIP ABL Lenders Should Be Deemed Good-Faith Lenders Under Section 364(e).

63. Section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code protects a good-faith lender's right to collect on loans extended to a debtor, and its right in any lien securing those loans, even if the authority of the debtor to obtain such loans or grant such liens is later reversed or modified on appeal. Section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that:

The reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization under this section [364 of the Bankruptcy Code] to obtain credit or incur debt, or of a grant under this section of a priority or a lien, does not affect the validity of any debt so incurred, or any priority or lien so granted, to an entity that extended such credit in good faith, whether or not such entity knew of the pendency of the appeal, unless such authorization and the incurring of such debt, or the granting of such priority or lien, were stayed pending appeal.

As explained herein and in the Savini Declaration, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the DIP Orders are the result of the Debtors' reasonable and informed determination that the DIP ABL Lenders offered the most favorable terms on which to obtain critical postpetition financing and arm's-length, good-faith negotiations between the Debtors and the Agents and DIP ABL Lenders. Savini Declaration ¶ 19. The terms and conditions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation are reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances, and the proceeds of the DIP Senior Credit Facility will be used only for purposes that are permissible under the Bankruptcy Code. Further, no consideration is being provided to any party to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or under the DIP Orders other than as described herein. Accordingly, the Court should find that the DIP ABL Lenders are "good-faith" lenders

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within the meaning of section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code and are entitled to all of the protections afforded by that section.

VI. The Automatic Stay Should Be Modified on a Limited Basis.

- 65. The proposed Interim Order provides that the automatic stay provisions of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code will be modified to allow the DIP ABL Lenders to file any financing statements, security agreements, notices of liens, and other similar instruments and documents in order to validate and perfect the liens and security interests granted to them under the Interim Order. The proposed Interim Order further provides that the automatic stay is modified as necessary to permit the Debtors to grant the DIP Liens to the DIP ABL Lenders and to incur all liabilities and obligations set forth in the Interim Order. Finally, the proposed Interim Order provides that, following the occurrence of an Event of Default, the automatic stay shall be vacated and modified to the extent necessary to permit the Agents to exercise all rights and remedies in accordance with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the DIP Orders, or applicable law.
- 66. Stay modifications of this kind are ordinary and standard features of debtor-in-possession financing arrangements and, in the Debtors' business judgment, are reasonable and fair under the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases. *See, e.g., In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.*, No. 17-34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Oct. 24, 2017) (modifying automatic stay as necessary to effectuate the terms of the order); *In re The Gymboree Corp.*, No. 17-32986 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. July 11, 2017) (same); *In re Penn Va. Corp.*, No. 16-3395 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 8, 2016) (same); *In re Patriot Coal Corp.*, No. 15-32450 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 4,

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2015) (same); see also In re Deluxe Entm't Servs. Grp. Inc., No. 19-23774 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 7, 2019). 16

VII. Interim Relief Should be Granted.

- 67. Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b) and 4001(c) provide that a final hearing on a motion to obtain credit pursuant to section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or to use cash collateral pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code may not be commenced earlier than fourteen days after the service of such motion. Upon request, however, a court may conduct a preliminary, expedited hearing on the motion and authorize the obtaining of credit and use of cash collateral to the extent necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to a debtor's estate.
- 68. For the reasons noted above, the Debtors have an immediate postpetition need to use Cash Collateral and access the liquidity provided by the DIP Senior Credit Facility. The Debtors cannot maintain the value of their estates during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases without access to cash to, among other things, fund the operation of their business, including to ensure that vendors continue to manufacture and ship inventory, and fund the administration of these chapter 11 cases. Substantially all of the Debtors' available cash constitutes the Prepetition Secured Parties' Cash Collateral. The Debtors will therefore be unable to operate their business or otherwise fund these chapter 11 cases without access to Cash Collateral and will suffer immediate and irreparable harm to the detriment of all creditors and other parties in interest. In short, the Debtors' ability to administer these chapter 11 cases through the use of Cash Collateral is vital to preserve and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates.

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors' proposed counsel.

69. The Debtors request that the Court conduct a hearing to consider entry of the Interim Order authorizing the Debtors, from and after entry of the Interim Order until the Final Hearing, to receive funding under the DIP Senior Credit Facility on the terms and conditions set forth in the Interim Order. This relief will enable the Debtors to preserve and maximize value and, therefore, avoid immediate and irreparable harm and prejudice to their estates and all parties in interest, pending the Final Hearing.

Request for Final Hearing

70. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(2) and 4001(c)(2), the Debtors request that the Court set a date for the Final Hearing that is as soon as practicable, and in no event after 21 days after the Petition Date, and fix the time and date prior to the Final Hearing for parties to file objections to this Motion.

Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)

71. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors seek a waiver of the notice requirements under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the 14-day stay of an order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

Waiver of Memorandum of Points and Authorities

72. The Debtors respectfully request that the Court treat this Motion as a written memorandum of points and authorities or waive any requirement that this Motion be accompanied by a written memorandum of points and authorities as described in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(G).

Reservation of Rights

73. Nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed as: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code,

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any foreign bankruptcy or insolvency law, or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds, (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any entity under the Bankruptcy Code, or any other applicable law.

Notice

74. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion via first class mail, facsimile or email (where available) to: (a) the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, Attn: Kenneth N. Whitehurst III and Shannon F. Pecoraro; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition secured facilities and counsel thereto; (d) the DIP Agents and their respective counsel thereto; (e) the indenture trustee to the Debtors' industrial revenue bonds; (f) counsel to the ad hoc group of term loan lenders; (g) the lenders under certain Company-owned life insurance policies; (h) the Debtors' Canadian counsel; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia; (j) the Internal Revenue Service; (k) the office of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (l) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) the monitor in the CCAA proceeding and counsel thereto; (n) the Debtors' Canadian Counsel; (o) DIP ABL Lenders and counsel thereto; and (p) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002

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(collectively, the "<u>Notice Parties</u>"). The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

75. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the DIP Orders, granting the relief requested herein, and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Richmond, Virginia

Dated: February 17, 2020

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Exhibit A

Proposed Interim Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11	
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., 1) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)	
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requeste	ed)
)	

INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO OBTAIN POSTPETITION FINANCING, (II) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO USE CASH COLLATERAL, (III) GRANTING LIENS AND PROVIDING SUPERPRIORITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE STATUS, (IV) GRANTING ADEQUATE PROTECTION TO THE PREPETITION SECURED PARTIES, (V) MODIFYING THE AUTOMATIC STAY, (VI) SCHEDULING A FINAL HEARING, AND (VII) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "<u>DIP Motion</u>")² of Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc. (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), Pier 1 Imports, Inc., Pier 1 Assets, Inc., Pier 1 Licensing, Inc., Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., Pier 1 Services Company, PIR Trading, Inc., and Pier 1 Value Services, LLC (collectively, the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), each as a debtor and debtor in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Cases</u>"), seeking entry of an order (this "<u>Interim Order</u>") pursuant to sections 105, 361, 362, 363, 364(c)(1), 364(c)(2), 364(c)(3), 364(d), 364(e), and 507 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") and Rules 2002, 4001, 6004, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>") *inter alia*:

(i) authorizing the Debtors to obtain senior secured postpetition financing on a superpriority basis consisting of a senior secured superpriority credit facility in the aggregate

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

² Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the DIP Motion or the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, as applicable.

principal amount of up to \$256,000,000 (the "DIP Senior Credit Facility") consisting of (x) \$200,000,000 in revolving commitments (the "Revolving Commitments," and the loans extended thereunder, the "Revolving Loans"), which shall include a \$60,000,000 sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit; (y) a \$15,000,000 first in, last out term loan commitment (the "FILO Commitment," and the loans extended thereunder, the "FILO Loan"); and (z) a \$41,223,270.21 asset-based term loan (the "ABL Term Loan," and together with the Revolving Loans and the FILO Loan, collectively, the "DIP ABL Loans"), pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, the "DIP ABL Credit Agreement"), by and among the Borrower, the Guarantors, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent (in such capacities, the "DIP ABL Agent") and Pathlight Capital LP, as ABL term loan agent (in such capacity, the "DIP ABL Term Agent" and together with the DIP ABL Agent, the "Agents") for and on behalf of themselves and the other lenders party thereto (collectively, including the Agents, the "DIP ABL Lenders," and the DIP ABL Lenders and the Agents, and the other Credit Parties (as defined in the DIP Credit Agreement), together, the "DIP Secured Parties"), substantially in the form of **Exhibit 1**, attached hereto;³

(ii) authorizing the Debtors to execute and deliver the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and any other agreements, instruments, pledge agreements, guarantees, control agreements and other Loan Documents (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) and documents related thereto (including any security agreements, intellectual property security agreements, control

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Upon entry of this Interim Order, the Revolving Credit Loans, the FILO Loan and the ABL Term Loan (each as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) shall be refinanced by the DIP ABL Loans and shall constitute DIP Facility Obligations.

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agreements, or notes) (as amended, restated, supplemented, waived, and/or modified from time to time, and collectively, with the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, the "<u>DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation</u>") and to perform such other acts as may be necessary or desirable in connection with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation;

- (iii) granting the DIP Senior Credit Facility and all obligations owing thereunder and under, or secured by, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation to the DIP Secured Parties (collectively, and including all "Obligations" as described in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, the "DIP Facility Obligations") allowed superpriority administrative expense claim status in each of the Cases and any Successor Cases (as defined herein);
- (iv) granting to the DIP ABL Agent, for the benefit of itself and the DIP ABL Lenders and the other Credit Parties (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) under the applicable DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation automatically perfected security interests in and liens on all of the DIP Collateral (as defined herein), including all property constituting "Cash Collateral" as defined in section 363(a) of the Bankruptcy Code ("Cash Collateral"), which liens shall be subject to the priorities set forth herein;
- (v) authorizing and directing the Debtors to pay the principal, interest, fees, expenses and other amounts payable under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation as such become earned, due and payable, including, letter of credit fees (including issuance and other related charges), continuing commitment fees, closing fees, audit fees, appraisal fees, valuation fees, liquidator fees, structuring fees, administrative agent's fees, the reasonable fees and disbursements of the Agents' attorneys, advisors, accountants and other consultants, all to the extent provided in, and in accordance with, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation;
 - (vi) authorizing the Debtors to use the Prepetition Collateral (as defined herein),

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including the Cash Collateral of the Prepetition ABL Parties under the Prepetition ABL Documents and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties under the Prepetition Term Loan Documents (each as defined herein), and providing adequate protection to the Prepetition ABL Parties and Prepetition Term Loan Parties for any diminution in value from the Petition Date through the confirmation date of any chapter 11 plan approved in these Cases in their interests in the Prepetition Collateral, including resulting from the imposition of the automatic stay, the Debtors' use, sale, or lease of the Prepetition Collateral, including Cash Collateral, and, in the case of the Prepetition ABL Parties, the priming of their respective interests in the Prepetition Collateral (including by the Carve Out) (not including the JPMorgan Letter of Credit, as defined herein) and, in the case of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, the priming of their interests in the Prepetition Collateral by the Carve Out pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein ("Diminution in Value"):

- (vii) vacating and modifying the automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code solely to the extent necessary to implement and effectuate the terms and provisions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order; and
- (viii) scheduling a final hearing (the "<u>Final Hearing</u>") within 35 days of the Petition Date to consider the relief requested in the DIP Motion on a final basis and approving the form of notice with respect to the Final Hearing.

The Court having considered the DIP Motion, the exhibits attached thereto, the *Declaration* of Durc Savini in Support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral, (III) Granting Liens and Providing Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (IV) Granting Adequate Protection to the Prepetition Secured Parties, (V) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (VI) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VII) Granting Related Relief, the

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Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer, of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and the evidence submitted and argument made at the interim hearing held on February 18, 2020 (the "Interim Hearing"); and notice of the Interim Hearing having been given in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 4001(b), (c) and (d), and all applicable local rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Local Rules"); and the Interim Hearing having been held and concluded; and all objections, if any, to the interim relief requested in the DIP Motion having been withdrawn, resolved or overruled by the Court; and it appearing that approval of the interim relief requested in the DIP Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates pending the Final Hearing, and otherwise is fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and all parties in interest, and is essential for the continued operation of the Debtors' businesses and the preservation of the value of the Debtors' assets; and it appearing that the Debtors' entry into the DIP ABL Credit Agreement is a sound and prudent exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and after due deliberation and consideration, and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

BASED UPON THE RECORD ESTABLISHED AT THE INTERIM HEARING, THE COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:⁴

A. <u>Petition Date</u>. On February 17, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "<u>Court</u>").

The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent that any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

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- B. <u>Debtors in Possession</u>. The Debtors have continued in the management and operation of their businesses and properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- C. <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. This Court has jurisdiction over the Cases, the DIP Motion, and the parties and property affected hereby pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue for the Cases and proceedings on the DIP Motion is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- D. <u>Committee Formation</u>. As of the date hereof, the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") has not appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors in these Cases pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (a "Committee").
- E. <u>Notice</u>. Proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice of the DIP Motion and the Interim Hearing has been provided in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Rules, and no other or further notice of the DIP Motion with respect to the relief requested at the Interim Hearing or the entry of this Interim Order shall be required.
- F. <u>Debtors' Stipulations</u>. After consultation with their attorneys and financial advisors, and without prejudice to the rights of parties in interest as set forth in paragraph 44 herein, the Debtors, on their behalf and on behalf of their estates, admit, stipulate, acknowledge, and agree as follows (paragraphs F(i) through F(xi) below are referred to herein, collectively, as the "Debtors' Stipulations"):
- (i) Prepetition ABL Facility. Pursuant to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of June 2, 2017 (as amended, restated, supplemented, or

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otherwise modified from time to time, the "Prepetition ABL Agreement," and collectively with the Loan Documents (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) and any other agreements and documents executed or delivered in connection therewith, each as may be amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Prepetition ABL <u>Documents</u>"), among (a) the Borrower (the "<u>Prepetition ABL Borrower</u>"), (b) the guarantors party thereto (the "Prepetition ABL Guarantors"), (c) Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent (in such capacity, the "Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent"), (d) Pathlight Capital Fund I LP, as ABL term loan agent (in such capacity, the "Prepetition ABL Term Agent" and together with the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, the "Prepetition ABL Agents"), and (e) the lenders party thereto (collectively, including the Prepetition ABL Agents, the "Prepetition ABL Lenders," and the Prepetition ABL Lenders and the Prepetition ABL Agents, together, the "Prepetition ABL Parties"), the Prepetition ABL Lenders provided revolving credit, term loans and other financial accommodations to, and issued letters of credit for the account of, the Prepetition ABL Borrowers pursuant to the Prepetition ABL Documents (the "Prepetition ABL Facility").

(ii) *Prepetition ABL Obligations*. The Prepetition ABL Facility provided the Prepetition ABL Borrowers with, among other things, (a) up to \$350,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement), (b) a \$15,000,000 FILO Loan (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement), and (c) a \$35,000,000 ABL Term Loan (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement). As of the Petition Date, the aggregate principal amount outstanding under the Prepetition ABL Facility was not less than approximately \$187,300,000 (collectively, together with accrued and unpaid interest, outstanding letters of credit and bankers' acceptances, any reimbursement obligations (contingent

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or otherwise) in respect of letters of credit and bankers' acceptances, any fees, expenses and disbursements (including attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, auditor fees, appraisers' fees and financial advisors' fees, and related expenses and disbursements), treasury, cash management, bank product and derivative obligations, indemnification obligations, guarantee obligations, and other charges, amounts and costs of whatever nature owing, whether or not contingent, whenever arising, accrued, accruing, due, owing, or chargeable in respect of any of the Prepetition ABL Borrowers' or the Prepetition ABL Guarantors' obligations pursuant to, or secured by, the Prepetition ABL Documents, including all "Obligations" as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement, and all interest, fees, prepayment premiums, costs and other charges allowable under section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the "Prepetition ABL Obligations"), including approximately \$90,000,000 in outstanding principal of Revolving Credit Loans, approximately \$15,000,000 in outstanding principal of FILO Loan, and approximately \$35,000,000 in outstanding principal of ABL Term Loans.

more fully set forth in the Prepetition ABL Documents, prior to the Petition Date, the Prepetition ABL Borrowers and the Prepetition ABL Guarantors granted to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition ABL Lenders, a security interest in and continuing lien on (the "Prepetition ABL Liens") substantially all of their assets and property (with certain exceptions set out in the Prepetition ABL Documents, including a (a) first priority security interest in and continuing lien on the ABL Priority Collateral (as defined in that certain Intercreditor Agreement referred to in paragraph F(vii) below) (which, for the avoidance of doubt, includes Cash Collateral *other than* (x) Term Loan Priority Accounts (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement, referred to below), and (y) Cash Collateral (in the case of each of (x) and

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(y), that is identifiable proceeds of Term Priority Collateral (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement)) and all proceeds, products, accessions, rents, and profits thereof, in each case whether then owned or existing or thereafter acquired or arising (collectively, the "Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral"), and (b) second priority security interest in and continuing lien on the Term Priority Collateral (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) and proceeds, products, and rents of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Prepetition Term Priority Collateral," and together with the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral, the "Prepetition Collateral"), subject only to the liens of the Prepetition Term Loan Agent on the Prepetition Term Priority Collateral and Prepetition ABL Permitted Prior Liens (as defined herein).

Prepetition Term Loan Facility. Pursuant to that certain Term Loan (iv) Credit Agreement dated as of April 30, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Prepetition Term Loan Agreement," and collectively with the Loan Documents (as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement) and any other agreements and documents executed or delivered in connection therewith, each as may be amended, restated, supplemented, waived or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Prepetition Term Loan Documents," and together with the Prepetition ABL Documents, the "Prepetition Documents"), among (a) the Borrower (the "Prepetition Term Loan Borrower" and together with Prepetition **ABL** Borrower, "Prepetition Borrowers"), the the (b) Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as successor administrative agent and collateral agent (in such capacities, the "Prepetition Term Loan Agent," and together with the Prepetition ABL Agents, the "Prepetition Agents"), (c) the guarantors thereunder (the "Prepetition Term Loan Guarantors" and, together with the Prepetition ABL Guarantors, the "Prepetition Guarantors"), and (d) the lenders party thereto (the "Prepetition Term Loan Lenders," and collectively with the

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Prepetition Term Loan Agent, the "<u>Prepetition Term Loan Parties</u>," and together with the Prepetition ABL Parties, the "<u>Prepetition Secured Parties</u>"), the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders provided term loans to the Prepetition Term Loan Borrower (the "<u>Prepetition Term Loan Facility</u>," and together with the Prepetition ABL Facility, the "Prepetition Secured Facilities").

- Facility provided the Prepetition Term Loan Borrower with term loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$200,000,000. As of the Petition Date, the aggregate principal amount outstanding under the Prepetition Term Loan Facility was approximately \$189,000,000 (collectively, together with accrued and unpaid interest, any fees, expenses and disbursements (including attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, appraisers' fees, and financial advisors' fees and related expenses and disbursements reimbursable thereunder), indemnification obligations, and other charges, amounts, and costs of whatever nature owing, whether or not contingent, whenever arising, accrued, accruing, due, owing, or chargeable in respect of any of the Prepetition Term Loan Borrower's and the Prepetition Term Loan Guarantors' obligations pursuant to the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, including all "Obligations" as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement, the "Prepetition Term Loan Obligations," and together with the Prepetition ABL Obligations, the "Prepetition Secured Obligations").
- (vi) Prepetition Term Loan Liens and Prepetition Term Priority Collateral. As more fully set forth in the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, prior to the Petition Date, the Prepetition Term Loan Borrower and the Prepetition Term Loan Guarantors granted to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders, a security interest in and continuing lien on (the "Prepetition Term Loan Liens," and together with the Prepetition ABL Liens, the "Prepetition Liens") substantially all of their assets and property

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(with certain exceptions set out in the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, including a (a) first priority security interest in and continuing lien on the Prepetition Term Priority Collateral, and (b) second priority security interest in and continuing lien on the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral, subject only to the liens of the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent on the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral and Prepetition Term Loan Permitted Prior Liens (as defined herein).

(vii) Priority of Prepetition Liens; Intercreditor Agreement. The Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent entered into that certain Intercreditor Agreement dated as of April 30, 2014 (as supplemented and modified by that certain Acknowledgement and Agreement to be entered into as of the Closing Date of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, as may be further amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified in accordance with its terms, the "Intercreditor Agreement") to govern the respective rights, interests, obligations, priority, and positions of the Prepetition Secured Parties with respect to the assets and properties of the Debtors and other obligors. Each of the Prepetition Borrowers and Prepetition Guarantors under the Prepetition Documents acknowledged and agreed to the Intercreditor Agreement.

(viii) Validity, Perfection, and Priority of Prepetition ABL Liens and Prepetition ABL Obligations. The Debtors acknowledge and agree that as of the Petition Date (a) the Prepetition ABL Liens on the Prepetition Collateral were valid, binding, enforceable, non-avoidable, and properly perfected and were granted to, or for the benefit of, the Prepetition ABL Parties for fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value; (b) the Prepetition ABL Liens were senior in priority over any and all other liens on the Prepetition Collateral, subject only to (1) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens on the Prepetition Term Priority Collateral, and (2) certain liens otherwise permitted by the Prepetition ABL Documents (solely to the extent any such

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permitted liens were valid, properly perfected, non-avoidable, and senior in priority to the Prepetition ABL Liens as of the Petition Date) (the "Prepetition ABL Permitted Prior Liens"); (c) the Prepetition ABL Obligations constitute legal, valid, binding, and non-avoidable obligations of the Debtors enforceable in accordance with the terms of the applicable Prepetition ABL Documents; (d) no offsets, recoupments, challenges, objections, defenses, claims, or counterclaims of any kind or nature to any of the Prepetition ABL Liens or Prepetition ABL Obligations exist, and no portion of the Prepetition ABL Liens or Prepetition ABL Obligations is subject to any challenge or defense including avoidance, disallowance, disgorgement, recharacterization, or subordination (equitable or otherwise) pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or applicable nonbankruptcy law; (e) the Debtors and their estates have no claims, objections, challenges, causes of action, and/or choses in action, including avoidance claims under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable state law equivalents or actions for recovery or disgorgement, against any of the Prepetition ABL Parties or any of their respective affiliates, agents, attorneys, advisors, professionals, officers, directors, and employees arising out of, based upon or related to the Prepetition ABL Facility; (f) the Debtors have waived, discharged, and released any right to challenge any of the Prepetition ABL Obligations, the priority of the Debtors' obligations thereunder, and the validity, extent, and priority of the liens securing the Prepetition ABL Obligations; and (g) the Prepetition ABL Obligations constitute allowed, secured claims within the meaning of sections 502 and 506 of the Bankruptcy Code.

(ix) Validity, Perfection, and Priority of Prepetition Term Loan Liens and Prepetition Term Loan Obligations. The Debtors further acknowledge and agree that, as of the Petition Date, (a) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens on the Prepetition Collateral were valid, binding, enforceable, non-avoidable, and properly perfected and were granted to, or for the benefit

of, the Prepetition Term Loan Parties for fair consideration and reasonably equivalent value; (b) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens were senior in priority over any and all other liens on the Prepetition Collateral, subject only to (1) the Prepetition ABL Liens on the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral, and (2) certain liens otherwise permitted by the Prepetition Term Loan Documents (solely to the extent any such permitted liens were valid, properly perfected, nonavoidable, and senior in priority to the Prepetition Term Loan Liens as of the Petition Date) (the "Prepetition Term Loan Permitted Prior Liens" and, together with the Prepetition ABL Permitted Prior Liens, the "Permitted Prior Liens");⁵ (c) the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations constitute legal, valid, binding, and non-avoidable obligations of the Debtors enforceable in accordance with the terms of the applicable Prepetition Term Loan Documents; (d) no offsets, recoupments, challenges, objections, defenses, claims, or counterclaims of any kind or nature to any of the Prepetition Term Loan Liens or Prepetition Term Loan Obligations exist, and no portion of the Prepetition Term Loan Liens or Prepetition Term Loan Obligations is subject to any challenge or defense, including avoidance, disallowance, disgorgement, recharacterization, or subordination (equitable or otherwise) pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law; (e) the Debtors and their estates have no claims, objections, challenges, causes of action, and/or choses in action, including avoidance claims under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable state law equivalents or actions for recovery or disgorgement, against any of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, or any of their respective affiliates, agents, attorneys, advisors, professionals, officers, directors, and employees arising out of, based upon or related to the Prepetition Term Loan Facility; (f) the Debtors have waived, discharged, and released any right to challenge any of

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For the avoidance of doubt, as used in this Interim Order, no reference to the Prepetition ABL Permitted Prior Liens, the Prepetition Term Loan Permitted Prior Liens, or the Permitted Prior Liens shall refer to or include the Prepetition ABL Liens or the Prepetition Term Loan Liens.

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the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations, the priority of the Debtors' obligations thereunder, and the validity, extent, and priority of the liens securing the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations; and (g) the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations constitute allowed, secured claims within the meaning of sections 502 and 506 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Release. The Debtors hereby stipulate and agree that they forever (x) and irrevocably release, discharge, and acquit the Agents, DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, all former, current and future DIP ABL Lenders, and each of their respective successors, assigns, affiliates, subsidiaries, parents, officers, shareholders, directors, employees, attorneys and agents, past, present and future, and their respective heirs, predecessors, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Releasees") of and from any and all claims, controversies, disputes, liabilities, obligations, demands, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), debts, liens, actions and causes of action of any and every nature whatsoever relating to, as applicable, the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition Secured Facilities, the Prepetition Documents, and/or the transactions contemplated hereunder or thereunder including (x) any so-called "lender liability" or equitable subordination or recharacterization claims or defenses, (y) any and all claims and causes of action arising under the Bankruptcy Code, and (z) any and all claims and causes of action with respect to the validity, priority, perfection or avoidability of the liens or claims of the Prepetition Agents, the Prepetition Secured Parties, the Agents, and the DIP ABL Lenders. The Debtors further waive and release any defense, right of counterclaim, right of set-off or deduction to the payment of the Prepetition Secured Obligations and the DIP Facility Obligations which the Debtors may now have or may claim to have against the Releasees, arising out of, connected with or relating to any and all acts, omissions or events occurring prior to this Court entering this Interim Order.

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- (xi) Default by the Debtors. The Debtors acknowledge and stipulate that they have been and are in default of their obligations under the Prepetition Documents as a result of the Cases, and that an Event of Default has occurred under the Prepetition Documents. As of the Petition Date, therefore, interest will be accruing on the Prepetition Secured Obligations at the rate in accordance with the provisions of the Prepetition Documents.
- G. Permitted Prior Liens. Nothing herein shall constitute a finding or ruling by this Court that any alleged Permitted Prior Lien is valid, senior, enforceable, prior, perfected, or non-avoidable. Moreover, nothing shall prejudice the rights of any party-in-interest, including, but not limited to the Debtors, the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, or a Committee (if appointed), to challenge the validity, priority, enforceability, seniority, avoidability, perfection, or extent of any alleged Permitted Prior Lien. The right of a seller of goods to reclaim such goods under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code is not a Permitted Prior Lien, rather, any such alleged claim arising or asserted as a right of reclamation (whether asserted under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise) shall have the same rights and priority with respect to the DIP Liens as such claims had with respect to the Prepetition ABL Liens.
- H. Continuation of Prepetition Liens. In light of the integrated nature of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and the Prepetition Documents, the Prepetition Liens, and the DIP Liens that prime certain of the Prepetition Liens, are continuing liens, and the DIP Collateral is and will continue to be encumbered by such liens.
- I. <u>Cash Collateral</u>. All of the Debtors' cash, including any cash in deposit accounts of the Debtors, wherever located, constitutes Cash Collateral of the Prepetition Secured Parties.
 - J. **Intercreditor Agreement**. Pursuant to section 510 of the

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Bankruptcy Code, the Intercreditor Agreement and any other applicable intercreditor or subordination provisions contained in any of the Prepetition Documents (i) shall remain in full force and effect, (ii) shall continue to govern the relative priorities, rights, and remedies of the Prepetition Secured Parties (including, without limitation, the relative priorities, rights and remedies of such parties with respect to the replacement liens and administrative expense claims and superpriority administrative expense claims granted, or amounts payable, by the Debtors under this Interim Order or otherwise and the modification of the automatic stay), (iii) shall govern the relative priorities, rights, and remedies of the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties, and (iv) shall not be deemed to be amended, altered, or modified by the terms of this Interim Order or the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, unless as expressly set forth herein or therein. The DIP Senior Credit Facility is deemed a "Refinancing" of the Prepetition ABL Facility as such term is used in the Intercreditor Agreement, and any repayment of the Prepetition ABL Obligations pursuant to this Interim Order shall not be deemed to constitute a "Discharge of ABL Obligations" (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement). The Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, and the DIP ABL Agent are also party to that certain Acknowledgment and Agreement, which is acknowledged and agreed to by the Debtors.

K. <u>Findings Regarding Postpetition Financing</u>

(i) Request for Postpetition Financing. The Debtors seek authority to (a) enter into the DIP Senior Credit Facility on the terms described herein and in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and (b) use Cash Collateral on the terms described herein, to administer their Cases and fund their operations. At the Final Hearing, the Debtors will seek final approval of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and use of Cash Collateral pursuant to a proposed final

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order (the "<u>Final Order</u>"), which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, the Agents, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent. Notice of the Final Hearing and Final Order will be provided in accordance with this Interim Order.

(ii) Priming of the Prepetition ABL Liens. The priming of the Prepetition ABL Liens on the Prepetition Collateral under section 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as contemplated by the DIP Senior Credit Facility and as further described below, will enable the Debtors to obtain the DIP Senior Credit Facility and to continue to operate their businesses to the benefit of their estates and creditors. The Prepetition ABL Agents, for the benefit of themselves and the other Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, are entitled to receive adequate protection as set forth in this Interim Order pursuant to sections 361, 363, and 364 of the Bankruptcy Code, for any Diminution in Value of each of the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties' respective interests in the Prepetition Collateral (including Cash Collateral).

Debtors have an immediate and critical need to use Cash Collateral on an interim basis and to obtain credit on an interim basis pursuant to the DIP Senior Credit Facility in order to, among other things, enable the orderly continuation of their operations and to administer and preserve the value of their estates. The ability of the Debtors to maintain business relationships with their vendors, suppliers, and customers, to pay their employees, and otherwise finance their operations requires the availability of working capital from the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the use of Cash Collateral, the absence of either of which would immediately and irreparably harm the Debtors, their estates, and parties-in-interest. The Debtors do not have sufficient available sources of working capital and financing to operate their businesses or maintain their properties in the ordinary course of business in the Interim Period without the DIP Senior Credit Facility and

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authorized use of Cash Collateral.

(iv) No Credit Available on More Favorable Terms. The DIP Senior Credit Facility is the best source of debtor-in-possession financing available to the Debtors. Given their current financial condition, financing arrangements, and capital structure, the Debtors have been and continue to be unable to obtain financing from sources other than the DIP ABL Lenders on terms more favorable than the DIP Senior Credit Facility. The Debtors are unable to obtain unsecured credit allowable under section 503(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code as an administrative expense. The Debtors have also been unable to obtain: (a) unsecured credit having priority over that of administrative expenses of the kind specified in sections 503(b), 507(a), and 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) credit secured solely by a lien on property of the Debtors and their estates that is not otherwise subject to a lien; or (c) credit secured solely by a junior lien on property of the Debtors and their estates that is subject to a lien. Financing on a postpetition basis on better terms is not otherwise available without granting the DIP ABL Agent, for the benefit of itself and the DIP Secured Parties: (1) perfected security interests in and liens on (each as provided herein) all of the Debtors' existing and after-acquired assets (other than Excluded Assets) with the priorities set forth in paragraph 6 hereof; (2) superpriority claims and liens; and (3) the other protections set forth in this Interim Order.

(v) Use of proceeds of the DIP Senior Credit Facility. As a condition to entry into the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, the extension of credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the authorization to use Cash Collateral, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Parties require, and the Debtors have agreed, that proceeds of the DIP Senior Credit Facility shall be used, in each case in a manner consistent with the terms and conditions of this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and in accordance with the

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budget (as the same may be modified from time to time consistent with the terms of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and subject to such variances as permitted in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, and as set forth in paragraphs 20 and 21 hereof, the "Budget"), 6 solely for: (a) working capital and letters of credit, (b) other general corporate purposes of the Debtors; (c) permitted payment of costs of administration of the Cases and the Canadian Recognition Proceedings (as defined herein); (d) payment of such other prepetition obligations as permitted under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and as consented to by the Agents,⁷ each in its sole discretion, and as approved by the Court; (e) payment of interest, fees, expenses, and other amounts (including legal and other professionals' fees and expenses of the Agents) to the extent owed under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation; (f) payment of certain adequate protection amounts to the Prepetition Secured Parties, as set forth in paragraphs 16-17 hereof; (g) the repayment of the Revolving Credit Loans and FILO Loan and the refinancing of the ABL Term Loan (each as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement), subject to the rights preserved in paragraph 44 of this Interim Order; (h) payment of obligations arising from or related to the Carve Out, and making disbursements therefrom, including by funding the Carve Out Reserves; and (i) such other uses set forth in the Budget.

(vi) Application of Proceeds of Collateral. As a condition to entry into the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, the extension of credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and authorization to use Cash Collateral, the Debtors, the DIP Secured Parties, and the Prepetition Secured Parties have agreed that, as of and commencing on the date of the Interim Hearing, the

⁶ A copy of the initial Budget is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

For the avoidance of doubt, whenever approval or consent of the DIP ABL Agent to the ability of the Debtors to take or consent to any specific action is referred to in this Interim Order, such approval or consent shall also be required by the DIP ABL Term Agent and the DIP ABL Lenders to the extent set forth in the Loan Documents (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement).

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Debtors shall apply the proceeds of DIP Collateral in accordance with this Interim Order.

(vii) Refinancing of Revolving Credit Loans, FILO Loan and ABL Term Loan.

(A) Upon entry of this Interim Order, without any further action by the Debtors or any other party, (i) the Revolving Credit Ceiling (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) shall be reduced by \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000, (ii) all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and the FILO Loan shall be repaid (or deemed repaid) or refinanced, and the ABL Term Loan (each as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) shall be rolled up, by the DIP ABL Loans and shall constitute DIP Facility Obligations. The ABL Term Loan Prepayment Premium shall, upon conversion into the DIP ABL Term Loan, be capitalized to principal.

(B) The refinancing and repayment of the Revolving Credit Loans and the FILO Loan and the roll-up of the ABL Term Loan shall be authorized as compensation for, in consideration for, and solely on account of, the agreement of the Prepetition ABL Lenders to fund amounts under the DIP Senior Credit Facility and not as payments under, adequate protection for, or otherwise on account of, any Prepetition Obligations. The Prepetition ABL Parties would not otherwise consent to the use of their Cash Collateral or the subordination of their liens to the DIP Liens, and the DIP Secured Parties would not be willing to provide the DIP Senior Credit Facility or extend credit to the Debtors thereunder without the repayment and refinancing of the Revolving Credit Loans, the FILO Loan, and the ABL Term Loan by the DIP ABL Loans. Because the refinancing and repayment of the Revolving Credit Loans and the FILO Loan and the roll-up of the ABL Term Loan are aligned with the Bankruptcy Code's priority of payments mandate, they will not prejudice the right of any party in interest.

(viii) Canadian Recognition Proceedings. Following entry of this Interim

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Order and certain related orders being sought in connection with the filing of the Cases, Pier 1 Imports, Inc., to the extent appointed as the "foreign representative" of the Debtors in the Cases, intends to (A) commence recognition proceedings in Canada under Part IV of the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (Canada), R.S.C. 1985, c C-36, as amended (the "Canadian Recognition Proceedings") in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the "Canadian Court"), and (B) seek the recognition of this Interim Order in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings.

L. **Adequate Protection**. The Prepetition ABL Agents, for the benefit of themselves and the other Prepetition ABL Parties, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, are each entitled to receive adequate protection to the extent of any Diminution in Value of their respective interests in the Prepetition Collateral. Pursuant to sections 361, 363, and 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, as adequate protection: (i) the Prepetition ABL Parties will receive (a) adequate protection liens and superpriority claims, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 12 and 14 herein, and (b) current payment of interest, reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket expenses to the extent provided for in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (including legal and other professionals' fees and expenses of the Prepetition ABL Agents whether arising before or after the Petition Date), as more fully set forth in paragraph 16 herein; and (ii) the Prepetition Term Loan Parties will receive (a) adequate protection liens and superpriority claims, as more fully set forth in paragraphs 12 and 14 herein, and (b) current payment of expenses (including legal and other professionals' reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket expenses of the Prepetition Term Loan Agent and the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders), as more fully set forth in paragraph 17 herein.

M. Sections 506(c) and 552(b). In light of: (i) the DIP Secured Parties'

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agreement that their liens and superpriority claims shall be subject to the Carve Out; (ii) the Prepetition ABL Parties' agreement that their liens shall be subject to the Carve Out and subordinate to the DIP Liens and, in the case of the Prepetition Term Priority Collateral, subordinate to the Prepetition Term Loan Liens and the Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens; (iii) the Prepetition Term Loan Parties' agreement that their liens shall be subject to the Carve Out and, in the case of the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral, subordinate to the DIP Liens, the Prepetition ABL Liens, and the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens; and (iv) the payment of prepetition claims and/or expenses as set forth in the Budget and first day motions in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, (a) subject to entry of a Final Order, the Prepetition Secured Parties are each entitled to a waiver of any "equities of the case" exception under section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) subject to entry of a Final Order, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties are each entitled to a waiver of the provisions of section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

N. <u>Good Faith of the Agents and DIP ABL Lenders</u>.

(ix) Willingness to Provide Financing. The DIP ABL Lenders have indicated a willingness to provide financing to the Debtors subject to: (a) entry of this Interim Order and the Final Order; (b) approval of the terms and conditions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation; (c) satisfaction of the closing conditions set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation; and (d) findings by this Court that the DIP Senior Credit Facility is essential to the Debtors' estates, that the DIP Secured Parties are extending credit to the Debtors pursuant to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation in good faith, and that the DIP Secured Parties' claims, superpriority claims, security interests, and

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liens and other protections granted pursuant to this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation will have the protections provided by section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- the Bankruptcy Code. The terms and conditions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and the fees paid and to be paid thereunder, are fair, reasonable, and the best available to the Debtors under the circumstances, are ordinary and appropriate for secured financing to debtors in possession, reflect the Debtors' exercise of prudent business judgment consistent with their fiduciary duties, and are supported by reasonably equivalent value and consideration. The terms and conditions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the use of Cash Collateral were negotiated in good faith and at arms' length among the Debtors, the DIP Secured Parties, and the Prepetition Secured Parties, with the assistance and counsel of their respective advisors. Use of Cash Collateral and credit to be extended under the DIP Senior Credit Facility shall be deemed to have been allowed, advanced, made, or extended in good faith by the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties within the meaning of section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- O. <u>Immediate Entry</u>. Sufficient cause exists for immediate entry of this Interim Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(2).
- P. <u>Interim Hearing</u>. Notice of the Interim Hearing and the relief requested in the DIP Motion has been provided by the Debtors, whether by facsimile, electronic mail, overnight courier or hand delivery, to certain parties-in-interest, including: (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) those entities or individuals included on the Debtors' list of 30 largest unsecured creditors on a consolidated basis; (iii) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent; (iv) counsel to the

Prepetition ABL Term Agent; (v) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent; and (vi) all other parties entitled to notice under the Local Rules. The Debtors have made reasonable efforts to afford the best notice possible under the circumstances and no other notice is required in connection with the relief set forth in this Interim Order.

Based upon the foregoing findings and conclusions, the DIP Motion and the record before the Court with respect to the DIP Motion, and after due consideration and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. <u>Interim Financing Approved</u>. The DIP Motion is granted, the Interim Financing (as defined herein) is authorized and approved, and the use of Cash Collateral on an interim basis is authorized, in each case subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order. All objections to this Interim Order to the extent not withdrawn, waived, settled, or resolved are hereby denied and overruled.

DIP Senior Credit Facility Authorization

2. Authorization of the DIP Senior Credit Facility. The DIP Senior Credit Facility is hereby approved. The Debtors are expressly and immediately authorized and empowered to execute and deliver the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and to incur and to perform the DIP Facility Obligations in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and to deliver all instruments, certificates, agreements, and documents that may be required or necessary for the performance by the Debtors under the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the creation and perfection of the DIP Liens (as defined herein) described in and provided for by this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, including each of the Guarantors providing its joint and several guarantee

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of all of the DIP Facility Obligations and such acts as shall be necessary or desirable in order to effect the repayment of the Revolving Credit Loans and the FILO Loan and the refinancing of the ABL Term Loan. The Debtors are hereby authorized and directed to pay, in accordance with this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the principal, interest, fees, payments, expenses, and other amounts described in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation as such amounts become earned, due, and payable and without need to obtain further Court approval, including closing fees, letter of credit fees (including issuance, fronting, and other related charges), unused facility fees, prepayment premiums (if applicable), continuing commitment fees, servicing fees, audit fees, appraisal fees, liquidator fees, structuring fees, administrative agent's fees, the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of the Agents' attorneys, advisors, accountants, and other consultants, in such cases, reimbursable under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, whether or not such fees arose before or after the Petition Date, and to take any other actions that may be necessary or appropriate, all to the extent provided in this Interim Order or the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation. All collections and proceeds, whether from ordinary course collections, asset sales, debt or equity issuances, insurance recoveries, condemnations, or otherwise, will be deposited and applied as required by this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation. Upon execution and delivery, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation shall represent valid and binding obligations of the Debtors, enforceable against each of the Debtors and their estates in accordance with their terms.

3. <u>Authorization to Borrow</u>. To prevent immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors' estates, from the entry of this Interim Order through and including the earliest to occur of (i) entry of the Final Order or (ii) the Termination Declaration (as defined below), and subject to the terms, conditions, limitations on availability and reserves (as applicable) set forth in the

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DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order, the Debtors are hereby authorized to request extensions of credit (in the form of loans and letters of credit) up to an aggregate outstanding principal amount of not greater than \$256,000,000 at any one time outstanding under the DIP Senior Credit Facility (the "Interim Financing").

4. DIP Facility Obligations. The DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order shall constitute and evidence the validity and binding effect of the Debtors' DIP Facility Obligations, which shall be enforceable against the Debtors, their estates, and any successors thereto, including any trustee appointed in the Cases, or in any case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code upon the conversion of any of the Cases, or in any other proceedings superseding or related to any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Successor Cases"). Upon entry of this Interim Order, the DIP Facility Obligations will include all loans, letter of credit reimbursement obligations, and any other indebtedness or obligations, contingent or absolute, which may now or from time to time be owing by any of the Debtors to any of the DIP Secured Parties, in each case, under, or secured by, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or this Interim Order, including all principal, accrued interest (at the rate set out in the DIP Senior Credit Facility), costs, fees, expenses and other amounts as provided in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation. Without limiting the foregoing, the DIP Facility Obligations shall also include cash management and bank product exposure and derivative and swap exposure and obligations of the DIP ABL Lenders and their affiliates to the extent described in, or secured by, the Prepetition ABL Documents and DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, including all Other Liabilities (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement). Upon entry of this Interim Order, all Existing Letters of Credit (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) issued by the DIP ABL Lenders for the account of the Debtors under the Prepetition ABL Agreement shall continue in place and

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all obligations under or in connection with such letters of credit shall be subject to the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and shall constitute DIP Facility Obligations. The Debtors shall be jointly and severally liable for the DIP Facility Obligations, which shall be due and payable, without notice or demand, and the use of Cash Collateral shall automatically cease on the DIP Termination Date (as defined herein), except as provided in paragraph 31 herein. No obligation, payment, transfer, or grant of collateral security hereunder or under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (including any DIP Facility Obligation or DIP Liens (as defined below), and including in connection with any adequate protection provided to the Prepetition Secured Parties hereunder) shall be stayed, restrained, voidable, avoidable, or recoverable, under the Bankruptcy Code or under any applicable law (including under sections 502(d), 544, and 547 to 550 of the Bankruptcy Code or under any applicable state Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, or similar statute or common law), or subject to any avoidance, reduction, setoff, recoupment, offset, recharacterization, subordination (whether equitable, contractual, or otherwise), counterclaim, cross-claim, defense, or any other challenge under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable law or regulation by any person or entity.

5. <u>DIP Liens</u>. Subject and subordinate to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, in order to secure the DIP Facility Obligations, effective immediately upon entry of this Interim Order, pursuant to sections 361, 362, 364(c)(2), 364(c)(3), and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the DIP ABL Agent, for the benefit of itself and the DIP Secured Parties, is hereby granted, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, non-avoidable, and automatically and properly perfected postpetition security interests in and liens on (collectively, the "<u>DIP Liens</u>") all personal property, whether now existing or hereafter arising and wherever located, tangible and intangible, of each of the Debtors (the "<u>DIP Collateral</u>"), including: (a) all cash, cash equivalents,

deposit accounts, securities accounts, accounts, other receivables (including credit card receivables), chattel paper, contract rights, inventory (wherever located), instruments, documents, securities (whether or not marketable) and investment property (including all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of each of its subsidiaries), hedge agreements, furniture, fixtures, equipment (including documents of title), goods, franchise rights, trade names, trademarks, servicemarks, copyrights, patents, license rights, intellectual property, general intangibles (including, for the avoidance of doubt, payment intangibles), rights to the payment of money (including tax refunds and any other extraordinary payments), supporting obligations, guarantees, letter of credit rights, commercial tort claims, causes of action, and all substitutions, indemnification rights, all present and future intercompany debt, books and records related to the foregoing, accessions and proceeds of the foregoing, wherever located, including insurance or other proceeds; (b) all proceeds of leased real property; (c) the proceeds of actions brought under section 549 of the Bankruptcy Code to recover any postpetition transfer of DIP Collateral; (d) subject to entry of a Final Order (other than with respect to the proceeds of actions brought pursuant to section 549 of the Bankruptcy Code, which shall constitute DIP Collateral upon entry of this Interim Order), the proceeds of any avoidance actions brought pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable state law equivalents; (e) subject to entry of a Final Order, the Debtors' rights under section 506(c) and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code and the proceeds thereof; and (f) all DIP Collateral that was not otherwise subject to valid, perfected, enforceable, and unavoidable liens on the Petition Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, DIP Collateral shall not include (i) the Debtors' real property leases (but shall include all proceeds of such leases) and (ii) Excluded Collateral (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement or other DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation). DIP Collateral that is (i) of a type that would be ABL Priority Collateral;

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(ii) of a type that would be ABL Priority Collateral, but that was not otherwise subject to valid, perfected, enforceable, and unavoidable liens on the Petition Date; (iii) the proceeds of the Debtors' real property leases; and (iii) subject to entry of a Final Order (other than with respect to actions brought pursuant to section 549 of the Bankruptcy Code, which shall constitute DIP Collateral upon entry of this Interim Order), the proceeds of avoidance actions brought pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable state law equivalents, shall, in each case, constitute "DIP Primary Collateral"; provided, however, that the DIP ABL Agent and DIP ABL Lenders shall first seek recourse against the DIP ABL Priority Collateral comprising the Debtors' Inventory and Accounts (each as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) prior to exercising any remedies against lease proceeds or proceeds of avoidance actions. DIP Collateral that is of a type that would be Term Priority Collateral shall constitute "DIP Secondary Collateral."

6. <u>DIP Lien Priority</u>. The DIP Liens are valid, automatically perfected, non-avoidable, senior in priority, and superior to any security, mortgage, collateral interest, lien, or claim to any of the DIP Collateral, except that the DIP Liens shall be subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order and shall otherwise be junior only to: (a) as to the DIP Primary Collateral, Permitted Prior Liens; and (b) as to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (i) Permitted Prior Liens; (ii) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens; and (iii) the Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens (as defined herein). Other than as set forth herein (including the Carve Out) or in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the DIP Liens shall not be made subject to or *pari passu* with any lien or security interest heretofore or hereinafter granted in the Cases or any Successor Cases and shall be valid and enforceable against any trustee appointed in the Cases or any Successor Cases, upon the conversion of any of the Cases to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code (or in any other Successor Case), and/or upon the dismissal of any of the Cases

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or Successor Cases. The DIP Liens shall not be subject to section 510, 549, or 550 of the Bankruptcy Code. No lien or interest avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate pursuant to section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be *pari passu* with or senior to the DIP Liens.

- 7. Superpriority Claims. Subject and subordinate to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, upon entry of this Interim Order, the DIP ABL Agent, on behalf of itself and the DIP Secured Parties, is hereby granted, pursuant to section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in each of the Cases and any Successor Cases (collectively, the "DIP Superpriority Claims") for all DIP Facility Obligations: (a) except as set forth herein, with priority over any and all administrative expense claims and unsecured claims against the Debtors or their estates in any of the Cases and any Successor Cases, at any time existing or arising, of any kind or nature whatsoever, including administrative expenses of the kinds specified in or ordered pursuant to sections 105, 326, 328, 330, 331, 364, 503(a), 503(b), 507(a), 507(b), 546(c), 546(d), 726, 1113, and 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code, and any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code, as provided under section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (b) which shall at all times be senior to the rights of the Debtors and their estates and any successor trustee or other estate representative to the extent permitted by law. No lien or interest avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate pursuant to section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be *pari passu* with or senior to the DIP Superpriority Claims.
- 8. <u>No Obligation to Extend Credit</u>. Except as required to fund the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order (and subject to the occurrence of the Closing Date), the DIP Secured Parties shall have no obligation to make any loan or advance, or to issue, amend, renew, or extend any letters of credit or bankers' acceptance under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, unless all of the conditions precedent to the making of such extension of credit or

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the issuance, amendment, renewal, or extension of such letter of credit or bankers' acceptance under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order have been satisfied in full or waived by the Agents in accordance with the terms of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.

- 9. <u>Use of Proceeds of DIP Senior Credit Facility</u>. From and after the Petition Date, the Debtors shall use advances of credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, in accordance with the Budget (subject to such variances as permitted in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement), only for the purposes specifically set forth in this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, for other lawful purposes of the Borrower consistent with the Budget and the terms of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and in compliance with the terms and conditions in this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation.
- Roll-Up of ABL Term Loans. Upon entry of this Interim Order, without any further action by the Debtors or any other party, and as a condition to the provision of liquidity under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the Revolving Credit Loans, FILO Loans, and the ABL Term Loans shall be refinanced and repaid by the DIP ABL Loans and shall constitute DIP Facility Obligations.

Authorization to Use Cash Collateral

11. Authorization to Use Cash Collateral. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and in accordance with the Budget (subject to such variances as permitted in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation), the Debtors are authorized to use Cash Collateral until the DIP Termination Date (as defined herein); *provided, however*, that, during the Remedies Notice Period (as defined herein), the Debtors may use Cash Collateral solely to meet payroll obligations and pay expenses necessary or reasonably advisable to avoid immediate and

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irreparable harm to the Debtors' estates in accordance with the Budget (subject to such variances as permitted in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation) and as otherwise agreed to by the Agents in their sole discretion. Nothing in this Interim Order shall authorize the disposition of any assets of the Debtors or their estates outside the ordinary course of business, or any Debtor's use of any Cash Collateral or other proceeds resulting therefrom, except as permitted in this Interim Order (including the Carve Out), the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, and in accordance with the Budget (subject to such variances as permitted in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation)

12. Adequate Protection Liens.

- (a) Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens. Subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, pursuant to sections 361, 363(e), and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as adequate protection of the interests of the Prepetition ABL Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Debtors hereby grant to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition ABL Parties, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, and perfected postpetition security interests in and liens on the DIP Collateral (the "Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens").
- (b) Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens. Subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, pursuant to sections 361, 363(e), and 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, as adequate protection of the interests of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Debtors hereby grant to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, for the benefit of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, continuing, valid, binding, enforceable, and perfected

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postpetition security interests in and liens on the DIP Collateral (the "<u>Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens</u>," and together with the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens, the "<u>Adequate Protection Liens</u>").

13. Priority of Adequate Protection Liens.

- (c) The Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens shall be subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order and shall otherwise be junior only to: (i) with respect to the DIP Primary Collateral, (A) the DIP Liens; (B) Permitted Prior Liens; and (C) the Prepetition ABL Liens; and (ii) with respect to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (A) Permitted Prior Liens; (B) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens; (C) the Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens; (D) the DIP Liens; and (E) the Prepetition ABL Liens. The Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens shall be senior to all other security interests in, liens on, or claims against any of the DIP Collateral, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement.
- (d) The Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens shall be subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order and shall otherwise be junior only to: (i) with respect to the DIP Primary Collateral, (A) Permitted Prior Liens, (B) the DIP Liens, (C) the Prepetition ABL Liens, (D) the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens, and (E) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens; and (ii) with respect to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (A) Permitted Prior Liens, and (B) the Prepetition Term Loan Liens. The Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Liens shall be senior to all other security interests in, liens on, or claims against any of the DIP Collateral, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement.
- (e) Except as provided herein (including with respect to the Carve Out), the Adequate Protection Liens shall not be made subject to or *pari passu* with any lien or security interest heretofore or hereinafter in the Cases or any Successor Cases, and shall be valid and

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enforceable against any trustee appointed in any of the Cases or any Successor Cases, or upon the dismissal of any of the Cases or Successor Cases. The Adequate Protection Liens shall not be subject to sections 510, 549, or 550 of the Bankruptcy Code. No lien or interest avoided and preserved for the benefit of the estate pursuant to section 551 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be *pari passu* with or senior to the Prepetition Liens or the Adequate Protection Liens.

14. <u>Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims</u>.

- (f) Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claim. As further adequate protection of the interests of the Prepetition ABL Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, on behalf of itself and the Prepetition ABL Parties, is hereby granted, subject to the Carve Out, as and to the extent provided by section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in each of the Cases and any Successor Cases (the "Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claim").
- protection of the interests of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties in the Prepetition Collateral against any Diminution in Value of such interests in the Prepetition Collateral, the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, on behalf of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, is hereby granted is hereby granted, subject to the Carve Out, as and to the extent provided by section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in each of the Cases and any Successor Cases (the "Prepetition Term Loan Superpriority Claim," and together with the Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claim, the "Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims").
- 15. <u>Priority of the Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims</u>. Except as set forth herein, the Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims shall, subject to the Carve Out, have

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priority over all administrative expense claims and unsecured claims against the Debtors or their estates, now existing or hereafter arising, of any kind or nature whatsoever, including administrative expenses of the kinds specified in or ordered pursuant to sections 105, 326, 328, 330, 331, 503(a), 503(b), 507(a), 506(c) (subject to entry of the Final Order), 507(b), 546(c), 546(d), 726, 1113, and 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims shall be subject to the Carve Out and shall be subject to the following priorities: (a) with respect to the DIP Primary Collateral, (1) the DIP Superpriority Claim; and (b) with respect to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (1) the Prepetition Term Loan Superpriority Claim; and (b) with respect to the DIP Secondary Collateral, (1) the Prepetition Term Loan Superpriority Claim, (2) the DIP Superpriority Claim, and (3) the Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claim.

Subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, as further adequate protection (the "Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Payments"), the Debtors are authorized and directed to provide adequate protection to the Prepetition ABL Parties in the form of payment in cash (and as to fees and expenses, without the need for the filing of a formal fee application) of (a) solely to the extent that any Prepetition ABL Obligations remain outstanding after entry of this Interim Order, interest (at the rate in accordance with the provisions of the Prepetition Documents) and principal due under the Prepetition ABL Documents, subject to the rights preserved in paragraph 44 below, (b) immediately upon entry of this Interim Order, payment of the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements (including the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors, auditors, third-party consultants, and other vendors to the extent set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation) incurred by the Prepetition ABL Agents arising prior to the Petition Date and

reimbursable under the Prepetition ABL Documents, and (iii) the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements (including the reasonable and documented fees, outof-pocket expenses, and disbursements of counsel, financial advisors, auditors, third-party consultants, and other vendors to the extent set forth in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation) incurred by the Prepetition ABL Agents arising subsequent to the Petition Date reimbursable under the Prepetition ABL Documents; provided, however, that during the continuance of an Event of Default, any such payments to the Prepetition ABL Agents shall be made solely from DIP Primary Collateral. Immediately upon the closing of the DIP Facility, the Debtors are further authorized and directed to pay (which may be made through an advance under the DIP Senior Credit Facility) to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Prepetition ABL Parties (from DIP Primary Collateral), \$500,000 into a non-interest bearing account maintained at Bank of America, N.A. (the "Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve") to secure contingent indemnification, reimbursement, or similar continuing obligations arising under or related to the Prepetition ABL Documents (the "Prepetition ABL Indemnity Obligations"). The Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve shall secure all costs, expenses, and other amounts (including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees) owed to or incurred by the Prepetition ABL Agents and the Prepetition ABL Lenders related to the Prepetition ABL Documents, the Prepetition ABL Obligations, or the Prepetition ABL Liens granted to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, as applicable, whether in these Cases or independently in another forum, court, or venue. The Prepetition ABL Indemnity Obligations shall be secured by a first lien on the Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve and the funds therein and by a lien on the DIP Collateral and the Prepetition Collateral (subject in all respects to the Intercreditor Agreement). Subject to paragraph 36 below, payments of Prepetition ABL Indemnity Obligations shall be made as and when they arise and paid with the Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve, without further notice to or consent from the Debtors, a Committee (if appointed), or any other parties in interest and without further order of this Court; *provided*, that (i) any such indemnification claims shall be subject to (a) the terms of the Prepetition ABL Documents (including with respect to application of proceeds) and (b) the rights of parties in interest with requisite standing to object to any such indemnification claim(s) are hereby reserved in accordance with paragraph 44 hereof, and (ii) the Court shall reserve jurisdiction to hear and determine any such disputed indemnification claim(s). The Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (for itself and on behalf of the Prepetition ABL Parties) shall retain and maintain the Prepetition ABL Liens and the Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens granted to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent as security for the amount of any Prepetition ABL Indemnity Obligations not capable of being satisfied from application of the funds on deposit in the Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve. The Prepetition ABL Indemnity Reserve shall be released and the funds applied in accordance with paragraph 24 of this Interim Order at such time as the Prepetition ABL Indemnity Obligations are Paid in Full.⁸

17. <u>Adequate Protection Payments and Protections for Prepetition Term Loan</u>

<u>Parties.</u> Subject to the Carve Out as set forth in this Interim Order, as further adequate protection (the "Prepetition Term Loan Adequate Protection Payments," and together with the Prepetition

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[&]quot;Paid in Full" means the indefeasible repayment in full in cash of all obligations (including principal, interest, fees, prepayment premiums, expenses, indemnities, other than contingent indemnification obligations for which no claim has been asserted) under the applicable credit facility, the cash collateralization of all treasury and cash management obligations, hedging obligations, and bank product obligations, and the cancelation, replacement, backing, or cash collateralization of letters of credit, in each case, in accordance with the terms of the applicable credit facility. No facility shall be deemed to have been Paid in Full until such time as, with respect to the applicable facility, (a) the commitments to lend thereunder have been terminated, (b) with respect to the Prepetition ABL Obligations (i) the Challenge Deadline (as defined in paragraph 44 of this Interim Order) shall have occurred without the timely and proper commencement of a Challenge or (ii) if a Challenge is timely and properly asserted prior to the Challenge Deadline, upon the final, non-appealable disposition of such Challenge; and (c) the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent or the Agents, as applicable, has received (i) a countersigned payoff letter in form and substance satisfactory to such Agent and (ii) releases in form and substance satisfactory to such Agent, each in its sole discretion.

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ABL Adequate Protection Payments, the "Adequate Protection Payments"), the Debtors are authorized and directed to provide adequate protection to the Prepetition Term Loan Parties in the form of payment in cash, without the need for the filing of formal fee applications: (a) to the extent set forth in the Budget, immediately upon entry of this Interim Order, the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements (including the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements of counsel and financial advisor) incurred by the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent arising prior to the Petition Date; and (b) to the extent set forth in the Budget, the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements (including the reasonable and documented fees, out-of-pocket expenses, and disbursements of counsel and financial advisor) incurred by the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent arising subsequent to the Petition Date; provided, however, that during the continuance of an Event of Default, any such payments to the Prepetition Term Loan Parties shall be made solely from the DIP Secondary Collateral.

18. Adequate Protection Reservation. Subject to the Carve Out, nothing herein shall impair or modify the application of section 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code in the event that the adequate protection provided to the Prepetition Secured Parties hereunder is insufficient to compensate for any Diminution in Value of their respective interests in the Prepetition Collateral during the Cases or any Successor Cases. The receipt by the Prepetition Secured Parties of the adequate protection provided herein shall not be deemed an admission that the interests of the Prepetition Secured Parties are adequately protected. Further, this Interim Order shall not prejudice or limit the rights of the Prepetition Secured Parties to seek additional relief with respect to the use of Cash Collateral or for additional adequate protection.

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Provisions Common to DIP Financing and use of Cash Collateral

- 19. Amendment of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation. The DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation may from time to time be amended, modified, or supplemented by the parties thereto without further order of the Court if the amendment, modification, or supplement is (a) not material or adverse to the Debtors and their estates and (b) in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation. In the case of a material amendment, modification, or supplement to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Debtors shall provide notice (which may be provided through electronic mail or facsimile) to counsel to a Committee (if appointed), the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, and the U.S. Trustee, (the "Notice Parties") promptly upon the effectiveness of such amendment, modification, or supplement; provided, however, that approval of the Court will be necessary to effectuate any such amendment, modification, or supplement; and provided, further that such amendment, modification, or supplement shall be without prejudice to the right of any party in interest to be heard.
- 20. <u>Budget Maintenance</u>. The use of borrowings and letters of credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the use of Cash Collateral shall be in accordance with the Budget, subject in all respects to the variances set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The Budget shall depict, on a weekly basis and line item basis (i) projected cash receipts, (ii) projected disbursements (including ordinary course operating expenses, bankruptcy-related expenses (including professional fees of the Debtors' professionals and advisors), asset sales and any other fees and expenses relating to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation), (iii) net cash flow, (iv) projected inventory receipts and levels, (v) projected Borrowing Base, FILO Borrowing Base, ABL Term Borrowing Base, and Availability (each as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement,

(vi) total available liquidity, and (vii) professional fees and disbursements with respect to the Debtors' professionals, for the first thirteen (13) week period from the Closing Date, and such initial Budget shall be approved by, and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and the Required Lenders (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) in their sole discretion (it being acknowledged and agreed that the initial Budget attached to the DIP ABL Credit Agreement as Schedule 5.16 is approved by and reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, and the Required Lenders). The Approved Budget shall be updated, modified, or supplemented by the Debtors with the written consent of the DIP ABL Agent, the DIP ABL Term Loan Agent, the Agents, and the DIP ABL Lenders, and upon the joint request of the DIP ABL Agent and the DIP ABL Term Loan Agent from time to time in accordance with the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, but in any event the Budget shall be updated by the Debtors not less than one time in each four (4) consecutive week period, and each such updated, modified, or supplemented budget shall be approved in writing (including by email) by, and shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to, the DIP ABL Agent, the DIP ABL Loan Agent, and the Required Lenders under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, in each of their sole discretion), and no such updated, modified, or supplemented budget shall be effective until so approved, and once so approved shall be deemed an Approved Budget (it being agreed that to the extent such Person does not object in writing to such proposed updated Approved Budget within five (5) Business Days of receipt, such Person shall be deemed to have approved the updated Approved Budget); provided, however, that in the event the DIP ABL Agent, the DIP ABL Term Loan Agent and the DIP ABL Lenders, on the one hand, and the Debtors, on the other hand, cannot agree as to an updated, modified or supplemented budget, such disagreement shall give rise to an Event of Default once the period covered by the prior Budget has terminated. Each Budget delivered to the Agents shall be accompanied by such

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customary supporting documentation as reasonably requested by the Agents and shall be prepared in good faith based upon assumptions the Debtors believe to be reasonable at the time of delivery. A copy of any Budget (or updated Budget) shall simultaneously be delivered to counsel for the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, counsel for a Committee (if appointed), and the U.S. Trustee after (or if) once approved by the Agents.

- 21. <u>Budget Compliance</u>. The Debtors shall, commencing with the fourth full calendar week following the Petition Date, comply with the Budget, subject to the variances set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The Debtors shall provide to the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders all copies of all reports and other information as required in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement (subject to the grace periods provided therein) and simultaneously with delivery to the Agents, including the reporting required to be delivered to the DIP ABL Lenders in Section 5.16 of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement. The Debtors' failure to comply with the Budget (including the variances set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) or to provide the reports and other information required in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement shall constitute an Event of Default (each as defined herein), following the expiration of any applicable grace period set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.
- Modification of Automatic Stay. The automatic stay imposed under section 362(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code is hereby modified as necessary to effectuate all of the terms and provisions of this Interim Order, including to: (a) permit the Debtors to grant the DIP Liens, Adequate Protection Liens, DIP Superpriority Claims, and Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims; (b) permit the Debtors to perform such acts as the DIP ABL Agent may reasonably request to assure the perfection and priority of the liens granted herein; (c) permit the Debtors to incur all liabilities and obligations to the DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition ABL Parties under the

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DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and this Interim Order; and (d) authorize the Debtors to pay, and the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties to retain and apply, payments made in accordance with the terms of this Interim Order.

23. Perfection of DIP Liens and Adequate Protection Liens. This Interim Order shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the creation, validity, perfection, and priority of all liens granted herein, including the DIP Liens and the Adequate Protection Liens, without the necessity of filing or recording any financing statement, mortgage, notice, or other instrument or document which may otherwise be required under the law or regulation of any jurisdiction or the taking of any other action (including, for the avoidance of doubt, entering into any deposit account control agreement) to validate or perfect (in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law) the DIP Liens, the Adequate Protection Liens, or to entitle the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties to the priorities granted herein; provided that the Existing Blocked Account Agreements and the Existing Collateral Access Agreements (each as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) shall be deemed to be Blocked Account Agreements and Collateral Access Agreements (each as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement), respectively, for all purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of the DIP ABL Agent, Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent is authorized to file, as it in its sole discretion deems necessary or advisable, such financing statements, security agreements, mortgages, notices of liens, and other similar documents to perfect in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law or to otherwise evidence the DIP Liens and the Adequate Protection Liens, and all such financing statements, mortgages, notices, and other documents shall be deemed to have been filed or recorded as of the Petition Date; provided, however, that no such filing or recordation shall be necessary or required in order to create or perfect the DIP Liens or the Adequate Protection Liens.

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The Debtors are authorized and directed to execute and deliver promptly upon demand to the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, as applicable, all such financing statements, mortgages, notices, and other documents as the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent may reasonably request. Each of the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, in its discretion, may file a photocopy of this Interim Order as a financing statement with any filing or recording office or with any registry of deeds or similar office, in addition to or in lieu of such financing statements, notices of lien, or similar instrument. To the extent that the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent is the secured party under any security agreement, mortgage, leasehold mortgage, landlord waiver, credit card processor notices or agreements, bailee letters, custom broker agreements, financing statement, account control agreements, or any other Prepetition Documents or is listed as loss payee or additional insured under any of the Debtors' insurance policies, the DIP ABL Agent shall also be deemed to be the secured party under such documents or to be the loss payee or additional insured, as applicable. The Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent shall serve as agent for the DIP ABL Agent for purposes of perfecting the DIP ABL Agent's liens on all DIP Collateral that, without giving effect to the Bankruptcy Code and this Interim Order, is of a type such that perfection of a lien therein may be accomplished only by possession or control by a secured party.

24. Application of Proceeds of Collateral. As a condition to the entry of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the extension of credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and the authorization to use Cash Collateral, the Debtors have agreed that as of and commencing on the date of the Interim Hearing, the Debtors shall apply all Net Proceeds (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) of DIP Collateral including whether sold in the

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ordinary course, liquidated pursuant to the Specified Store Closing Sales, or otherwise, as follows:

(a) with respect to DIP Primary Collateral, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, as provided in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement; and (b) with respect to DIP Secondary Collateral, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, *first*, as provided in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement, and *second*, after the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations are Paid in Full, as provided in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.

- 25. Protections of Rights of Agents, DIP ABL Lenders, and Prepetition SecuredParties.
- (h) Subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, unless the Agents, Prepetition ABL Agents, and Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents) have each provided their respective prior written consent, or all DIP Facility Obligations, Prepetition ABL Obligations, and Prepetition Term Loan Obligations (excluding contingent indemnification obligations for which no claim has been asserted) have been Paid in Full and the lending commitments under the DIP Senior Credit Facility have terminated, there shall not be entered in any of these Cases or any Successor Cases any order (other than this Interim Order or the Final Order, but including any order confirming any plan of reorganization or liquidation) that authorizes any of the following: (a) the obtaining of credit or the incurring of indebtedness that is secured by a security, mortgage, or collateral interest or other Lien on all or any portion of the DIP Collateral or Prepetition Collateral and/or that is entitled to administrative priority status, in each case that is superior to or pari passu with the DIP Liens, the DIP Superpriority Claims, the Prepetition Liens, the Prepetition Adequate Protection Liens, and/or the Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims except as expressly set forth in this Interim Order or the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation;

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(b) the use of Cash Collateral for any purpose other than as permitted in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order; (c) the return of goods pursuant to section 546(h) of the Bankruptcy Code (or other return of goods on account of any prepetition indebtedness) to any creditor of any Debtor or any creditor's taking any setoff or recoupment against any of its prepetition indebtedness based upon any such return of goods pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise; or (d) any modification of any of the DIP Secured Parties' or the Prepetition Secured Parties' rights under this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition ABL Documents, or the Prepetition Term Loan Documents with respect any DIP Facility Obligations, Prepetition ABL Obligations, or Prepetition Term Loan Obligations.

(excluding contingent indemnification obligations for which no claim has been asserted) have been Paid in Full, (a) maintain books, records, and accounts to the extent and as required by the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the Prepetition Term Loan Documents (and subject to the applicable grace periods set forth therein); (b) reasonably cooperate with, consult with, and provide to the Agents and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, as applicable, all such information and documents that any or all of the Debtors are obligated (including upon reasonable request by any of the Agents or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, as applicable) to provide under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement, or the provisions of this Interim Order; (c) upon reasonable advance notice, permit the DIP Secured Parties and the Agent Advisors (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) of the Agents, Prepetition ABL Agents, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent to visit and inspect any of the Debtors' respective properties, to examine and make abstracts or copies from any of their

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respective books and records, to tour the Debtors' business premises and other properties, and to discuss, and provide advice with respect to, their respective affairs, finances, properties, business operations, and accounts with their respective officers, employees, independent public accountants, and other professional advisors (other than legal counsel) as and to the extent required by the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and/or the Prepetition ABL Documents; (d) permit the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, Agents, Prepetition ABL Agents, and the Agent Advisors to consult with the Debtors' management and advisors on matters concerning the Debtors' businesses, financial condition, operations, and assets; and (e) upon reasonable advance notice, permit the DIP ABL Agent, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent to conduct, at their discretion and at the Debtors' cost and expense, field audits, collateral examinations, liquidation valuations, and inventory appraisals at reasonable times in respect of any or all of the DIP Collateral and Prepetition Collateral, in each case, in accordance with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and the Prepetition Documents.

- Prepetition ABL Parties credit bidding up to the full amount of the applicable outstanding DIP Facility Obligations, Prepetition ABL Obligations, or with respect to the Prepetition Term Loan Parties', credit bidding up to the Reserve Price (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement) so long as the Plan Support Agreement is in effect, in each case including any accrued interest, fees, and expenses, in any sale of any DIP Collateral or Prepetition Collateral, as applicable, whether such sale is effectuated through sections 363 or 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, by a Chapter 7 trustee under section 725 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise.
- 26. <u>Credit Bidding</u>. In connection with any sale process authorized by the Court, the DIP Secured Parties, Prepetition ABL Parties, and Prepetition Term Loan Parties (or

any such party's designee) may credit bid some or all of their claims for their respective priority collateral (each a "Credit Bid") pursuant to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, subject in each case to the rights, duties, and limitations, as applicable, of the parties under the Intercreditor Agreement, Prepetition Documents (including the "Specified Release Paragraph" in section 9.02 of the Prepetition ABL Agreement), the Plan Support Agreement, and to the provision of consideration sufficient to pay in full in cash any senior liens on the collateral that is subject to the credit bid. Each of the DIP Secured Parties, Prepetition ABL Parties, and Prepetition Term Loan Parties (or any such party's designee) shall each be considered a "Qualified Bidder" with respect to its respective rights to acquire all or any of the assets by Credit Bid.

27. Proceeds of Subsequent Financing. If the Debtors, any trustee, any examiner with expanded powers, or any responsible officer subsequently appointed in these Cases or any Successor Cases, shall obtain credit or incur debt pursuant to sections 364(b), 364(c), or 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code or in violation of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation at any time prior to the DIP Facility Obligations and Prepetition ABL Obligations being Paid in Full, and the termination of the DIP Secured Parties' obligation to extend credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, including subsequent to the confirmation of any plan with respect to any or all of the Debtors and the Debtors' estates, and such facilities are secured by any DIP Collateral, then all the cash proceeds derived from such credit or debt shall immediately be turned over to the DIP ABL Agent to be applied in accordance with this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation.

28. Cash Collection.

(k) From and after the date of the entry of this Interim Order, all collections and proceeds of any DIP Primary Collateral or Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral or

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services provided by any Debtor and all Cash Collateral (that does not constitute DIP Secondary Collateral and except as otherwise set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) that shall at any time come into the possession, custody, or control of any Debtor, or to which any Debtor is now or shall become entitled at any time, shall, to the extent required by the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, be promptly deposited in the same lock-box and/or deposit accounts into which the collections and proceeds of the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral were deposited under the Prepetition Documents (or in such other accounts as are designated by the DIP ABL Agent from time to time) (collectively, the "Cash Collection Accounts"), which accounts (except as otherwise set forth in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) shall be subject to the sole dominion and control of the DIP ABL Agent. All proceeds and other amounts in the Cash Collection Accounts shall be remitted to the DIP ABL Agent for application in accordance with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement). Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the DIP ABL Agent or otherwise provided for herein, the Debtors shall maintain no accounts except those identified in any cash management order entered by the Court (a "Cash Management Order"). The Debtors and the financial institutions where the Debtors' Cash Collection Accounts are maintained (including those accounts identified in any Cash Management Order), are authorized and directed to remit, without offset or deduction, funds in such Cash Collection Accounts upon receipt of any direction to that effect from the DIP ABL Agent.

29. <u>Maintenance of DIP Collateral</u>. Until all DIP Facility Obligations and all Prepetition ABL Obligations are Paid in Full, and the DIP Secured Parties' obligation to extend credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility has terminated, the Debtors shall: (a) insure the DIP Collateral as required under the DIP Senior Credit Facility; and (b) maintain the cash

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management system in effect as of the Petition Date, as modified by any Cash Management Order that has first been agreed to by the Agents or as otherwise required by the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or this Interim Order unless such cash management system is modified with the consent of the Agents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld) or modified as a result of entry of any order by the Court.

- 30. <u>Disposition of DIP Collateral</u>. The Debtors shall not sell, transfer, lease, encumber, or otherwise dispose of any portion of the DIP Primary Collateral, Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral, or Prepetition Term Priority Collateral other than in the ordinary course of business, without (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement) the prior written consent of the Agents or Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), as the case may be (and no such consent shall be implied, from any other action, inaction or acquiescence by the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Parties, the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, or from any order of this Court), except as otherwise provided for in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement), the Prepetition Term Loan Documents (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement), the Bidding Procedures Order, the Plan, or otherwise ordered by the Court.
- Obligations shall be immediately due and payable, all commitments to extend credit under the DIP Senior Credit Facility will terminate, other than as required in paragraph 41 with respect to the Carve Out, all treasury and cash management, hedging obligations and bank product obligations constituting Obligations (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) shall be cash collateralized, and all letters of credit and bankers' acceptances outstanding shall be cash collateralized in an amount equal to 103% of the face amount thereof, and such cash collateral

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shall not be subject to or subordinate to the Carve Out; (b) all authority to use Cash Collateral shall cease, *provided*, *however*, that during the Remedies Notice Period (as defined herein), the Debtors may use Cash Collateral to pay payroll and other expenses that the Agents approve as critical to the administration of the Debtors' estates in accordance with the Budget in their sole discretion; and (c) otherwise exercise rights and remedies under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation in accordance with this Interim Order (including paragraph 34). For the purposes of this Interim Order, the "DIP Termination Date" shall mean the "Termination Date" as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.

- 32. Events of Default. The occurrence of any of the following events, unless waived by the Agents in writing and in accordance with the terms of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, shall constitute an event of default (collectively, the "Events of Default"): (a) the failure of the Debtors to perform, in any material respect, any of the material terms, provisions, conditions, covenants, or obligations under this Interim Order; or (b) the occurrence of an "Event of Default" under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement.
- Cash Collateral, the Debtors shall comply with the Required Milestones (as defined on Schedule 5.17 to the DIP ABL Credit Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the "Case Milestones"). For the avoidance of doubt, the failure of the Debtors to comply with any of the Case Milestones (subject to any applicable grace periods under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation) shall:

 (a) constitute an Event of Default under (i) the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and (ii) this Interim Order; and (b) subject to the expiration of the Remedies Notice Period, result in the automatic termination of the Debtors' authority to use Cash Collateral under this Interim Order; and (c) permit the DIP ABL Agent, subject to paragraph 34, to exercise the rights and remedies

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provided for in this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation.

34. Rights and Remedies Upon Event of Default. Immediately upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default under any of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, notwithstanding the provisions of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, without any application, motion, or notice to, hearing before, or order from the Court, but subject to the terms of this Interim Order (and the Remedies Notice Period) (a) the DIP ABL Agent may declare (any such declaration shall be referred to herein as a "Termination Declaration") (i) all DIP Facility Obligations owing under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation to be immediately due and payable, (ii) the termination, reduction, or restriction of any further commitment to extend credit to the Debtors to the extent any such commitment remains under the DIP Senior Credit Facility, (iii) the termination of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation as to any future liability or obligation of the DIP Secured Parties, but without affecting any of the DIP Liens or the DIP Facility Obligations, and (iv) that the application of the Carve Out has occurred through the delivery of the Carve Out Trigger Notice (as defined herein) to the Borrower; and (b) the DIP ABL Agent may declare a termination, reduction, or restriction on the ability of the Debtors to use Cash Collateral (the date which is the earliest to occur of any such date a Termination Declaration is delivered and the DIP Termination Date shall be referred to herein as the "Termination Date"). The Termination Declaration shall be given by electronic mail (or other electronic means) to counsel to the Debtors, counsel to a Committee (if appointed), the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, and the U.S. Trustee. The automatic stay in the Cases otherwise applicable to the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Parties is hereby modified so that five (5) business days after the date a Termination Declaration is delivered (the "Remedies Notice Period"): (a) the DIP Secured Parties shall be

entitled to exercise their rights and remedies in accordance with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order to satisfy the DIP Facility Obligations, DIP Superpriority Claim, and DIP Liens, subject to the Carve Out (to the extent applicable); (b) the Prepetition ABL Parties shall be entitled to exercise their rights and remedies in accordance with the Prepetition ABL Documents and this Interim Order to satisfy the Prepetition ABL Obligations, Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claims, and Prepetition ABL Adequate Protection Liens, subject to the Carve Out (to the extent applicable). During the Remedies Notice Period, the Debtors and/or a Committee (if appointed) shall be entitled to seek an emergency hearing within the Remedies Notice Period with the Court for the sole purpose of contesting whether an Event of Default has occurred and/or is continuing, and the Debtors hereby waive their rights to and shall not be entitled to seek relief, including under section 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent that such relief would in any way impair or restrict the rights and remedies of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition ABL Parties. Unless the Court orders otherwise, the automatic stay, as to DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition ABL Parties, shall automatically be terminated at the end of the Remedies Notice Period without further notice or order. Upon expiration of the Remedies Notice Period, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Parties shall be permitted to exercise all remedies set forth herein, in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition Documents, and as otherwise available at law without further order of or application or motion to the Court consistent with the Intercreditor Agreement and paragraph 30 of this Interim Order. In addition, if a Specified Sale Process Default (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) occurs and is continuing, the DIP ABL Agent may direct the Debtors to commence a process for a sale of all of the DIP Primary Collateral (the "Sales Process"), at which time: (a) within one (1) business day after the Remedies Notice Period expires, the Debtors must obtain entry of an order from the Court,

in form and substance approved by the Agents, either (x) designating a liquidating stalking horse bidder consented to by the Agents and approving bidding and sales procedures with respect to the Sales Process or (y) determining that a Specified Sale Process Default has not occurred and/or is not continuing; (b) within three (3) business days after the Remedies Notice Period expires, complete an auction for the Sales Process and declare a "successful bidder" for the Sales Process on terms and conditions consented to by the Agents; (c) within five (5) business days after the Remedies Notice Period expires, obtain entry of a final order from the Court, in form and substance acceptable to the Agents, approving the Sales Process; and (d) within seven (7) business days after the Remedies Notice Period expires, execute an agency agreement approved by the Agents in connection with the Sales Process and commence the Sales Process pursuant to the approved agency agreement and the applicable Court order. Until such time as the Sales Process is complete and the proceeds of DIP Primary Collateral have been remitted to the DIP ABL Agent for the benefit of the DIP Secured Parties, any exercise of remedies by the Prepetition Term Loan Parties shall be in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement and paragraph 30 of this Interim Order. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, in each case, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, the DIP ABL Agent and any liquidator or other professional will have the right to access and utilize, at no cost or expense, any trade names, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property and any warehouse, distribution centers, store or other locations to the extent necessary or appropriate in order to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any of the DIP Primary Collateral, including pursuant to any Court approved sale process. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any exercise of rights and remedies in respect of the Canadian Collateral (as defined herein) shall be subject to the orders of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, including with respect to any notice or other requirements required by

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the Canadian Court prior to any such exercise of rights and remedies.

- 35. Reserved.
- 36. Good Faith Under Section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code; No Modification or Stay of this Interim Order. The DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition ABL Parties have acted in good faith in connection with this Interim Order and are entitled to rely upon the protections granted herein and by section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code. Based on the findings set forth in this Interim Order and the record made during the Interim Hearing, and in accordance with section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, in the event any or all of the provisions of this Interim Order are hereafter modified, amended, or vacated by a subsequent order of this Court or any other court, the DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition ABL Parties are entitled to the protections provided in section 364(e) of the Bankruptcy Code. Any such modification, amendment or vacatur shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any advances previously made or made hereunder, or lien, claim, or priority authorized or created hereby.
- (i) all reasonable and documented prepetition and postpetition fees and out-of-pocket expenses of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, and Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, as counsel to the DIP ABL Agent, and Choate Hall & Stewart LLP and Troutman Sanders LLP as counsel to the DIP ABL Term Agent, in connection with the DIP Senior Credit Facility and in accordance with and as provided in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and, (ii) to the extent set forth in the Budget, all reasonable and documented prepetition and postpetition fees and out-of-pocket expenses of Brown Rudnick LLP, as primary counsel to the ad hoc group of Prepetition Term Loan Lenders, one local counsel in each applicable jurisdiction, and FTI Consulting, as financial advisor for the ad hoc group of Prepetition Term Loan Lenders and

all other reasonable and documented post-petition fees and out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees) of the Prepetition Term Loan Agent. Payment of all such fees and expenses shall not be subject to allowance by the Court. Professionals for the DIP Secured Parties, Prepetition Secured Parties, Prepetition Term Loan Lenders, and Prepetition Term Loan Agent shall not be required to comply with the U.S. Trustee fee guidelines, provided, however that any time such professionals seek payment of fees and expenses from the Debtors, each professional shall provide summary copies of its fee and expense statements or invoices (which shall not be required to contain time entries and which may be redacted or modified to the extent necessary to delete any information subject to the attorney-client privilege, any information constituting attorney work product, or any other confidential information, and the provision of such invoices shall not constitute any waiver of the attorney client privilege or of any benefits of the attorney work product doctrine) to the U.S. Trustee and counsel for a Committee (if appointed) contemporaneously with the delivery of such summary fee and expense statements to the Debtors; provided, further, however, that the Debtors reserve their rights to request additional detail regarding the services rendered and expenses incurred by such professionals, subject to any attorney-client privilege limitations. Any objections raised by the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, or a Committee (if appointed) with respect to such invoices within fifteen (15) days of the receipt thereof will be subject to resolution by the Court. Pending such resolution, the undisputed portion of any such invoice will be paid promptly by the Debtors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors are authorized and directed to pay on the Closing Date (i) all reasonable and documented fees, costs, and out-of-pocket expenses of the DIP Secured Parties as provided in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documents and (ii) to the extent set forth in the Budget, the Prepetition Term Loan Agent and Prepetition Term Loan Lenders, as provided in the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, incurred

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on or prior to such date without the need for any professional engaged by the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties to first deliver a copy of its invoice as provided for herein. No attorney or advisor to the DIP Secured Parties or any Prepetition Secured Party shall be required to file an application seeking compensation for services or reimbursement of expenses with the Court. Any and all fees, costs, and expenses paid prior to the Petition Date by any of the Debtors to the (x) DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition Secured Parties in connection with or with respect to the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the Prepetition Term Loan Facility and (y) Prepetition Secured Parties in connection or with respect to these matters, are hereby approved in full.

- 38. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Debtors shall indemnify and hold harmless the DIP Secured Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, except for any claims, actions, or causes of action of any and every nature whatsoever related to any act or omission that are determined by final order of a court with competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, gross negligence, or willful misconduct. Upon the earlier of the (a) payment in full in cash of the DIP Facility Obligations or (b) conclusion of the Remedies Notice Period, the Debtors shall pay \$500,000 from proceeds of the DIP Primary Collateral into an indemnity account (the "<u>DIP Indemnity Account</u>") subject to first priority liens of the DIP ABL Agent, for the benefit of the DIP Secured Parties. The DIP Indemnity Account shall be released and the funds applied in accordance with paragraph 24 of this Interim Order upon the DIP Facility Obligations being Paid in Full.
- 39. <u>Proofs of Claim.</u> Notwithstanding any order entered by this Court in relation to the establishment of a bar date in any of the Cases or any Successor Cases to the contrary, the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Parties, and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties will not be required to file proofs of claim in any of the Cases or Successor Cases for any

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claims arising under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition ABL Documents, or the Prepetition Term Loan Documents. The Debtors' stipulations, admissions, and acknowledgments and the provisions of this Interim Order shall be deemed to constitute a timely filed proof of claim for the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Parties, and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties with regard to all claims arising under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition ABL Documents, or the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, as the case may be. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Prepetition ABL Agents on behalf of themselves and the Prepetition ABL Parties, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent on behalf of itself and the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, are hereby authorized and entitled, in their sole discretion, but not required, to file (and amend and/or supplement, as it sees fit) a proof of claim and/or aggregate or master proofs of claim in each of the Cases or Successor Cases for any claim described herein (with any such aggregate or master proof of claim filed in any of the Cases deemed to be filed in all Cases of each of the Debtors and asserted against all of the applicable Debtors). Any proof of claim filed by the Prepetition ABL Agents or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in lieu of any other proof of claim that may be filed by any of the Prepetition ABL Parties or Prepetition Term Loan Parties. Any order entered by the Court in relation to the establishment of a bar date in any of the Cases or Successor Cases shall not apply to any claim of the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, or the Prepetition Term Loan Parties. The provisions set forth in this paragraph are intended solely for the purpose of administrative convenience and shall not affect the substantive rights of any party-in-interest or their respective successors-in-interest.

40. <u>Rights of Access and Information</u>. Without limiting the rights of access and information afforded the DIP Secured Parties (under the DIP Senior Credit Facility

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Documentation) or the Prepetition Term Loan Parties (under the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), the Debtors shall be, and hereby are, required to afford representatives, agents and/or employees of the Agents (and so long as an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, each DIP ABL Lender) and representatives, agents, and/or employees of the Prepetition Term Loan Agent reasonable access to the Debtors' premises and their books and records in accordance with the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and Prepetition Documents, as applicable, and shall reasonably cooperate, consult with, and provide to such persons all such information as may be reasonably requested. In addition, the Debtors authorize their independent certified public accountants, financial advisors, investment bankers and consultants, including AlixPartners LLP and Guggenheim Securities, LLC to provide to the Agents (and so long as an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, each DIP ABL Lender) and Prepetition Term Loan Agent (subject to the Prepetition Term Loan Documents) all such information as may be reasonably requested with respect to the business, results of operations and financial condition of any of the Debtors (it being understood that such authorization cannot, and should not be construed to, obligate any of the Debtors' aforementioned professionals to provide such information, absent an express contractual requirement to do so, nor should such authorization be construed to override existing confidentiality and other obligations owed by the Debtors to such of its professionals, including with respect to sharing of any such information with third parties).

41. Carve Out.

(i) Carve Out. As used in this Interim Order, the "Carve Out" means (i) all fees required to be paid to (A) the Clerk of the Court and (B) the Office of the United States Trustee under section 1930(a) of title 28 of the United States Code; (ii) all reasonable fees and expenses up to \$100,000 (and any interest thereon) incurred by a trustee under section 726(b) of

the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 7 Trustee Carve Out"); (iii) to the extent allowed at any time, whether by interim order, procedural order, or otherwise, all unpaid fees and expenses incurred by persons or firms retained by the Debtors pursuant to section 327, 328 or 363 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Debtor Professionals") and a Committee (if appointed) pursuant to section 328 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Committee Professionals" and, together with the Debtor Professionals, the "Professional Persons") (such fees and expenses, the "Allowed Professional Fees") at any time before or on the first business day following delivery by the DIP ABL Agent of a Carve Out Trigger Notice (as defined herein), whether allowed by the Court prior to or after delivery of a Carve Out Trigger Notice (solely with respect to the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral and the DIP Primary Collateral, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap (defined herein)); (iv) Allowed Professional Fees of Professional Persons in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 incurred after the first business day following delivery by the DIP ABL Agent of the Carve Out Trigger Notice, to the extent allowed at any time, whether by interim order, procedural order or otherwise (the amounts set forth in this clause (iv) being the "Post Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap"); and (v) the Monthly Fees and the Financing Fee related to the financing hereunder to the extent payable to Guggenheim Securities, LLC pursuant to that certain engagement letter between Guggenheim Securities, LLC and the Debtors, dated as of August 21, 2019, as amended as of the date hereof. For purposes of the foregoing, "Carve Out Trigger Notice" shall mean a written notice delivered by email (or other electronic means) by the DIP ABL Agent to the Debtors, their lead restructuring counsel, the U.S. Trustee, and counsel to a Committee (if appointed), which notice may be delivered following the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default (as defined in and under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) and acceleration of the DIP Facility Obligations under the

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DIP Senior Credit Facility, stating that the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap has been invoked.

Delivery of Weekly Fee Statements. Not later than 7:00 p.m. (m) New York time on the third Business Day of each week starting with the second week following the Petition Date, each Professional Person shall deliver to the Debtors, the Agents, and counsel to a Committee (if appointed), a statement setting forth a good-faith estimate of the amount of the fees and expenses (collectively, "Professional Fees") incurred during the preceding week by such Professional Person (through Saturday of such week, the "Calculation Date") by such Professional Person, along with a good-faith estimate of the cumulative total and a statement of the amount of such fees and expenses which have been paid to date by the Debtors (each such statement, a "Weekly Statement"); provided that within one business day of the occurrence of the Termination Declaration Date (as defined herein), each Professional Person shall deliver an additional Weekly Statement (the "Final Statement") setting forth a good-faith estimate of the amount and a description of the fees and expenses incurred during the period commencing on the calendar day after the prior Calculation Date and concluding on the Termination Declaration Date. If any Professional Person fails to deliver a Weekly Statement within two calendar days after such Weekly Statement is due hereunder and such failure continues unremedied for a period of five calendar days after written notice thereof from the DIP ABL Agent to such Professional Person and the Debtors, then such Professional Person's entitlement to any funds in the Carve Out Reserves with respect to the aggregate unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees for the applicable period(s) for which such Professional Person failed to deliver a Weekly Statement covering such period shall be limited to the aggregate unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees included in the Budget for such period; provided, that such Professional Person shall be entitled to be paid any unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees in excess of Allowed Professional Fees

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included in the Budget for such period for such Professional Person from a reserve to be funded by the Debtors from cash on hand constituting Term Loan Priority Collateral and cash on hand constituting the proceeds of Term Loan Priority Collateral pursuant to paragraph 41(c) below. Solely as it relates to the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Parties, the Carve Out under paragraph (a)(iii) above shall be limited to the greater of (x) the sum of (I) the aggregate unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees included in such Weekly Statements timely received by the Agents prior to the Termination Declaration Date, plus (II) the lesser of (1) the aggregate unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees included in the Final Statement timely received by the Agents pertaining to the period through and including the Termination Declaration Date and (2) the Budgeted Cushion Amount (defined herein) (provided that determination of the amounts set forth in this clause (x) shall be subject to the limitation contained in the preceding sentence), and (y) the aggregate unpaid amount of Allowed Professional Fees included in the Budget for the period prior to the Termination Declaration Date (such amount, the "ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap"). For the avoidance of doubt, the DIP ABL Agent shall maintain, as part of the Carve Out Reserve (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement), a reserve in an amount not less than the sum of (I) the greater of (x) the aggregate unpaid amount of Professional Fees included in such Weekly Statements timely received by the Agents pertaining to the period through and including the Termination Declaration Date, and (y) the aggregate unpaid amount of Professional Fees included in the Budget for the applicable period, plus (II) the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap, plus (III) the amounts contemplated under paragraphs (a)(i), (a)(ii) and (a)(v) above. In addition, the DIP ABL Agent shall at all times maintain, as part of the Carve Out Reserve, a reserve in an amount equal to 105% of the amount of Professional Fees set forth in the Budget for the then current week occurring after the most recent Calculation Date and the two weeks succeeding such

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current week (such amount, the "Budgeted Cushion Amount").

(n) Carve Out Reserves. On the day on which a Carve Out Trigger Notice is given by the DIP ABL Agent to the Debtors with a copy to counsel to a Committee (if appointed) (the "Termination Declaration Date"), the Carve Out Trigger Notice shall be deemed (i) a draw request and notice of borrowing by the Debtors for DIP ABL Loans under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement in an amount equal to the sum of (x) the amounts set forth in paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above, and (y) the then unpaid amounts of the Allowed Professional Fees up to the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap (any such amounts actually advanced shall constitute DIP ABL Loans), and (ii) also constitute a demand to the Debtors, and authorization for the Debtors, to utilize cash on hand constituting Term Loan Priority Collateral and cash on hand constituting the proceeds of Term Loan Priority Collateral as of such date to fund a reserve in an amount equal to the then-unpaid amounts of the Allowed Professional Fees in excess of the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Allowed Professional Fee Claims, regardless of when such claims become Allowed Professional Fee Claims, incurred by Professional Persons at any time before, on or on the first business day following the date of delivery of a Carve Out Trigger Notice). To the extent amounts under the preceding clause (i) are not funded as of the end of the second business day after the Termination Declaration Date, the Carve Out Trigger Notice shall also constitute a demand to the Debtors, and authorization for the Debtors, to utilize all cash on hand constituting proceeds of the ABL Priority Collateral as of such date and any available cash constituting proceeds of the DIP Primary Collateral thereafter held by any Debtor to fund a reserve in an amount equal to the amount required to be funded pursuant to clause (i) of this paragraph (c) (which cash amounts shall reduce, on a dollar for dollar basis, the draw requests and applicable DIP ABL Loans pursuant to clause

(i) of this paragraph (c)). The Debtors shall deposit and hold such amounts in a segregated account at the DIP ABL Agent in trust in respect of amounts funded by the DIP ABL Lenders and, if applicable, the proceeds of Term Priority Collateral exclusively to pay such unpaid Allowed Professional Fees (each, a "Pre-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve"). On the Termination Declaration Date, the Carve Out Trigger Notice shall also be deemed a request by the Debtors for (x) DIP ABL Loans under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement in an amount equal to the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap (any such amounts actually advanced shall constitute DIP ABL Loans), the satisfaction of which request for funding shall be an obligation of the DIP ABL Lenders hereunder, and (y) in the event any of the DIP ABL Lenders fail to fund any amount constituting any portion of the Post Carve Out Trigger Cap required to be funded by any of them pursuant to this paragraph 41 (such failure, a "DIP ABL Carve Out Default") to the extent not funded by the DIP ABL Lenders, shall also constitute a demand to the Debtors to utilize all cash on hand as of such date and any available cash there after held by and Debtor to fund such amounts first from the proceeds of ABL Priority Collateral (but limited to the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap) and second from the proceeds of Term Priority Collateral in an amount equal to any unfunded portion of the Post Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap. The Debtors shall deposit and hold such amounts in a segregated account at the DIP ABL Agent in trust in respect of amounts funded by the DIP ABL Lenders and, if applicable, proceeds of Term Priority Collateral exclusively to pay such Allowed Professional Fees benefiting from the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap (each, a "Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve" and, together with the Pre-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve(s), the "Carve Out Reserves"). Not later than the end of the next business day following the Termination Declaration Date and the deemed requests for the making of DIP ABL Loans as provided in this paragraph (c), notwithstanding anything in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement to the

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contrary, including with respect to (1) the existence of a Default (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) or Event of Default, (2) the failure of the Debtors to satisfy any or all of the conditions precedent for the making of any DIP Loan under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement, (3) any termination of the Commitments (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) following an Event of Default, or (4) the occurrence of a DIP Termination Date, each DIP ABL Lender with an outstanding Commitment shall make available to the DIP ABL Agent, such DIP ABL Lender's *pro rata* share of such DIP ABL Loans. For the avoidance of doubt, the Carve Out Reserves shall constitute the primary source for payment of Allowed Professional Fees entitled to benefit from the Carve Out, and any lien priorities or superpriority claims granted pursuant to this Interim Order or the Final Order to secure payment of the Carve Out shall be limited to any shortfall in funding as provided below.

- (o) Application of Carve Out Reserves.
- first to pay the obligations set forth in subparagraphs (a)(i) through (a)(iii) of the definition of Carve Out set forth above (the "Pre-Carve Out Amounts"), but not, for the avoidance of doubt, the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap, until paid in full. If the Pre-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve has not been reduced to zero, subject to clause (iii) below, all remaining funds in the account funded by (x) the DIP ABL Lenders shall be distributed (A) *first*, to the DIP ABL Agent on account of the DIP Obligations until such obligations have been Paid in Full, (B) *second*, to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full, and (C) *third*, to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full; and (y) the proceeds of Term Priority Collateral shall

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be distributed (A) *first*, to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent which shall apply such funds to the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan JAgreement) in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement until such obligations have been Paid in Full, (B) *second*, to the DIP ABL Agent on account of the DIP Facility Obligations until such obligations have been Paid in Full, and (C) *third*, to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full.

All funds in the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve (other than up to \$500,000, which may be used to pay Pre-Carve-Out Amounts to the extent they exceed the ABL Professional Fee Carve-Out Cap, which usage, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not reduce the overall Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap) shall be used first to pay the obligations set forth in clause (iv) of the definition of Carve Out set forth above (the "Post-Carve Out Amounts"). If, after such application, the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Reserve has not been reduced to zero, subject to clause (iii) below, all remaining funds in the account funded by (x) the DIP ABL Lenders shall be distributed (A) first, to the DIP ABL Agent on account of the DIP Facility Obligations until such obligations have been Paid in Full, (B) second, to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full, and (C) third, to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full; and (y) the proceeds of Term Priority Collateral shall be distributed (A) first, to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent which shall apply such funds to the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement) in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement until such obligations have been Paid in Full, (B) second, to the DIP ABL Agent on account of the DIP Facility Obligations until such obligations have been Paid in Full, and (C) third,

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to the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent on account of the Obligations (as defined in the Prepetition ABL Agreement) until such obligations have been Paid in Full.

(xiii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or this Interim Order, (x) if either of the Carve Out Reserves required to be funded by the DIP ABL Lenders is not funded in full in the amounts set forth in this paragraph (d), then any excess funds in one of the Carve Out Reserves held in any account funded by the DIP ABL Lenders following the payment of the Pre-Carve Out Amounts and Post-Carve Out Amounts (subject to the limits contained in the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap and the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap, respectively), respectively, shall be used to fund the other Carve Out Reserve to the extent of any shortfall in funding by the DIP ABL Lenders prior to making any payments to the DIP ABL Agent, and (y) if either of the Carve Out Reserves required to be funded with the proceeds of Term Loan Priority Collateral is not funded in full in the amounts set forth in this paragraph (d), then any excess funds in one of the Carve Out Reserves held in any account funded by such cash on hand following the payment of the Pre-Carve Out Amounts and Post-Carve Out Amounts (subject to the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap), respectively, shall be used to fund the other Carve Out Reserve to the extent of any shortfall in funding by the cash on hand prior to making any payments to the Prepetition Term Loan Lenders.

(xiv) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation or this Interim Order, following the end of the third business day after delivery of a Carve Out Trigger Notice, (x) the DIP ABL Agent shall not sweep or foreclose on cash (including cash received as a result of the sale or other disposition of any assets) of the Debtors until the Carve Out Reserves required to be funded by the DIP ABL Lenders have been fully funded, but the DIP ABL Agent, on the one hand, and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, on the

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other hand, shall have a security interest in any residual interest in the Carve Out Reserves held in accounts by the DIP ABL Agent, with any excess paid as provided in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above; and (y) the Prepetition Term Loan Agent shall not sweep or foreclose on cash (including cash received as a result of the sale or other disposition of any assets) of the Debtors until the Carve Out Reserves required to be funded by the proceeds of Term Loan Priority Collateral have been fully funded, but shall have a security interest in any residual interest in the Carve Out Reserves held in accounts by the Prepetition Term loan Agent, with any excess paid as provided in paragraphs (ii) and (iii) above.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Interim Order, (i) the failure of the Carve Out Reserves to satisfy in full the Allowed Professional Fees shall not affect the priority of the Carve Out with respect to any shortfall (as described herein) (provided that, in all cases, the Carve Out priority with regard to the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral and the DIP Primary Collateral will always be subject to the limitations applicable thereto set forth in the definition of Carve Out), and (ii) subject to the limitations with respect to the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Parties set forth in paragraph (b) above, in no way shall any approved Budget, Carve Out, Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap, Carve Out Reserves, or Priority Carve Out (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) be construed as a cap or limitation on the amount of the Allowed Professional Fees due and payable by the Debtors as administrative expense claims. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the DIP Senior Credit Facility, or in any Prepetition Secured Facilities, to the extent of any shortfall in the Carve Out Reserves, the Carve Out shall be senior to all liens and claims securing the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the Adequate Protection Liens, and the 507(b) Claims (as defined herein), and any and all other forms of adequate protection, liens, or claims securing the Case 20-30805-KRH Doc 25 Filed 02/17/20 Entered 02/17/20 20:46:12 Desc Main Document Page 114 of 319

DIP Facility Obligations or the obligations under the Prepetition Secured Credit Agreements; *provided* that in all cases, the Carve Out priority with regard to the Prepetition ABL Priority Collateral and the DIP Primary Collateral will always be subject to the limitations applicable thereto set forth in the definition of Carve Out.

- (p) No Direct Obligation To Pay Allowed Professional Fees. The DIP Secured Parties shall not be responsible for the payment or reimbursement of any fees or disbursements of any Professional Person incurred in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases or any Successor Cases under any chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Interim Order or otherwise shall be construed to obligate the DIP Secured Parties in any way, to pay compensation to, or to reimburse expenses of, any Professional Person or to guarantee that the Debtors have sufficient funds to pay such compensation or reimbursement.
- (q) Payment of Allowed Professional Fees Prior to the Termination

 Declaration Date. Any payment or reimbursement made prior to the occurrence of the

 Termination Declaration Date in respect of any Allowed Professional Fees shall not reduce the

 Carve Out.
- Date. Any payment or reimbursement made on or after the occurrence of the Termination Declaration Declaration Date in respect of any Allowed Professional Fees shall permanently reduce the Carve Out on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Any funding of the Carve Out shall be added to, and made a part of, the DIP Facility Obligations secured by the DIP Collateral and shall be otherwise entitled to the protections granted under this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Bankruptcy Code, and applicable law.
 - 42. Limitations on Use of DIP Proceeds, Cash Collateral, and Carve Out. The

DIP Senior Credit Facility, the DIP Collateral, the Prepetition Collateral, the Cash Collateral, and the Carve Out may not be used in connection with: (a) except to contest the occurrence of an Event of Default, preventing, hindering, or delaying any of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties' enforcement or realization upon any of the DIP Collateral or Prepetition Collateral; (b) using or seeking to use Cash Collateral except as provided for in this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation; (c) selling or otherwise disposing of DIP Collateral without the consent of the Agents (provided that the foregoing shall not preclude the Debtors from pursuing the process outlined in the Bidding Procedures Order); (d) using or seeking to use any insurance proceeds constituting DIP Collateral except as provided for in this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (subject to the Intercredtior Agreement) without the consent of the Agents or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents) (in the case of DIP Secondary Collateral); (e) incurring Indebtedness (as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) without the prior consent of the Agents, except to the extent permitted under the DIP ABL Credit Agreement; (f) seeking to amend or modify any of the rights granted to the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties under this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, or the Prepetition Documents, including seeking to use Cash Collateral and/or DIP Collateral on a contested basis; (g) objecting to or challenging in any way the DIP Liens, DIP Facility Obligations, Prepetition Liens, Prepetition Secured Obligations, DIP Collateral (including Cash Collateral) or, as the case may be, Prepetition Collateral, or any other claims or liens, held by or on behalf of any of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties, respectively; (h) asserting, commencing, or prosecuting any claims or causes of action whatsoever, including any actions under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code or applicable

state law equivalents or actions to recover or disgorge payments, against any of the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, or any of their respective affiliates, agents, attorneys, advisors, professionals, officers, directors, and employees; (i) litigating, objecting to, challenging, or contesting in any manner, or raising any defenses to, the validity, extent, amount, perfection, priority, or enforceability of any of the DIP Facility Obligations, the DIP Liens, the Prepetition Liens, Prepetition Secured Obligations, or any other rights or interests of any of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties; or (j) seeking to subordinate, recharacterize, disallow, or avoid the DIP Facility Obligations, or the Prepetition Secured Obligations; *provided, however*, that the Carve Out and such collateral proceeds and loans under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation may be used for allowed fees and expenses, in an amount not to exceed, subject to the Final Order, \$50,000 in the aggregate (the "Investigation Budget Amount"), incurred solely by a Committee (if appointed), in investigating (but not prosecuting or challenging), the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters (as defined herein).

43. Payment of Compensation. Nothing herein shall be construed as a consent to the allowance of any professional fees or expenses of any Professional Person or shall affect the right of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties to object to the allowance and payment of such fees and expenses. So long as an unwaived Event of Default has not occurred, the Debtors shall be permitted to pay fees and expenses allowed and payable by final order (that has not been vacated or stayed, unless the stay has been vacated) under sections 328, 330, 331, and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, as the same may be due and payable, as reflected in the most recent Budget provided by the Debtors to the Agents and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent.

44. Effect of Stipulations on Third Parties.

(s) Generally. The admissions, stipulations, agreements, releases, and

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waivers set forth in paragraph F of this Interim Order (collectively, the "Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters") are and shall be binding on the Debtors, any subsequent trustee, responsible person, examiner with expanded powers, any other estate representative, and all creditors and parties in interest and all of their successors in interest and assigns, including a Committee (if appointed), unless and to the extent that a party in interest with proper standing granted by order of the Bankruptcy Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction) has properly filed an adversary proceeding or contested matter under the Bankruptcy Rules (other than the Debtors, as to which any Challenge (as defined below) is irrevocably waived and relinquished) and (i) has timely filed the appropriate pleadings, and timely commenced the appropriate proceeding required under the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules, including as required pursuant to Part VII of the Bankruptcy Rules (in each case subject to the limitations set forth in this paragraph 44) challenging the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters (each such proceeding or appropriate pleading commencing a proceeding or other contested matter, a "Challenge") by no later than the earlier of (I) (a) 60 days from the date of formation of a Committee (if appointed) or (b) 75 days following the entry of the Interim Order in the case that no Committee is appointed or (II) the entry of an Order of this Court approving a Plan of Reorganization of the Debtors or the sale of all or substantially all the assets of the Debtors (the "Challenge Deadline"), as such applicable date may be extended in writing from time to time in the sole discretion of the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (with respect to the Prepetition ABL Documents) and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent (with respect to the Prepetition Term Loan Documents and acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), or by this Court for good cause shown pursuant to an application filed by a party in interest prior to the expiration of the Challenge Deadline, and (ii) this Court enters judgment in

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favor of the plaintiff or movant in any such timely and properly commenced Challenge proceeding and any such judgment has become a final judgment that is not subject to any further review or appeal.

Binding Effect. To the extent no Challenge is timely and properly (t) commenced by the Challenge Deadline, or to the extent such proceeding does not result in a final and non-appealable judgment or order of this Court that is inconsistent with the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters, then, without further notice, motion, or application to, order of, or hearing before, this Court and without the need or requirement to file any proof of claim, the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters shall, pursuant to this Interim Order, become binding, conclusive, and final on any person, entity, or party in interest in the Cases, and their successors and assigns, and in any Successor Case for all purposes and shall not be subject to challenge or objection by any party in interest, including a trustee, responsible individual, examiner with expanded powers, or other representative of the Debtors' estates. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if any such proceeding is properly and timely commenced, the Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters shall nonetheless remain binding on all other parties in interest and preclusive as provided in subparagraph (a) above except to the extent that any of such Prepetition Lien and Claim Matters is expressly the subject of a timely and properly filed Challenge, which Challenge is successful as set forth in a final judgment as provided in subparagraph (a) above, and only as to plaintiffs or movants that have complied with the terms hereof. To the extent any such Challenge proceeding is timely and properly commenced, the Prepetition Secured Parties shall be entitled to payment of the related costs and expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred under the Prepetition Documents in defending themselves in any such proceeding as adequate protection. Upon a successful Challenge brought pursuant to this paragraph 44, the Court may

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fashion any appropriate remedy.

- 45. <u>No Third Party Rights</u>. Except as explicitly provided for herein, this Interim Order does not create any rights for the benefit of any third party, creditor, equity holder or any direct, indirect, or incidental beneficiary.
- 46. <u>Section 506(c) Claims</u>. Subject to entry of a Final Order, no costs or expenses of administration which have been or may be incurred in the Cases at any time shall be charged against the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, or any of their respective claims, the DIP Collateral, or the Prepetition Collateral pursuant to sections 105 or 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, without the prior written consent of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties, as applicable, and no such consent shall be implied from any other action, inaction, or acquiescence by any such parties.
- 47. <u>No Marshaling/Applications of Proceeds</u>. Subject to entry of a Final Order, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties shall not be subject to the equitable doctrine of "marshaling" or any other similar doctrine with respect to any of the DIP Collateral or the Prepetition Collateral, as the case may be, and proceeds shall be received and applied pursuant to this Interim Order and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation (but subject to the Intercreditor Agreement), notwithstanding any other agreement or provision to the contrary.
- 48. <u>Section 552(b)</u>. Subject to entry of a Final Order, the Prepetition Secured Parties shall each be entitled to all of the rights and benefits of section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the "equities of the case" exception under section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code shall not apply to the Prepetition Secured Parties, with respect to proceeds, product, offspring or profits of any of the Prepetition Collateral.
 - 49. Access to DIP Collateral. Subject to and effective upon entry of a

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Final Order, upon expiration of the Remedies Notice Period, the DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, shall be permitted to (a) access and recover any and all DIP Collateral, and (b) enter onto any leased premises of any Debtor and exercise all of the Debtors' rights and privileges as lessee under such lease in connection with an orderly liquidation of the DIP Collateral, provided, however, in the case of clause (b), the DIP Secured Parties and/or Prepetition ABL Secured Parties can only enter upon a leased premises during the continuation an Event of Default in accordance with (i) a separate written agreement by and between the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, as applicable, and any applicable landlord, (ii) pre-existing rights of the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, as applicable, and any applicable landlord under applicable non-bankruptcy law, (iii) consent of the applicable landlord, or (iv) entry of an order of this Court obtained by motion of the applicable DIP Secured Party or Prepetition ABL Secured Party on such notice to the landlord as shall be required by this Court; provided, however, that solely with respect to rent due to a landlord of any such leased premises, the DIP Secured Parties and/or the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, as applicable, shall be obligated only for the payment of rent of the Debtors that first accrues after delivery of the Termination Declaration in accordance with paragraph 34 herein that is payable during the period of such occupancy by the DIP Secured Parties and/or Prepetition ABL Secured Parties, as applicable, calculated on a daily per diem basis; provided, further, that nothing herein shall relieve the Debtors of their obligations pursuant to section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code for the payment of rent that accrues prior to delivery of the Termination Declaration through and including any assumption and/or rejection of any lease. Nothing herein shall require the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition ABL Secured Parties to assume any lease as a condition to the rights afforded in this paragraph.

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- 50. Limits on Lender Liability. Subject to entry of a Final Order, nothing in this Interim Order, any of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition Documents, or any other documents related thereto shall in any way be construed or interpreted to impose or allow the imposition upon the DIP Secured Parties or the Prepetition Secured Parties of any liability for any claims arising from any activities by the Debtors in the operation of their businesses or in connection with the administration of these Cases. The DIP Secured Parties and the Prepetition Secured Parties shall not, solely by reason of having made loans under the DIP Senior Credit Facility or the Prepetition Documents, be deemed in control of the operations of the Debtors or to be acting as a "responsible person" or "owner or operator" with respect to the operation or management of the Debtors (as such terms, or any similar terms, are used in the United Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq., as amended, or any similar federal or state statute). Nothing in this Interim Order or the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, shall in any way be construed or interpreted to impose or allow the imposition upon the DIP Secured Parties or any of the Prepetition Secured Parties of any liability for any claims arising from the prepetition or postpetition activities of any of the Debtors.
- 51. <u>Insurance Proceeds and Policies</u>. Upon entry of this Interim Order and to the fullest extent provided by applicable law, the DIP ABL Agent (on behalf of the DIP Secured Parties), the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (on behalf of the Prepetition ABL Parties), and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent (on behalf of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties), shall be, and shall be deemed to be, without any further action or notice, named as additional insured and loss payee on each insurance policy maintained by the Debtors that in any way relates to the DIP Collateral.

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- 52. <u>Joint and Several Liability</u>. Nothing in this Interim Order shall be construed to constitute a substantive consolidation of any of the Debtors' estates, it being understood, however, that the Debtors shall be jointly and severally liable for the obligations hereunder and all DIP Facility Obligations in accordance with the terms hereof and of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation.
- 53. No Superior Rights of Reclamation. Based on the findings and rulings herein regarding the integrated nature of the DIP Senior Credit Facility and the Prepetition ABL Documents, the right of a seller of goods to reclaim such goods under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code is not a Permitted Prior Lien; rather, any such alleged claims arising or asserted as a right of reclamation (whether asserted under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise) shall have the same rights and priority with respect to the DIP Liens as such claim had with the Prepetition ABL Liens.
- 54. <u>Canadian Collateral</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, subject to the orders of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, any claims, superpriority claims, security interests, liens, and other protections granted pursuant to this Interim Order shall be subject to the Administration Charge and the Directors' Charge (each as defined in the DIP ABL Credit Agreement) (collectively, the "<u>CCAA Charges</u>") on any DIP Collateral and Prepetition Collateral located in Canada ("Canadian Collateral").
- JPMorgan Letter of Credit. The Debtors, the DIP ABL Lenders, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMorgan") have agreed that the letter of credit issued by JPMorgan under the Prepetition ABL Documents prior to the Petition Date (the "JPMorgan Letter of Credit") will not be repaid in connection with the Debtors' entry into the DIP Senior Credit Facility but will instead remain outstanding for some period during the pendency of these Cases.

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JPMorgan is entitled to adequate protection for Diminution in Value in respect of its interest in the Prepetition Collateral as a participant in the Prepetition ABL Documents, and the Debtors are authorized and directed to provide adequate protection to JPMorgan as set forth in this paragraph. Immediately upon the closing of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, the Debtors shall provide (which may be effected through a draw under the DIP Senior Credit Facility) JPMorgan with cash collateral in an amount equal to 103% of the face amount of the JPMorgan Letter of Credit (the "JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral"). The JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral will be held pursuant to arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Debtors, the DIP ABL Lenders, and JPMorgan (which may include cash collateral agreements and blocked account agreements in respect thereof, each of which the Debtors are authorized to enter into). The JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral shall secure all reimbursement obligations, fees, costs, and expenses now or hereafter owing to JPMorgan in connection with the JPMorgan Letter of Credit, all of which shall continue to accrue in favor of, and be payable to, JPMorgan in accordance with the terms of the Prepetition ABL Documents (the "JPMorgan LC Obligations"), and JPMorgan shall be entitled to apply all or any portion of the JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral to the JPMorgan LC Obligations from time to time without further notice to or consent from the Debtors, the DIP ABL Lenders, the Prepetition ABL Parties, the Prepetition Term Loan Parties, a Committee (if appointed), or any other party in interest and without further order of this Court. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Interim Order, (a) the lien of JPMorgan in and to the JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral shall be senior to, and shall not be subject to or subordinate to, the Carve Out, the DIP Liens, the Adequate Protection Liens, the Prepetition Liens, or the Prior Permitted Liens and (b) JPMorgan shall be entitled to an allowed superpriority administrative expense claim in the amount of the JPMorgan LC Obligations (but limited to the amount of the JPMorgan Cash Collateral) in each of the Cases

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and any Successor Cases in respect of the JPMorgan LC Obligations (the "JPMorgan Superpriority Adequate Protection Claim"). The JPMorgan Superpriority Adequate Protection Claim shall be senior to all other administrative expense claims (including, without limitation, the Carve Out, the DIP Superpriority Claim, the Prepetition ABL Superpriority Claim, and the Prepetition Term Loan Superpriority Claim. The JPMorgan LC Cash Collateral shall be returned to the Debtors upon (x) the expiration of the JPMorgan Letter of Credit, (y) the provision to JPMorgan of a backup letter of credit on terms satisfactory to JPMorgan, or (z) the return of the undrawn JPMorgan Letter of Credit to JPMorgan.

56. Rights Preserved. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the entry of this Interim Order is without prejudice to, and does not constitute a waiver of, expressly or implicitly, subject to the Prepetition Documents and the Intercreditor Agreement: (a) the DIP Secured Parties' and Prepetition Secured Parties' right to seek any other or supplemental relief in respect of the Debtors; (b) any of the rights of any of the DIP Secured Parties and/or the Prepetition Secured Parties under the Bankruptcy Code or under non-bankruptcy law, including the right to (i) request modification of the automatic stay of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) request dismissal of any of the Cases or Successor Cases, conversion of any of the Cases to cases under Chapter 7, or appointment of a Chapter 11 trustee or examiner with expanded powers, or (iii) propose, subject to the provisions of section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code, a Chapter 11 plan or plans; or (c) any other rights, claims, or privileges (whether legal, equitable, or otherwise) of any of the DIP Secured Parties or Prepetition Secured Parties. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the entry of this Interim Order is without prejudice to, and does not constitute a waiver of, expressly or implicitly, the Debtors', a Committee's (if appointed), or any party in interest's right to oppose any of the relief requested in accordance with the immediately preceding Case 20-30805-KRH Doc 25 Filed 02/17/20 Entered 02/17/20 20:46:12 Desc Main Document Page 125 of 319

sentence except as expressly set forth in this Interim Order. Entry of this Interim Order is without prejudice to any and all rights of any party in interest with respect to the terms and approval of the Final Order and, unless otherwise set forth in this Interim Order or the Final Order, any other position which any party in interest deems appropriate to raise in the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases.

- 57. No Waiver by Failure to Seek Relief. The failure of the DIP Secured Parties or Prepetition Secured Parties to seek relief or otherwise exercise their rights and remedies under this Interim Order, the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, the Prepetition Documents, or applicable law, as the case may be, shall not constitute a waiver of any of the rights hereunder, thereunder, or otherwise of the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, a Committee (if appointed), or any party in interest.
- 58. <u>Binding Effect of Interim Order.</u> Immediately upon execution by this Court, the terms and provisions of this Interim Order shall become valid and binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Debtors, the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition Secured Parties, all other creditors of any of the Debtors, a Committee (if appointed), or any other court appointed committee, and all other parties-in-interest and their respective successors and assigns, including any trustee or other fiduciary hereafter appointed in any of the Cases, any Successor Cases, or upon dismissal of any Case or Successor Case.
- 59. <u>No Modification of Interim Order</u>. Until and unless the DIP Facility Obligations and the Prepetition Secured Obligations have been Paid in Full (such payment being without prejudice to any terms or provisions contained in the DIP Senior Credit Facility which survive such discharge by their terms) the Debtors irrevocably waive the right to seek and shall not seek or consent to, directly or indirectly: (a) without the prior written consent of the Agents and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term

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Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), (i) any modification, stay, vacatur, or amendment to this Interim Order; or (ii) a priority claim for any administrative expense or unsecured claim against the Debtors (now existing or hereafter arising of any kind or nature whatsoever, including any administrative expense of the kind specified in sections 503(b), 506(c), 507(a), or 507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code) in any of the Cases or Successor Cases, equal or superior to the DIP Superpriority Claims or Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims, other than the Carve Out; (b) without the prior written consent of the Agents for any order allowing use of Cash Collateral (other than as permitted during the Remedies Notice Period) resulting from DIP Collateral or Prepetition Collateral; (c) without the prior written consent of the Agents, any lien on any of the DIP Collateral with priority equal or superior to the DIP Liens, except as specifically provided in the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, other than the Carve Out and the CCAA Charges; or (d) without the prior written consent of the Prepetition Agents, any lien on any of the DIP Collateral with priority equal or superior to the Prepetition Liens or Adequate Protection Liens, other than the Carve Out and the CCAA Charges. The Debtors irrevocably waive any right to seek any amendment, modification, or extension of this Interim Order without the prior written consent, as provided in the foregoing, of the Agents and the Prepetition Term Loan Agent, and no such consent shall be implied by any other action, inaction or acquiescence of the Agents or the Prepetition Term Loan Agent.

- 60. Continuing Effect of Intercreditor Agreement. The Debtors, DIP Secured Parties, and Prepetition Secured Parties each shall be bound by, and in all respects of the DIP Senior Credit Facility shall be governed by, and be subject to all the terms, provisions and restrictions of the Intercreditor Agreement.
 - 61. Interim Order Controls. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms

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and conditions of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and of this Interim Order, the provisions of this Interim Order shall govern and control. In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of the Intercreditor Agreement and this Interim Order (solely as between the DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition Secured Parties), the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control.

62. Discharge. The DIP Facility Obligations and the obligations of the Debtors with respect to the adequate protection provided herein shall not be discharged by the entry of an order confirming any plan of reorganization in any of the Cases, notwithstanding the provisions of section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless such obligations have been Paid in Full, on or before the effective date of such confirmed plan of reorganization, or each of the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents), as applicable, has otherwise agreed in writing. None of the Debtors shall propose or support any plan of reorganization or sale of all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets, or order confirming such plan or approving such sale, that does not require that all DIP Facility Obligations be Paid in Full (in the case of the sale of DIP Primary Collateral) or that all Prepetition Term Loan Obligations be Paid in Full (in the case of the sale of DIP Secondary Collateral), and the payment of the Debtors' obligations with respect to the adequate protection provided for herein, in full in cash within a commercially reasonable period of time (and in no event later than the effective date of such plan of reorganization or sale) (a "Prohibited Plan or Sale") without the written consent of each of the DIP Secured Parties, the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent, and Prepetition Term Loan Agent (acting at the direction of the requisite Prepetition Term Loan Lenders in accordance with the Prepetition Term Loan Documents, as

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applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors' proposal or support of a Prohibited Plan or Sale, or the entry of an order with respect thereto, shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder and under the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation.

63. The provisions of this Interim Order and any actions taken pursuant hereto shall survive entry of any order which may be entered: (a) confirming any plan of reorganization in any of the Cases; (b) converting any of the Cases to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) dismissing any of the Cases or any Successor Cases; or (d) pursuant to which this Court abstains from hearing any of the Cases or Successor Cases. The terms and provisions of this Interim Order, including the claims, liens, security interests, and other protections granted to the DIP Secured Parties and Prepetition Secured Parties granted pursuant to this Interim Order and/or the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation, notwithstanding the entry of any such orders described in (a)-(d), above, shall continue in the Cases, in any Successor Cases, or following dismissal of the Cases or any Successor Cases, and shall maintain their priority as provided by this Interim Order until: (x) in respect of the DIP Senior Credit Facility, all the DIP Facility Obligations, pursuant to the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and this Interim Order, have been Paid in Full (such payment being without prejudice to any terms or provisions contained in the DIP Senior Credit Facility which survive such discharge by their terms); (y) in respect of the Prepetition ABL Facility, all of the Prepetition ABL Obligations pursuant to the Prepetition ABL Documents and this Interim Order, have been Paid in Full; and (z) in respect of the Prepetition Term Loan Agreement, all of the Prepetition Term Loan Obligations pursuant to the Prepetition Term Loan Documents and this Interim Order have been Paid in Full. The terms and provisions concerning the indemnification of the Agents and DIP ABL Lenders shall continue in the Cases, in any Successor Cases, following dismissal of the Cases or

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any Successor Cases, following termination of the DIP Senior Credit Facility Documentation and/or the indefeasible repayment of the DIP Facility Obligations. In addition, the terms and provisions of this Interim Order shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Prepetition Term Loan Parties notwithstanding the repayment in full of or termination of the DIP Facility Obligations or the Prepetition ABL Obligations.

64. Final Hearing. The Final Hearing to consider entry of the Final Order and final approval of the DIP Senior Credit Facility is scheduled for [_____], 2020 at [__]:00 [_].m. (EST) before the Honorable [_____], United States Bankruptcy Judge at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. On or before [______], 2020, the Debtors shall serve, by United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, notice of the entry of this Interim Order and of the Final Hearing (the "Final Hearing Notice"), together with copies of this Interim Order and the DIP Motion, on: (a) the parties having been given notice of the Interim Hearing; (b) any party which has filed prior to such date a request for notices with this Court; (c) counsel for a Committee (if appointed); (d) the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (e) the Internal Revenue Service. The Final Hearing Notice shall state that any party in interest objecting to the entry of the proposed Final Order shall file written objections with the Clerk of the Court no later than on [_____], 2020, at [__]:00 p.m. (EST), which objections shall be served so as to be received on or before such date by: (i) counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022 Attn: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C., Emily E. Geier, and AnnElyse Scarlett Gains, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois Attn: Joshua M. Altman, and co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1000, Richmond, Virginia 23219 Attn: Michael A. Condyles, Peter J. Barrett, Jeremy S. Williams, and Brian H. Richardson; (ii) counsel to the DIP ABL Agent, Morgan Lewis

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- 65. <u>Nunc Pro Tunc Effect of this Interim Order</u>. This Interim Order shall constitute findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052 and shall take effect and be enforceable *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date immediately upon execution thereof.
- 66. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u>. The Court has and will retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of, any and all matters arising from or related to the DIP Senior Credit Facility, and/or this Interim Order.

Dated:	
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<u>CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT</u> <u>UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)</u>

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

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Exhibit 1

DIP ABL Credit Agreement

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SENIOR SECURED, SUPER-PRIORITY DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of February [____], 2020

PIER 1 IMPORTS (U.S.), INC. as Borrower

THE FACILITY GUARANTORS NAMED HEREIN

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent

and

PATHLIGHT CAPITAL LP, as ABL Term Loan Agent

and

THE LENDERS NAMED HEREIN

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Sole Lead Arranger and Bookrunner

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SENIOR SECURED, SUPER-PRIORITY DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION CREDIT AGREEMENT

This Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement dated as of February [____], 2020, is entered into among:

PIER 1 IMPORTS (U.S.), INC., a Delaware corporation with its principal executive offices at 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 (the "Borrower");

THE FACILITY GUARANTORS identified on Schedule 1.2 hereof;

The **LENDERS** party hereto;

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., a national banking association with offices at 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>") and as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Credit Parties; and

PATHLIGHT CAPITAL LP, a Delaware limited partnership, as the ABL Term Loan Agent (in such capacity including any successor thereto, the "ABL Term Loan Agent").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on February [17], 2020 (the "Petition Date"), (i) the Borrower, (ii) Pier 1 Imports, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (iii) Pier 1 Assets, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (iv) Pier 1 Licensing, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (v) Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (vi) Pier 1 Services Company, a Delaware statutory trust, (vii) Pier 1 Value Services, LLC, a Virginia limited liability company, and (viii) PIR Trading, Inc., a Delaware corporation (collectively, the "Debtors" and each individually, a "Debtor"), commenced (a) Chapter 11 Case Nos. [____] through [_____], as administratively consolidated at Chapter 11 Case No. [_ (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases" and each individually, a "Chapter 11 Case") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "U.S. Bankruptcy Court"), and (b) following commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, a recognition proceeding commenced by Pier 1 Imports (U.S.) Inc. (as a foreign representative for the "Debtors" under the Chapter 11 Cases) in Toronto, Ontario, Canada before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "Canadian Court") under Part IV of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act (Canada) (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder the "CCAA") to recognize the Chapter 11 Cases as "foreign main proceedings" (the "Canadian Recognitions Proceedings" together with the Chapter 11 Cases, the "Bankruptcy Cases"). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code;

WHEREAS, prior to the Petition Date, the Pre-Petition Lenders (including the Lenders) provided financing to the Borrower pursuant to that certain Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2017, by among the Borrower, the facility guarantors party thereto, Bank of America, N.A., as Pre-Petition Agent, Pathlight Capital Fund I LP, as Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent, the Pre-Petition Lenders, and the other parties thereto (as amended, restated, modified, waived or supplemented through the date hereof, the "<u>Pre-Petition Credit Agreement</u>");

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WHEREAS, as of the close of business on February 14, 2020, the Pre-Petition Lenders under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement were owed: (i) \$[_____] in outstanding principal of Revolving Credit Loans (as such term is defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement); (ii) \$15,000,000 in outstanding principal of FILO Loans (as such term is defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement); (iii) \$35,000,000 in outstanding principal of ABL Term Loans (as such term is defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement) and (iv) \$[_____] in maximum aggregate amounts available to be drawn under outstanding Letters of Credit (as such term is defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement), plus interest, fees, costs and expenses and all other Pre-Petition Obligations owed or reimbursable under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested, and, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Lenders have agreed to make available to the Borrower, a senior secured, super-priority credit facility of up to \$[256,000,000] in the aggregate to fund the working capital requirements of the Borrower during the pendency of the Bankruptcy Cases;

WHEREAS, the Borrower and each Facility Guarantor have agreed to secure all of their Obligations under the Loan Documents by granting to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Agents and the other Credit Parties, a security interest in and lien upon substantially all of their existing and after-acquired personal and real property (subject to the limitations contained in the Loan Documents and the Orders);

WHEREAS, the Borrower's and each Facility Guarantor's business is a mutual and collective enterprise and the Borrower and the Facility Guarantors believe that the loans and other financial accommodations to the Borrower under this Agreement will enhance the aggregate borrowing powers of the Loan Parties and facilitate the administration of the Chapter 11 Cases and their loan relationship with the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders, all to the mutual advantage of the Borrower and Facility Guarantors;

WHEREAS, the Borrower and each Facility Guarantor acknowledges that it will receive substantial direct and indirect benefits by reason of the making of loans and other financial accommodations to the Borrower as provided in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Agents', the ABL Term Loan Agent's and the Lenders' willingness to extend financial accommodations to the Borrower as more fully set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, is done solely as an accommodation to the Borrower and the Facility Guarantors and at the Borrower's and the Facility Guarantors' request and in furtherance of the Borrower's and the Facility Guarantors' mutual and collective enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements set forth in this Agreement (as defined herein), and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

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ARTICLE I

Amount and Terms of Credit

SECTION 1.01 Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

- "ABL Priority Collateral" has the meaning provided for such term in the Intercreditor Agreement.
 - "ABL Term Borrowing Base" means, at any time of calculation, an amount equal to:
- (a) the face amount of Eligible Credit Card Receivables <u>multiplied by</u> the Credit Card Advance Rate for the ABL Term Borrowing Base;

plus

(b) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory), net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied by</u> the Cost of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory) <u>multiplied by</u> the Inventory Appraisal Percentage for the ABL Term Borrowing Base;

<u>plus</u>

- (c) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory, net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied by</u> the Cost of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory <u>multiplied by</u> the Appraisal Percentage for the ABL Term Borrowing Base.
- "<u>ABL Term Credit Party</u>" means the ABL Term Loan Agent and the ABL Term Lenders and their respective successors and permitted assigns.
 - "ABL Term Default Rate" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.12(b).
- "<u>ABL Term Lender</u>" means, at any time, each Person party hereto as an ABL Term Loan Lender as reflected on <u>Schedule 1.1</u>, and each Person as may be subsequently set forth in the Register from time to time.
- "ABL Term Loan" means any term loan made, or deemed made hereunder by the ABL Term Lender to the Borrower, including to refinance the principal amount of the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loans and the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Prepayment Premium outstanding on the Closing Date, pursuant to this Agreement.
 - "ABL Term Loan Agent" has the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>ABL Term Loan Commitment</u>" means, as to each ABL Term Lender, the obligation of such ABL Term Loan Lender to make its portion of the ABL Term Loan to be made, or deemed made, on the Closing Date in the amount set forth opposite such ABL Term Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1</u>. The aggregate amount of the ABL Term Loan Commitments on the Closing Date is \$[41,233,784].

"ABL Term Loan Event of Default" means (i) an Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a) or (b) with respect to the ABL Term Loan or any other ABL Term Obligations, (ii) an Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a) or (b) with respect to the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) as a result of failure of the Borrower to pay all such Obligations then due and owing due on the Maturity Date or the Termination Date (iii) an Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(d), but only to the extent such Event of Default arises from the Loan Parties' failure to comply with the provisions of SECTION 5.01(d) (in each instance of this clause (iii), within three (3) Business Days of the date that the Borrowing Base Certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to SECTION 5.01(d)), or (iv) an Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(t). Each determination of whether an ABL Term Loan Event of Default has occurred and is continuing shall be made without giving effect to any waiver or modification of any such provision effected pursuant to the terms hereof without the consent of the ABL Term Loan Agent.

"<u>ABL Term Loan Fee Letter</u>" means the ABL Term Loan Fee Letter dated February [____], 2020 by and among the Borrower and the ABL Term Loan Agent, as amended, amended and restated, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time.

"ABL Term Loan Percentage" shall mean, with respect to each ABL Term Lender, that percentage of the ABL Term Loans (or, prior to the Closing Date, ABL Term Loan Commitments) of all the ABL Term Lenders hereunder held by such ABL Term Lender, in the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 hereto or as may be subsequently set forth in the Register from time to time, as the same may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

"ABL Term Loan Rate" means, the rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the nearest 1/100th), determined on the first day of each calendar month, appearing on Reuters Screen LIBOR01 Page (or on any successor or substitute page of such service, or any successor to or substitute for such service as determined by the ABL Term Loan Agent) as the London interbank offered rate for deposits in Dollars for an interest period of three (3) months as of such date (but if more than one rate is specified on such page, the rate will be an arithmetic average of all such rates); provided that if such rate is unavailable for any reason, the ABL Term Loan Rate shall be a comparable or successor rate approved by the ABL Term Loan Agent as published on the applicable Reuters screen page (or other commercially available source designated by the ABL Term Loan Agent from time to time); provided, further, that any comparable or successor rate shall be applied by the ABL Term Loan Agent, if administratively feasible, in a manner consistent with market practice.

"<u>ABL Term Loan Reserve</u>" means an amount, at any time of calculation, equal to the excess of the then outstanding amount of the portion of the ABL Term Loan over the ABL Term Borrowing Base as reflected in the most recent Borrowing Base Certificate furnished by the Borrower; provided, however, that if the ABL Term Loan Agent determines in good faith that

there has been a mathematical error in calculating the ABL Term Loan Reserve, the ABL Term Loan Agent may notify the Administrative Agent (and shall notify the Borrower) thereof, setting forth the amount of the ABL Term Loan Reserve to be established as calculated by the ABL Loan Term Agent and the basis for its determination, together with its detailed calculation. Within three (3) Business Days after receipt of such notice from the ABL Term Loan Agent, the Administrative Agent shall establish an ABL Term Loan Reserve in the amount requested by the ABL Term Loan Agent (in the absence of manifest error). The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to investigate the basis for the ABL Term Loan Agent's dispute or calculation, may conclusively rely on the notice furnished by the ABL Term Loan Agent with respect thereto, and shall have no liability to any Loan Party or Credit Party for following the instructions of the ABL Term Loan Agent. If any time the circumstances giving rise to any imposition of the ABL Term Loan Reserve have ceased to exist then immediately following receipt of a Borrowing Base Certificate in accordance with the terms hereof reflecting that no ABL Term Loan Reserve is then applicable, the Administrative Agent shall remove such ABL Term Loan Reserve, without need for further instruction from the ABL Term Loan Agent; it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to verify with the ABL Term Loan Agent that such circumstances have ceased to exist (and the ABL Term Loan Agent shall within one (1) Business Day) respond to any such request from the Administrative Agent.

"ABL Term Loan Standstill Period" means, with respect to an ABL Term Loan Event of Default, the period commencing on the date of the Administrative Agent's and the Borrower's receipt of written notice from the ABL Term Loan Agent that an ABL Term Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and that the ABL Term Loan Agent is requesting the Agents to commence the enforcement of remedies, and ending on the date which is sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice with respect to any ABL Term Loan Event of Default.

"<u>ABL Term Notes</u>" means the promissory notes of the Borrower substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit D-2</u>, each payable to an ABL Term Lender, evidencing ABL Term Loans made to the Borrower.

"ABL Term Obligations" means (a) the due and punctual payment of (i) the principal of, and interest (including all interest that accrues after the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, the WURA or the CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, whether or not allowed in such case or proceeding) on the ABL Term Loans, as and when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, and (ii) all other monetary obligations, including fees, costs, expenses and indemnities, whether primary, secondary, direct, contingent, fixed or otherwise, of the Loan Parties to the ABL Term Secured Parties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, for all such items that accrue after the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, the WURA or the CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, whether or not allowed in such case or proceeding, and (b) the due and punctual payment and performance of all the covenants, agreements, obligations and liabilities of each Loan Party under or pursuant to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents related to the ABL Term Loans.

- "<u>ABL Term Secured Party</u>" means (a) each ABL Term Credit Party and (b) the successors and, subject to any limitations contained in this Agreement, assigns of each of the foregoing.
 - "ACH" means automated clearing house transfers.
 - "Acceptable Plan" has the meaning set forth on Schedule 5.17.
 - "Accommodation Payment" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.14.
- "Account(s)" means "accounts" and "payment intangibles" as defined in the UCC, and the PPSA, as applicable, but limited to a right to payment of a monetary obligation, whether or not earned by performance, (i) for Inventory that has been or is to be sold, leased, licensed, assigned, or otherwise disposed of, (ii) for services rendered or to be rendered in connection with the sale, lease, license, assignment or other disposition of Inventory, or (iii) arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card in connection with the sale, lease, license, assignment or other disposition of Inventory. The term "Account" does not include (i) rights to payment evidenced by chattel paper or an instrument, (ii) commercial tort claims, (iii) deposit accounts, (iv) investment property, (v) letter-of-credit rights or letters of credit, or (vi) rights to payment for money or funds advanced or sold, other than rights arising out of the use of a credit or charge card or information contained on or for use with the card.
- "Acquisition" means, with respect to a specified Person, (a) an Investment in, or a purchase of, a fifty percent (50%) or greater interest in the Capital Stock of any other Person, (b) a purchase or acquisition of all or substantially all of the assets or any line or division of any other Person, or (c) any merger, amalgamation or consolidation of such Person with any other Person, in each case in any transaction or group of transactions which are part of a common plan.
- "<u>Actual Cash Receipts</u>" means the sum of all collections received by the Loan Parties (excluding any borrowings) during the relevant period of determination, as determined in a manner consistent with the Approved Budget.
- "Actual Disbursement Amount" means the sum of all cash operating disbursements, expenses and payments made by the Loan Parties during the relevant period of determination, as determined in a manner consistent with the Approved Budget.
- "Actual Inventory Levels" means the actual aggregate inventory levels of the Loan Parties as of the relevant date of determination which correspond to the budgeted aggregate inventory levels of the Loan Parties contained in borrowing base appendix portion of the Approved Budget opposite the heading "Ending Inventory", as determined in a manner consistent with the Approved Budget.
- "Actual Net Cash Flow" means the actual net cash flow of the Loan Parties as of the relevant date of determination which corresponds to the budgeted net cash flow of the Loan Parties during the relevant period of determination, as determined in a manner consistent with the Approved Budget.

- "Adequate Protection Liens" has the meaning assigned to the term "Adequate Protection Liens" in Paragraph 12 (*Adequate Protection Liens*) of the Interim Order (or the Final Order, when applicable).
- "Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims" has the meaning assigned to the term "Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims" in Paragraph 14 (*Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims*) of the Interim Order (or the Final Order, when applicable).
- "Adjusted LIBO Rate" means, with respect to any LIBO Borrowing for any Interest Period, an interest rate per annum (rounded up to the nearest 1/16th of 1% and in no event less than zero) equal to (i) the LIBO Rate for such Interest Period multiplied by (ii) the Statutory Reserve Rate. The Adjusted LIBO Rate will be adjusted automatically as to all LIBO Borrowings then outstanding as of the effective date of any change in the Statutory Reserve Rate.
 - "Administration Charge" has the meaning set forth in the Canadian Supplemental Order.
 - "Administrative Agent" has the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to a specified Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified.
- "Agent's Advisors" means any financial advisor, auditor, attorney, accountant, appraiser, auditor, business valuation expert, environmental engineer or consultant, turnaround consultant, and other consultants, professionals and experts retained by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent or the attorneys or other advisors of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent.
- "Agent Fee Letter" means the Agent Fee Letter dated February [____], 2020 by and among the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time.
 - "Agents" means collectively, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.
- "<u>Agreement</u>" means this Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-in-Possession Credit Agreement, as modified, amended, amended and restated, supplemented or restated, and in effect from time to time.
- "Agreement Value" means, for each Financial Hedge, on any date of determination, an amount determined by the applicable Person described below equal to:
 - (a) In the case of a Financial Hedge documented pursuant to an ISDA master agreement, the net amount, if any, that would be payable by any Loan Party to its counterparty to such Financial Hedge, as if (i) such Financial Hedge was being terminated early on such date of determination, (ii) such Loan Party was the sole "Affected Party" (as therein defined) and (iii) such Person providing such Financial Hedge was the sole party determining such payment amount (with such Person making such determination pursuant to the provisions of the form of ISDA master agreement);

- (b) In the case of a Financial Hedge traded on an exchange, the mark-to-market value of such Financial Hedge, which will be the net unrealized loss on such Financial Hedge to the Loan Party which is party to such Financial Hedge, determined by the Administrative Agent based on the settlement price of such Financial Hedge on such date of determination; or
- (c) In all other cases, the mark-to-market value of such Financial Hedge, which will be the unrealized loss on such Financial Hedge to the Loan Party that is party to such Financial Hedge determined by the Administrative Agent as the amount, if any, by which (i) the present value of the future cash flows to be paid by such Loan Party exceeds (ii) the present value of the future cash flows to be received by such Loan Party, in each case pursuant to such Financial Hedge.
- "Applicable Law" means as to any Person: (a) all laws, statutes, rules, regulations, orders, codes, ordinances or other requirements having the force of law; and (b) all court orders, decrees, judgments, injunctions, notices, binding agreements and/or rulings, in each case of or by any Governmental Authority which has jurisdiction over such Person, or any property of such Person.
- "Applicable Lenders" means the Required Lenders, the Required ABL Term Lenders or all Lenders, as applicable.
- "Applicable Margin" means, with respect to Revolving Credit Loans and FILO Loans, the applicable percentage per annum set forth below:

LIBO Applicable Margin for Revolving Credit Loans	Prime Rate Applicable Margin for Revolving Credit Loans	LIBO Applicable Margin for the FILO Loan	Prime Rate Applicable Margin for FILO Loans
3.00%	2.00%	4.50%	3.50%

- "Appraised Inventory Value" means the net appraised liquidation value (which is expressed as a percentage of Cost) of the Borrower's Eligible Inventory as set forth in the Borrower's inventory stock ledger as determined from time to time by an independent appraiser reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- "Appraisal Percentage" means (i) with respect to the Borrowing Base, ninety percent (90%), (ii) with respect to the FILO Borrowing Base, five percent (5%), and (iii) with respect to the ABL Term Borrowing Base, ten percent (10%).
- "Approved Budget" means the budget (including, without limitation, the borrowing base appendix thereto) prepared by the Borrower initially in the form of Schedule 5.16 (with updates as provided herein) and initially furnished to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders on or prior to the Closing Date and which is approved by, and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to, the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and

the Required Lenders in their sole discretion, as the same may be updated, modified or supplemented from time to time as provided in SECTION 5.16.

"Approved Budget Variance Report" means a weekly report provided by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent attached to the Budget Variance Certificate and showing, in each case, Actual Cash Receipts, Actual Disbursement Amounts, Actual Inventory Levels, Actual Net Cash Flow, Availability and total available liquidity for the last day of the Prior Week and the Cumulative Four Week Period, noting therein all variances, on a cumulative basis, from the amounts set forth for such period in the Approved Budget, and shall include explanations for all material variances (including whether such variance is permanent in nature or timing related).

"Arranger" means Bank of America, N.A.

"Assignment and Acceptance" means an assignment and acceptance entered into by a Lender and an assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by SECTION 9.04), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in the form of Exhibit A or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"Attorney Costs" means and includes all reasonable and documented or invoiced out-ofpocket fees, expenses and disbursements of any specified law firm or other specified external legal counsel.

"<u>Automatic / Canadian Stay</u>" means the automatic stay provided under Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and any stay of proceedings granted by the Canadian Court under the CCAA.

"Availability" means, as of any date of determination thereof, the result, if a positive number, of:

(a) the Line Cap as of such date:

Minus

(b) the aggregate amount of all outstanding Credit Extensions.

In calculating Availability at any time and for any purpose under this Agreement, the Borrower shall certify to the Administrative Agent that no accounts payable are being intentionally paid after their due date other than any such accounts payable (x) the validity or amount of which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (y) for which the Borrower has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP or (z) for which obligations are stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court.

"Availability Block" means an amount equal to the greater of (a) 10% of the Line Cap (as calculated without giving effect to clause (i) of the definition of "Borrowing Base") and (b) \$20,000,000.

"Availability Reserves" means, without duplication of any other Reserves or items that are otherwise addressed or excluded through eligibility criteria, such reserves as the Administrative

Agent, from time to time determines in its reasonable commercial discretion exercised in good faith as being appropriate (a) to reflect the impediments to the Agents' ability to realize upon the ABL Priority Collateral, (b) to reflect costs, expenses and other amounts that the Agents may incur or be required to pay to realize upon the ABL Priority Collateral, including, without limitation, on account of rent, Permitted Encumbrances, and customs and duties, and other costs to release Inventory which is being imported into the United States or Canada, (c) to reflect criteria, events, conditions, contingencies or risks which adversely affect any component of the Borrowing Base, the FILO Borrowing Base or the ABL Term Borrowing Base, (d) to reflect that an Event of Default then exists and (e) on account of Cash Management Services and Bank Products (including, as directed by the ABL Term Loan Agent in accordance with SECTION 8.18). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Availability Reserves may include (but are not limited to) reserves based on: (a) outstanding taxes and other governmental charges, including, without limitation, ad valorem, personal property, sales, goods and services, harmonized, and other taxes which could reasonably be expected to have priority over or be pari passu with the Liens of the Collateral Agent in the ABL Priority Collateral; (b) amounts deducted or withheld, or may be subject to withholding, and not paid and remitted when due under the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) which could reasonably be expected to have priority over or be pari passu with the Liens of the Collateral Agent; (c) Wage Earner Protection Act Reserve; (d) salaries, wages and benefits due to employees of any Loan Party, including, without limitation, reserves for amounts due and not paid for vacation pay, for amounts due and not paid under any legislation relating to workers' compensation or employment insurance, and for all amounts past due and not contributed, remitted or paid to any Plan, or any similar legislation, (e) Customer Credit Liabilities, (f) warehousemen's or bailees' charges or other obligations which could reasonably be expected to have priority over or be pari passu with the Liens of the Collateral Agent in the ABL Priority Collateral, (g) amounts due to vendors on account of consigned goods, (h) reserves for reasonably anticipated changes in the Appraised Inventory Value between appraisals (i) store closing reserves and amounts in respect of prevailing discounts, and (i) reserves on account of (i) the Administration Charge, (ii) the Directors' Charge (excluding for greater certainty any reserves in respect of obligations that are secured by the Directors' Charge and that are also captured in clauses (a) to (i) above); and (iii) any other items (in addition to, but not duplicative of, those captured in clauses (j)(i) and (ii)), required to be paid by order of the Canadian Court or that are the subject of a court ordered charge, reserve or holdback granted in priority to or pari passu with the Liens of the Collateral Agent in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings (such reserves in this clause (j), collectively, the "Canadian Claims Reserves").

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

"<u>Bail-In Legislation</u>" means, with respect to any EEA Member Country implementing Article 55 of Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union, the implementing law for such EEA Member Country from time to time which is described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

"Bank of America" means, Bank of America, N.A., a national banking association, and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

"Bank of America Concentration Account" means a DDA established by the Borrower with Bank of America and with respect to which the Collateral Agent has control (as defined in the UCC) pursuant to the Orders and, if applicable, a Blocked Account Agreement.

"Bank Products" means any services (other than Cash Management Services) or facilities provided to any Loan Party by any Person to the extent such Person was the Administrative Agent, a Revolving Lender or an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent or a Revolving Lender at the time such services or facilities were so provided, such services or facilities including, without limitation, on account of (a) credit or debit cards, (b) Financial Hedges, (c) purchase cards, and (d) supply chain finance services (including, without limitation, trade payable services, e-payables services and supplier accounts receivable purchases).

"Banker's Acceptance" means a time draft or bill of exchange (in each case, payable not more than ninety (90) days duration from acceptance) relating to a Commercial Letter of Credit which has been accepted by an Issuing Bank.

"Bankruptcy Cases" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereto.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11, U.S.C., as now or hereafter in effect, or any successor thereto.

"<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" means the U.S. Bankruptcy Court the Canadian Court, or both collectively, in each case, as the context requires.

"<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as the same may from time to time be in effect and applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases.

"<u>BIA</u>" means *The Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (Canada), and any regulations promulgated thereunder, if any, as amended from time to time.

"Blocked Account" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.18(a)(ii).

"Blocked Account Agreement" means with respect to an account established by a Loan Party, an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, establishing control (as defined in the UCC) of such account by the Collateral Agent and whereby the bank maintaining such account agrees to comply only with the instructions originated by the Collateral Agent without the further consent of any Loan Party. Without limiting the foregoing, all Existing Blocked Account Agreements shall for all purposes be deemed to be, and shall be subject to all provisions relating to, "Blocked Account Agreements" hereunder.

"Blocked Account Banks" means the banks with whom deposit accounts are maintained in which material amounts (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent) of funds of any of the Loan Parties from one or more DDAs are concentrated (including, without limitation, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, or any other Lender), and with whom a Blocked Account Agreement has been, or is required to be, executed in accordance with the terms hereof.

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

"Borrower" means Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc.

"Borrowing" means (a) a Revolving Borrowing, (b) the FILO Loan made or deemed to be made hereunder, or (c) the ABL Term Loan made or deemed to be made hereunder.

"Borrowing Base" means, at any time of calculation, an amount equal to:

(a) the face amount of Eligible Credit Card Receivables <u>multiplied by</u> the Credit Card Advance Rate for the Borrowing Base;

plus

(b) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory), net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied by</u> the Cost of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory) <u>multiplied by</u> the Inventory Appraisal Percentage for the Borrowing Base;

plus

(c) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory, net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied by</u> the Cost of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory <u>multiplied by</u> the Appraisal Percentage for the Borrowing Base;

minus

(d) the sum of the Carve-Out Reserve and the Canadian Claims Reserves.

minus

(e) the FILO Reserve, if any,

minus

(f) the ABL Term Loan Reserve, if any,

minus

(g) the Lease Reserve, if any,

minus

(h) the then amount of all Availability Reserves (other than the Canadian Claims Reserves maintained pursuant to clause (d) above),

minus

(i) the Availability Block.

"Borrowing Base Certificate" has the meaning provided in SECTION 5.01(d).

"Borrowing Request" means a request by the Borrower for a Borrowing in accordance with SECTION 2.04.

"Breakage Costs" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.16(b).

"<u>Budgeted Cash Receipts</u>" means the sum of the line items contained in the Approved Budget under the heading "Receipts" during the relevant period of determination.

"Budgeted Disbursement Amount" means the sum of the line items contained in the Approved Budget under the heading "Operating Disbursements" during the relevant period of determination.

"Budgeted Inventory Levels" means the budgeted aggregate inventory levels of the Loan Parties contained in borrowing base appendix portion of the Approved Budget opposite the heading "Ending Inventory" as of the relevant date of determination.

"Budgeted Net Cash Flow" means the sum of the line items contained in the Approved Budget under the heading "Net Cash Flow" during the relevant period of determination.

"Business Day" means any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in Boston, Massachusetts or Charlotte, North Carolina are authorized or required by law to remain closed; provided, however, that when used in connection with a LIBO Loan, the term "Business Day" shall also exclude any day on which banks are not open for dealings in dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

"<u>Canadian Claims Reserve</u>" has the meaning specified in the definition of Availability Reserves.

"Canadian Court" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereto.

"Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order" means an order of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, which order shall recognize the Final Order and shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, the Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and as the same may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time after entry thereof with the consent of the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, each acting reasonably.

"Canadian Initial Recognition Order" means an order of the Canadian Court which order shall recognize the Chapter 11 Cases as "foreign main proceedings" under Part IV of the CCAA, shall grant a stay of proceedings in Canada and commence the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, such order to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and as the same may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time after entry thereof with the consent of the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, each acting reasonably.

"Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order" means an order of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, which order shall, among other things, recognize the Interim Order and provide for a super priority charge over the Collateral of the Debtors located in Canada in respect of the Collateral Agent's Liens and shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and as the same may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time after entry thereof with the consent of the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, each acting reasonably . For the avoidance of doubt, the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order may be part of the Canadian Supplemental Order.

"Canadian Recognition Proceedings" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereto.

"Canadian Supplemental Order" means an order of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings, which order shall grant such additional relief as is customary in the proceedings under Part IV of the CCAA, and as the same may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time after entry thereof with the consent of the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, each acting reasonably.

"Capital Expenditures" means, with respect to any Person for any period, (a) the additions to property, plant and equipment and other capital expenditures of the Loan Parties that are (or would be) set forth in a Consolidated statement of cash flows of the Loan Parties for such period prepared in accordance with GAAP and (b) any assets acquired by a Capital Lease Obligation during such period; provided that the term "Capital Expenditures" shall not include the following (to the extent that the following would otherwise be included and without duplication): (i) [Reserved], (ii) any such expenditures to the extent any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries has received reimbursement in cash from a third party during such period other than from any other Loan Party or any Subsidiary of a Loan Party, in an amount not exceeding such reimbursement to the extent not required to be repaid, directly or indirectly, to such third party, (iii) the purchase price of equipment or Real Estate used in the business of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries in the ordinary course and purchased during such period to the extent the consideration therefor consists of any combination of (A) used or surplus equipment used in the business in the ordinary course and traded in at the time of such purchase, and (B) the proceeds of a concurrent sale of used or surplus equipment used in the business in the ordinary course, in each case, traded or sold in the ordinary course of business, (iv) capitalized interest of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, (v) any expenditure financed with the proceeds of Indebtedness (other than any Credit Extension) specifically designated for such purpose and which are so utilized within ninety (90) days after the receipt of such proceeds, (vi) any expenditure financed with the proceeds of Capital Stock specifically designated for such purpose and which are so utilized within one hundred eighty (180) days after the receipt of such proceeds, (vii) any expenditure to repair or replace any property which is financed with the proceeds from any casualty insurance or condemnation or eminent domain, to the extent that the proceeds therefrom are so utilized within one hundred eighty (180) days of the receipt of such proceeds, and (viii) any Capital Expenditures to the extent financed as Capital Lease Obligations.

"<u>Capital Lease Obligations</u>" means, with respect to any Person for any period, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations

are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP; <u>provided</u> that the adoption or issuance of any accounting standards (including ASU No. 2016-02) will not cause any lease (or any extensions or renewals of the same) that was not or would not have been classified or accounted for as a capital lease on a balance sheet of such Person prior to the adoption or issuance to be deemed a capital lease.

"Capital Stock" means, as to any Person that is a corporation, the authorized shares of such Person's capital stock, including all classes of common, preferred, voting and nonvoting capital stock, and, as to any Person that is not a corporation or an individual, the membership or other ownership interests in such Person, including, without limitation, the right to share in profits and losses, the right to receive distributions of cash and other property, and the right to receive allocations of items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit and similar items from such Person, whether or not such interests include voting or similar rights entitling the holder thereof to exercise control over such Person, collectively with, in any such case, all warrants, options and other rights to purchase or otherwise acquire, and all other instruments convertible into or exchangeable for, any of the foregoing; provided that in no event shall any Indebtedness (or instrument representing any Indebtedness) that is convertible into or exchangeable for any of the foregoing constitute "Capital Stock" (unless and until so converted or exchanged) or otherwise be considered a right to acquire "Capital Stock" for any purpose of this Agreement.

"Carve-Out" has the meaning assigned to the term "Carve-Out" in paragraph 40 (*Carve-Out*) of the Interim Order (or Final Order, when applicable).

"<u>Carve-Out Reserve</u>" means a reserve established by the Administrative Agent in respect of the Carve-Out and (without duplication) the Priority Carve-Out.

"<u>Cash Collateral</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term in the Interim Order (or Final Order, when applicable).

"Cash Collateral Account" means an interest bearing account established by the Loan Parties with the Collateral Agent, for its own benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Credit Parties, under the sole and exclusive dominion and control of the Collateral Agent, in the name of the Collateral Agent or as the Collateral Agent shall otherwise direct, in which deposits are required to be made in accordance with SECTION 2.13(k).

"Cash Management Order" means the order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered in the Chapter 11 Cases after the "first day" hearing, together with all extensions, modifications and amendments thereto, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, which among other matters authorizes the Debtors to maintain their existing cash management and treasury arrangements (as set forth in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement) or such other arrangements as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in all material respects.

"Cash Management Services" means the following cash management services provided to any Loan Party by any Person to the extent such Person was the Administrative Agent, a Revolving Lender or an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent or a Revolving Lender at the time such services

were so provided, such cash management services including, without limitation, (a) ACH transactions, (b) treasury and/or cash management services, including, without limitation, controlled disbursement services, treasury, depository, overdraft, and electronic funds transfer services, and (c) credit card processing services and other merchant services (other than those constituting a line of credit).

"Cash Receipts" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 2.18(b).

"CCAA" has the meaning provided in the Recitals hereto.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.

"Change in Control" means, at any time:

(a) any "change in/of control" or similar event as defined in the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement or any document governing Post-Petition Material Indebtedness of any Loan Party the occurrence of which would permit the holder of such Post-Petition Material Indebtedness or any trustee or agent on its behalf to cause such Indebtedness to become due, or to require the prepayment, repurchase, redemption or defeasance of such Indebtedness, prior to its scheduled maturity; or

(b) [reserved]; or

- (c) except as a result of any transaction consummated in connection with an Approved Plan, any person or "group" (within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), is or becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 or 13d-5 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) directly or indirectly of thirty-five percent (35%) or more (on a fully diluted basis) of the total then outstanding voting Capital Stock of the Parent, whether as a result of the issuance of securities of the Parent, a merger, amalgamation, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution of the Parent, a direct or indirect transfers of securities or otherwise; or
- (d) other than as a result of a transaction expressly permitted pursuant to SECTION 6.04 or SECTION 6.05, the Parent fails at any time to own, directly or indirectly, one hundred percent (100%) of the Capital Stock of each Loan Party free and clear of all Liens (other than "Permitted Encumbrances", in each case subject to the Intercreditor Agreement and any other intercreditor agreements with respect thereto).

"Change in Law" means (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty after the Closing Date, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the Closing Date, or (c) compliance by any Credit Party (or, for purposes of SECTION 2.14, by any lending office of such Credit Party or by such Credit Party's holding company, if any) with any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any Governmental Authority made or issued after the Closing Date; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in

connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or foreign regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Chapter 11 Cases" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Charges" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.13.

"Charter Document" means as to any Person, its partnership agreement, certificate or articles of incorporation, or amalgamation or amendment, operating agreement, membership agreement or similar constitutive document or agreement or its by-laws.

"Closing Date" means February [____], 2020.

"Closing Fee Letter" means the Closing Fee Letter dated February [____], 2020 by and among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders, as amended, amended and restated, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral" means (a) any and all "Collateral" or words of similar intent as defined in any applicable Security Document and (b) the "DIP Collateral" referred to in the Orders, it being understood that "Collateral" shall include all such "DIP Collateral" irrespective of whether any such property was excluded pursuant to the Pre-Petition Loan Documents.

"Collateral Access Agreement" means an agreement reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Agents and executed by (a) a bailee or other Person in possession of ABL Priority Collateral, and (b) any landlord of Real Estate leased by any Loan Party, pursuant to which such Person (i) acknowledges the Collateral Agent's Lien on the ABL Priority Collateral, (ii) releases or subordinates such Person's Liens in the ABL Priority Collateral held by such Person or located on such Real Estate, (iii) provides the Collateral Agent with access to the ABL Priority Collateral held by such bailee or other Person or located in or on such Real Estate, (iv) as to any landlord, provides the Collateral Agent with a reasonable time to sell and dispose of the ABL Priority Collateral from such Real Estate, and (v) makes such other agreements with the Agents as the Agents may reasonably require. Without limiting the foregoing, all Existing Collateral Access Agreements shall for all purposes be deemed to be, and shall be subject to all provisions relating to, "Collateral Access Agreements" hereunder.

"Collateral Agent" has the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Commercial Letter of Credit" means any Letter of Credit issued for the purpose of providing the primary payment mechanism in connection with the purchase of any materials, goods or services by the Borrower in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower.

"Commitment" means, with respect to each Lender, the aggregate commitment(s) of such Lender hereunder in the amount set forth opposite its name on Schedule 1.1 hereto or as may subsequently be set forth in the Register from time to time, as the same may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

"Committee" means an official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in any of the Chapter 11 Cases by the U.S. Trustee.

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

"Compliance Certificate" has the meaning provided in SECTION 5.01(c).

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

"Consolidated" means, when used to modify a financial term, test, statement, or report of a Person, the application or preparation of such term, test, statement or report (as applicable) based upon the consolidation, in accordance with GAAP, of the financial condition or operating results of such Person.

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

"Cost" means the cost of purchases, as reported on the Borrower's stock ledger based upon the Borrower's accounting practices, in effect on the Closing Date.

"Credit Card Advance Rate" means (i) with respect to the Borrowing Base, ninety percent (90%), (ii) with respect to the FILO Borrowing Base, five percent (5%), and (iii) with respect to the ABL Term Borrowing Base, ten percent (10%).

"Credit Card Notification" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.18(a)(i). Without limiting the foregoing, all Existing Credit Card Notifications shall for all purposes be deemed to be, and shall be subject to all provisions relating to, "Credit Card Notifications" hereunder.

"<u>Credit Extensions</u>" means each of the following: (a) a Revolving Credit Extension, (b) the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan made or deemed to be made hereunder, and (c) the outstanding amount of the ABL Term Loan made or deemed to be made hereunder.

"Credit Party" means (a) the Lenders, (b) the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent, and their Affiliates, (c) the Issuing Banks, (d) the Arranger, (e) the beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Loan Party under any Loan Document, (f) the Persons providing Cash Management Services or Bank Products to any Loan Party, (g) the Persons to whom Obligations are owing, and (h) the successors and permitted assigns of each of the foregoing.

"Credit Party Expenses" means, to the extent incurred in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents: (i) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Agents and their Affiliates on account of (x) the reasonable and documented fees and outof-pocket charges and disbursements of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, and Hudson Andrews Kurth LLP, and one other local or special counsel retained collectively by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, or the ABL Term Loan Agent in each relevant jurisdiction (and, in the event of an actual or perceived conflict of interest among the Credit Parties), one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to all affected Credit Parties taken as a whole), and (y) outside consultants for the Agents (including, without limitation, inventory appraisers, one commercial finance examiner, and one financial advisor), in connection with the preparation and administration of the Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions thereof (whether or not any such amendments, modification or waivers shall be consummated), and any workout, restructuring, negotiations, protection of rights hereunder or enforcement in respect hereof, (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the ABL Term Loan Agent on account of the reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket charges and disbursements of Choate Hall & Stewart LLP and of one local counsel in Virginia to the ABL Term Loan Agent, and one other local or special counsel retained collectively by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, or the ABL Term Loan Agent in each relevant jurisdiction (and, in the event of an actual or perceived conflict of interest among the Credit Parties, one additional counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to all affected Credit Parties taken as a whole), in each case, incurred in connection with the preparation and administration of the Loan Documents or any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions thereof (whether or not any such amendments, modification or waivers shall be consummated), and any workout, restructuring, negotiations, protection of rights hereunder or enforcement in respect hereof, (iii) all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Issuing Banks in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder, and (iv) all fees, costs and expenses described in SECTION 9.03.

"Cumulative Four Week Period" means the four-week period up to and through the Saturday of the most recent week then ended, commencing with the Petition Date through the Saturday of the most recent week then ended.

"Customer Credit Liabilities" means at any time, the aggregate remaining balance at such time of (a) outstanding gift certificates and gift cards for use at the Borrower entitling the holder thereof to use all or a portion of the certificate or gift card to pay all or a portion of the purchase price for any Inventory, and (b) outstanding merchandise credits and customer deposits of the Borrower.

"Customs Broker Agreement" means an agreement in substantially the form attached as Exhibit B annexed hereto, among the Borrower, a customs broker, freight forwarder, consolidator or other carrier, and the Collateral Agent, in which the customs broker, freight forwarder, consolidator or other carrier acknowledges that it has control over and holds the documents evidencing ownership of the subject Inventory for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and agrees, upon notice from the Collateral Agent, to hold and dispose of the subject Inventory and other property solely as directed by the Collateral Agent. Without limiting the foregoing, all Existing Customs Broker Agreements shall for all purposes be deemed to be, and shall be subject to all provisions relating to, "Customs Broker Agreements" hereunder.

"DDAs" means any checking or other demand deposit account maintained by the Loan Parties.

"Debtors' Advisors" has the meaning provided in SECTION 5.19.

"<u>Default</u>" means any event or condition described in SECTION 7.01 that constitutes an Event of Default or that upon notice, lapse of any cure period set forth in SECTION 7.01 or both would, unless cured or waived hereunder, become an Event of Default.

"Default Rate" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.12.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to SECTION 2.26(b), any Revolving Lender that (a) has defaulted in its monetary obligations under this Agreement, including any failure to (i) fund all or any portion of its Revolving Credit Loans within one Business Day of the date such Revolving Credit Loans were required to be funded hereunder, or (ii) pay to any Agent, any Issuing Bank, the Swingline Lender or any other Revolving Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) has notified the Borrower, any Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect or with respect to agreements under which such Revolving Lender commits to extend credit generally, (c) has failed, within two 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 Revolving Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (d) has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that has, (i) become the subject of a proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, the WURA or the CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, (ii) had appointed for it a receiver, custodian, conservator, trustee, administrator, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar Person charged with reorganization or liquidation of its business or assets, including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other state or federal regulatory authority acting in such a capacity or, in each case under clauses (d)(i) and (d)(ii) above, has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in, any such proceeding or appointment, or (iii) become the subject of a Bail-in Action; provided that a Revolving Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Capital Stock in that Revolving 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 Revolving 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 Revolving Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Revolving Lender. Any determination by any Agent that a Revolving Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of clauses (a) through (d) above, and of the effective date of such status, shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Revolving Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to SECTION 2.26(b)) as of the date established therefor by the Administrative Agent in a written notice of such determination, which shall be delivered by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, the Issuing Banks, the Swingline Lender and each other Revolving Lender promptly following such determination.

- "<u>Designated Jurisdiction</u>" means any country or territory to the extent that such country or territory itself is the subject of any Sanction.
- "<u>DIP Recognition Order</u>" means the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, whichever is in effect at the applicable time.
- "<u>Directors' Charge</u>" has the meaning set forth in an order of the Canadian Court in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings.
 - "Disbursement Accounts" shall have the meaning set forth in SECTION 2.18(f).
- "<u>Disclosed Matters</u>" means the actions, suits and proceedings and the environmental matters disclosed in the Information Certificate and in the litigation report as provided to the Administrative Agent prior to the Closing Date.
 - "dollars" or "\$" refers to lawful money of the United States of America.
- "<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary of any of the Loan Parties organized under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof.
- "EEA Financial Institution" means (a) any credit institution or investment firm established in any EEA Member Country which is subject to the supervision of an EEA Resolution Authority, (b) any entity established in an EEA Member Country which is a parent of an institution described in clause (a) of this definition, or (c) any financial institution established in an EEA Member Country which is a subsidiary of an institution described in clauses (a) or (b) of this definition and is subject to consolidated supervision with its parent.
- "EEA Member Country" means any of the member states of the European Union, Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway.
- "<u>EEA Resolution Authority</u>" means any public administrative authority or any person entrusted with public administrative authority of any EEA Member Country (including any delegee) having responsibility for the resolution of any EEA Financial Institution.
- "Eligible Assignee" means a bank, insurance company, or company engaged in the business of making commercial loans having, solely, in the case of an assignment of Revolving Commitments, a combined capital and surplus in excess of \$300,000,000, or any Credit Party or Affiliate of any Credit Party, or a Related Fund of any Credit Party, or any Person to whom a Credit Party assigns its rights and obligations under this Agreement as part of an assignment and transfer of such Credit Party's rights in and to a material portion of such Credit Party's portfolio of asset based credit facilities; provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, an "Eligible Assignee" shall not include the Borrower, any of the Borrower's Subsidiaries, any Defaulting Lender, or any natural Person (or any holding company, investment vehicle or trust for, or owned and operated for the primary benefit of, a natural Person). For the purposes of this Agreement, "Related Fund" shall mean, with respect to any Credit Party which is a fund that invests in loans, any other such fund managed by the same investment advisor as such Credit Party or by an Affiliate of such Credit Party or such advisor.

"Eligible Credit Card Receivables" means, as of any date of determination, Accounts due to the Borrower from major credit card processors, including, VISA, Mastercard, American Express, Diners Club, Discover and private label credit card processors or purchasers, in each case acceptable to the Administrative Agent, in its reasonable discretion, as arise in the ordinary course of business, which have been earned by performance. None of the following shall be deemed to be Eligible Credit Card Receivables:

- (a) Accounts due from major credit card processors that have been outstanding for more than five (5) Business Days from the date of transmission, or for such longer period(s) as may be approved by the Agents;
- (b) Accounts due from major credit card processors with respect to which the Borrower does not have good, valid and marketable title thereto, free and clear of any Lien (other than (i) Liens granted to the Collateral Agent for its own benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Credit Parties pursuant to the Security Documents, and (ii) Permitted Encumbrances);
- (c) Accounts due from major credit card processors that are not subject to a perfected first priority security interest or hypothec in favor of the Collateral Agent, for its own benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Credit Parties;
- (d) Accounts due from major credit card processors which are disputed or with respect to which a claim, counterclaim, offset or chargeback has been asserted by the related credit card processor (but only to the extent of such dispute, counterclaim, offset or chargeback) (it being the intent that chargebacks in the ordinary course by the credit card processors shall not be deemed violative of this clause);
- (e) Except as otherwise approved by the Agents, Accounts due from major credit card processors as to which the credit card processor has the right under certain circumstances to require the Borrower to repurchase the Accounts from such credit card processor; or
- (f) Accounts due from a credit card processor which the Administrative Agent, in its reasonable discretion, determines to be unlikely to be collected due to any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding of such credit card processor.

"<u>Eligible In-Transit Inventory</u>" means, as of the date of determination thereof (without duplication of other Eligible Inventory), Inventory:

- (a) Which has been shipped, or is waiting to be shipped and is not under the control of the seller of such Inventory and otherwise satisfies each of the requirements of this definition, from a foreign location for receipt by the Borrower within forty-five (45) days of the date of determination, but which has not yet been delivered to the Borrower;
 - (b) For which title has passed to the Borrower;
- (c) For which the document of title reflects the Borrower as the consignee and the shipper, or any other circumstance as to which the Collateral Agent has control over

the documents of title which evidence ownership of the subject Inventory (such as by the delivery of a Customs Broker Agreement);

- (d) Which is insured for not less than replacement cost; and
- (e) Which otherwise would constitute Eligible Inventory;

provided that the Administrative Agent may, in its reasonable discretion, exclude any particular Inventory from the definition of "Eligible In-Transit Inventory" in the event (x) the Administrative Agent determines that such Inventory is subject to any Person's right of reclamation, repudiation, stoppage in transit or any event has occurred or is reasonably anticipated by the Administrative Agent to arise which may otherwise adversely impact the value of such Inventory or the ability of the Agents to realize upon such Inventory or (y) the Borrower has commenced a full-chain liquidation.

"Eligible Inventory" means, as of the date of determination thereof, without duplication, (i) Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory, (ii) Eligible In-Transit Inventory, and (iii) items of Inventory of the Borrower that are finished goods, merchantable and readily saleable to the public in the ordinary course that are not excluded as ineligible by virtue of the one or more of the criteria set forth below. None of the following shall be deemed to be Eligible Inventory:

- (a) Inventory that is not solely owned by the Borrower, or is leased by or is on consignment to the Borrower, or the Borrower does not have good and valid title thereto;
- (b) Inventory (other than any Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory and/or Eligible In-Transit Inventory) that is (i) not located in the United States of America or Canada, or (ii) not located at a location that is owned or leased by the Borrower (other than with respect to Inventory in transit between the Borrower's stores and distribution centers within the United States or Canada), except, with respect to such locations described in this clause (ii) (other than public warehouses, as to which clause (i) below shall apply), to the extent that the Borrower has furnished the Collateral Agent with (A) any UCC financing statements, PPSA filings, *Civil Code of Québec* filings or publishings or other registrations that the Collateral Agent may reasonably determine to be necessary to perfect its security interest in such Inventory at such location, and (B) a Collateral Access Agreement executed by the Person owning any such location on terms reasonably acceptable to the Agents;
- (c) Except as otherwise agreed by the Agents, Inventory that represents goods which (i) are damaged, defective, "seconds," or otherwise unmerchantable, (ii) are to be returned to the vendor, (iii) are obsolete items or custom items for the end user of Inventory, work in process, raw materials, or that constitute spare parts or supplies used or consumed in the Borrower's business or (iv) are bill and hold goods;
- (d) Inventory that represents goods that do not conform in all material respects to the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or any of the Security Documents;
- (e) Inventory that is not subject to a perfected first priority security interest in favor of the Collateral Agent, for its own benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Credit

Parties (subject, with respect to priority only, to Permitted Encumbrances entitled to priority by operation of Applicable Law);

- (f) Inventory which consists of samples, labels, bags, packaging or shipping materials, and other similar non-merchandise categories;
- (g) Inventory as to which insurance in compliance with the provisions of SECTION 5.07 hereof is not in effect:
- (h) Inventory located at any distribution centers or public warehouses (solely to the extent that any such public warehouse is utilized by the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective agents for the storage of property for more than ten (10) consecutive Business Days) unless the Collateral Agent has received a Collateral Access Agreement, or if no such Collateral Access Agreement is obtained, an Availability Reserve shall be established with respect to such location in an amount equal to two (2) months' rent; or
- (i) Inventory located at any stores which are closed, other than in the ordinary course of business.

"<u>Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory</u>" means, as of the date of determination thereof (without duplication of other Eligible Inventory), Inventory:

- (a) Not yet delivered to the Borrower;
- (b) The purchase of which is supported by a Commercial Letter of Credit having a then remaining expiry of not more than seventy-five (75) days;
- (c) For which, if requested by the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent has control over the documents of title which evidence ownership of the subject Inventory (such as by the delivery of a Customs Broker Agreement); and
 - (d) Which otherwise would constitute Eligible In-Transit Inventory;

provided that the Administrative Agent may, in its reasonable discretion, exclude any particular Inventory from the definition of "Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory" in the event the Administrative Agent determines that such Inventory is subject to any Person's right of reclamation, repudiation, stoppage in transit or any event has occurred or is reasonably anticipated by any Agent to arise which may otherwise adversely impact the ability of the Agents to realize upon such Inventory.

"Environmental Laws" means all Applicable Laws issued, promulgated or entered into by or with any Governmental Authority, relating in any way to the protection of human health or the environment, to the preservation or reclamation of natural resources, to the handling, treatment, storage, disposal of Hazardous Materials or to the assessment or remediation of any Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Material or to the environment.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including, without limitation, any liability for damages, natural resource damage, costs of environmental remediation, administrative oversight costs, fines, penalties or indemnities), of any Loan Party directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials in violation of Environmental Laws, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials in violation of Environmental Laws, (d) the Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment in violation of Environmental Laws, (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing, or (f) the existence of Hazardous Material on, from, under or about any owned or formerly owned or occupied Real Estate of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries in violation of Environmental Laws.

"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 Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with the Parent, is treated as a single employer within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan); (b) the existence with respect to any Pension Plan of a failure to make the "minimum required contribution" (as defined in Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA) or with respect to a Multiemployer Plan of an "accumulated funding deficiency" (as defined in Section 431 of the Code or Section 304 of ERISA), whether or not waived; (c) the filing pursuant to Section 412(c) of the Code or Section 302(c) of ERISA of an application for a waiver of the minimum funding standard with respect to any Pension Plan; (d) the incurrence by the Parent or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Pension Plan; (e) the receipt by the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate from the PBGC or a Plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Pension Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Pension Plan(s); (f) the incurrence by the Parent or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to (i) the withdrawal from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a "substantial employer" (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or (ii) the cessation of operations by the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate which is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; or (g) the incurrence by the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate of any Withdrawal Liability or receipt by the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate of notification that a Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization.

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

"Event of Default" has the meaning assigned to such term in SECTION 7.01.

"Excluded DDA" means (i) a DDA which solely contains funds not constituting proceeds of the ABL Priority Collateral (it being understood that if such DDA contains any proceeds of

ABL Priority Collateral, it shall not constitute an Excluded DDA), (ii) a Trust Funds DDA, and (iii) a Disbursement Account.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to any Loan Party, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the guaranty by such Loan Party under the Facility Guarantee of, or the grant under a Loan Document by such Loan Party of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any guaranty thereof) is or becomes illegal under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation thereof) by virtue of such Loan Party's failure for any reason to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act (determined after giving effect to SECTION 9.23 hereof and any and all guarantees of such Loan Party's Swap Obligations by other Loan Parties) at the time the guaranty of such Loan Party, or grant by such Loan Party of a security interest, becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation. If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one Financial Hedges, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to Financial Hedges for which such guaranty or security interest is or becomes illegal.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to any Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its Lending Office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under SECTION 2.24) or (ii) such Lender changes its Lending Office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to SECTION 2.23(a)(ii) or (c), amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its Lending Office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with SECTION 2.23(e) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed pursuant to FATCA.

"Existing Blocked Account Agreements" means each of the "Blocked Account Agreements" entered into pursuant to the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Existing Collateral Access Agreements" means each of the "Blocked Account Agreements" entered into pursuant to the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Existing Credit Card Notifications" means each of the "Credit Card Notifications" delivered pursuant to the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Existing Letters of Credit" means each of the Letters of Credit issued by a Lender and outstanding on the Closing Date, as set forth in the Information Certificate.

"Existing Obligations" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.22.

"<u>Facility Guarantee</u>" means any Guarantee of the Obligations executed by the Facility Guarantors in favor of the Agents and the other Credit Parties.

"Facility Guarantors" means (i) the Parent and each of the Material Domestic Subsidiaries of the Parent, as listed on Schedule 1.2, (ii) each of the wholly-owned Material Domestic Subsidiaries of the Parent hereafter created or acquired, and (iii) any other Subsidiary of the Parent that Guarantees any Indebtedness incurred by the Borrower pursuant to the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility (or is a co-borrower with the Borrower thereunder) or any Indebtedness which is pari passu with or junior to the Liens securing the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility or unsecured, or any refinancings, replacements, extensions or renewals of any Indebtedness permitted hereunder.

"Facility Guarantors' Collateral Documents" means all security agreements, pledge agreements, deeds of trust, deeds of hypothec, intellectual property security agreements, and other instruments, documents or agreements executed and delivered by the Facility Guarantors to secure the Facility Guarantee and the Obligations.

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code as of the Closing Date (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, and any fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules or practices adopted pursuant to any intergovernmental agreement, treaty or convention among Governmental Authorities and implementing such Sections of the Code.

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

"<u>Fee Letter</u>" means, collectively, the Agent Fee Letter, the ABL Term Loan Fee Letter, and the Closing Fee Letter.

"FILO Borrowing Base" means, at any time of calculation, an amount equal to:

(a) the face amount of Eligible Credit Card Receivables <u>multiplied by</u> the Credit Card Advance Rate for the FILO Borrowing Base;

plus

(b) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory), net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied</u> by the Cost of Eligible Inventory (but excluding Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter

of Credit Inventory) <u>multiplied by</u> the Inventory Appraisal Percentage for the FILO Borrowing Base;

<u>plus</u>

(c) the Appraised Inventory Value of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory, net of Inventory Reserves, <u>multiplied by</u> the Cost of Eligible In-Transit Inventory and Eligible Letter of Credit Inventory <u>multiplied by</u> the Appraisal Percentage for the FILO Borrowing Base;

"<u>FILO Lender</u>" means, at any time, each Person that makes a FILO Loan to the Borrower in the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1</u> hereto or as may be subsequently set forth in the Register from time to time.

"<u>FILO Loan</u>" means any term loan made, or deemed made by the FILO Lenders to the Borrower, including to refinance the principal amount of the Pre-Petition FILO Loans outstanding, pursuant to this Agreement.

"FILO Loan Commitment" means, as to each FILO Lender, the obligation of such FILO Lender to make its portion of the FILO Loan to be made, or deemed made, on the Closing Date in the amount set forth opposite such FILO Lender's name on Schedule 1.1. The aggregate amount of the FILO Loan Commitments on the Closing Date is \$[15,000,000].

"FILO Notes" means the promissory notes of the Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit D-1, each payable to a FILO Lender, evidencing FILO Loans made to the Borrower.

"FILO Percentage" shall mean, with respect to each FILO Lender, that percentage of the FILO Loans of all the FILO Lenders hereunder held by such FILO Lender, in the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1</u> hereto or as may be subsequently set forth in the Register from time to time, as the same may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

"<u>FILO Reserve</u>" means an amount, at any time of calculation, equal to the excess of the then outstanding amount of the portion of the FILO Loan over the FILO Borrowing Base as reflected in the most recent Borrowing Base Certificate furnished by the Borrower. If at any time the circumstances giving rise to any imposition of the FILO Reserve have ceased to exist then immediately following receipt of a Borrowing Base Certificate in accordance with the terms hereof reflecting that no FILO Reserve is then applicable, the Administrative Agent shall remove such FILO Reserve.

"Final Order" means, collectively, the order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered in the Chapter 11 Cases after a final hearing under Bankruptcy Rule 4001(c)(2) or such other procedures as approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, which order shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders, and from which no appeal or motion to reconsider has been timely filed, or if timely filed, such appeal or motion to reconsider has been dismissed or denied with no further appeal and the time for filing such appeal has passed (unless Administrative Agent waives such requirement), together with all extensions, modifications, and amendments thereto, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory

to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, which, among other matters but not by way of limitation, authorizes the Loan Parties to obtain credit, incur (or guaranty) Indebtedness, and grant Liens under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, as the case may be, and provides for the super-priority of the Administrative Agent's and the Lenders' claims.

"Financial Hedge" means, for any Loan Party, any present or future, whether master or single, agreement, document, or instrument providing for, or constituting an agreement to enter into, (a) any commodity hedge, (b) any arrangement for foreign-currency-exchange protection, and (c) any interest-rate swap, cap, collar, or similar arrangement, including, without limitation, any "swap agreement" (as defined in 11 U.S.C.§101, as in effect from time to time, or any successor statute).

"<u>Financial Officer</u>" means, with respect to any Loan Party, the chief financial officer, treasurer, controller or vice president of accounting and reporting of such Loan Party.

"First Day Orders" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.01(q).

"Fiscal Month" means any fiscal month of any Fiscal Year, which month shall generally end as described on attached <u>Schedule 1.3</u>.

"<u>Fiscal Quarter</u>" means any fiscal quarter of any Fiscal Year, which quarters shall generally end as described on attached Schedule 1.3.

"<u>Fiscal Year</u>" means any period of twelve consecutive months ending as described on attached Schedule 1.3.

"<u>Foreign Lender</u>" means any Lender that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States, each State thereof and the District of Columbia.

"<u>Foreign Subsidiary</u>" means any Subsidiary that is organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than the United States of America or any State thereof or the District of Columbia.

"Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to any Issuing Bank, such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the Letter of Credit Outstandings other than Letter of Credit Outstandings as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Revolving Lenders or cash collateralized in accordance with SECTION 2.26, and (b) with respect to the Swingline Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of Swingline Loans other than Swingline Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Revolving Lenders in accordance with SECTION 2.26.

"GAAP" means accounting principles which are generally accepted in the United States in effect and applicable to that accounting period in respect of which reference to GAAP is being made, and consistently applied for all periods reported, subject to SECTION 1.03.

"<u>General Security Agreement</u>" means the Canadian General Security Agreement (governed by Ontario law) dated as of the Closing Date, entered into among each Loan Party (with Collateral located in Canada) and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Credit Parties thereunder.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America, Canada, or any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state, provincial or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, tribunal, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government.

"Government Securities" means (to the extent they mature within one (1) year from the date in question) readily marketable (a) direct full faith and credit obligations of the United States of America or Canada or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States of America or Canada, and (b) obligations of an agency or instrumentality of, or corporation owned, controlled, or sponsored by, the United States of America or Canada that are generally considered in the securities industry to be implicit obligations of the United States of America or Canada, as applicable.

"Guarantee" of or by any Person (the "guarantor") means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of the guarantor guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of the guarantor, direct or indirect, (a) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other obligation or to purchase (or to advance or supply funds for the purchase of) any security for the payment thereof, (b) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the owner of such Indebtedness or other obligation of the payment thereof, (c) to maintain working capital, equity capital or any other financial statement condition or liquidity of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other obligation or (d) as an account party in respect of any letter of credit or letter of guaranty issued to support such Indebtedness or obligation, provided that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business.

"Hazardous Materials" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, infectious or medical wastes, mold, fungi or similar bacteria, and all other substances or wastes of any nature regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law because of their dangerous or deleterious properties, including any material listed as a hazardous substance under Section 101(14) of CERCLA.

"Inadvertent Overadvances" means the funding of any Revolving Credit Loan or the issuance, renewal or amendment of a Letter of Credit which either (x) results from the funding of the Carve-Out, the Priority Carve-Out or any Canadian Claims Reserves in compliance with the Orders, or (y) did not result in an Overadvance when made based upon the most recent Borrowing Base Certificate received by the Administrative Agent prior to such funding or issuance, renewal or amendment of a Letter of Credit but which has, on the relevant date of determination, become

an Overadvance as the result of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Administrative Agent or the other Revolving Lenders (including as the result of the entry of an adverse order for use of cash collateral by the Bankruptcy Court), including (i) a decline in the value of the Collateral included in the Borrowing Base, (ii) errors or fraud on a Borrowing Base Certificate, (iii) components of the Borrowing Base on any date thereafter being deemed ineligible, (iv) the return of uncollected checks or other items of payment applied to the reduction of Revolving Credit Loans or other similar involuntary or unintentional actions, (v) the imposition of any Reserve or a reduction in advance rates after the funding of any Revolving Credit Loan or the issuance, renewal or amendment of a Letter of Credit or (vi) any other circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the Administrative Agent or the other Revolving Lenders which reduces availability or the amount that can be borrowed under this Agreement.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means, without duplication:

- (a) All obligations of such Person for borrowed money (including any obligations which are without recourse to the credit of such Person);
- (b) All obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments;
- (c) All obligations of such Person under conditional sale or other title retention agreements relating to property acquired by such Person;
- (d) All obligations of such Person in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services (excluding current accounts payable and accrued liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business);
- (e) All Indebtedness of others secured by (or for which the holder of such Indebtedness has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property owned or acquired by such Person, whether or not the Indebtedness secured thereby has been assumed;
 - (f) All Guarantees by such Person of Indebtedness of others;
 - (g) All Capital Lease Obligations of such Person;
- (h) All obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person as an account party in respect of letters of credit and letters of guaranty;
- (i) All obligations, contingent or otherwise, of such Person in respect of bankers' acceptances;
 - (j) All Financial Hedges; and
- (k) The principal and interest portions of all rental obligations of such Person under any Synthetic Lease, tax retention operating lease, off-balance sheet loan or similar off-balance sheet financing where such transaction is considered borrowed money

indebtedness for tax purposes but is classified as an operating lease in accordance with GAAP as in effect on the Closing Date.

The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

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

"Indemnitee" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.04(a).

"Information" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.16.

"<u>Information Certificate</u>" means the Information Certificate dated as of the Closing Date delivered by the Loan Parties to the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Information Officer</u>" means Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as information officer of the Debtors in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings.

"Intellectual Property Security Agreement" means the security agreements with respect to intellectual property dated as of the Closing Date by and among certain of the Loan Parties and the Collateral Agent.

"<u>Intercreditor Acknowledgment</u>" means that certain Acknowledgment and Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, by and among the Administrative Agent, the Pre-Petition Agent and the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agent and acknowledged by the Loan Parties.

"Intercreditor Agreement" means that certain Intercreditor Agreement dated as of April 30, 2014 by and among the Administrative Agent for the Credit Parties and the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agent, as agent for the Term Loan Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) and acknowledged by the Loan Parties, as supplemented and modified by the Intercreditor Acknowledgment and as may be further amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified and in effect from time to time.

"Interest Payment Date" means (a) with respect to any Prime Rate Loan (including a Swingline Loan), the first day of each calendar month and (b) with respect to any LIBO Loan, on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the Borrowing of which such LIBO Loan is a part.

"Interest Payment Date for ABL Term Loans" means with respect to any ABL Term Loan, the first day of each calendar month.

"Interest Period" means, with respect to any LIBO Borrowing, the period commencing on the date of such Borrowing and ending on the numerically corresponding day in the calendar month that is one (1) month thereafter; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (a) if any Interest Period would end on a day other than a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding

Business Day unless such next succeeding Business Day would fall in the next calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day, (b) any Interest Period that commences on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the last calendar month during which such Interest Period ends) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month of such Interest Period, (c) any Interest Period that would otherwise end after the Termination Date shall end on the Termination Date, and (d) notwithstanding the provisions of clause (c), no Interest Period shall have a duration of less than one (1) month, and if any Interest Period applicable to a LIBO Borrowing would be for a shorter period, such Interest Period shall not be available hereunder. For purposes hereof, the date of a Borrowing initially shall be the date on which such Borrowing is made and thereafter shall be the effective date of the most recent conversion or continuation of such Borrowing.

"Interim Order" means, collectively, the order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court entered in the Chapter 11 Cases after an interim hearing (assuming satisfaction of the standard prescribed in Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 4001 and other applicable law), together with all extensions, modifications, and amendments thereto, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, which, among other matters but not by way of limitation, authorizes, on an interim basis, the Borrower and Guarantors to execute and perform under the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

"In-Transit Inventory" means Inventory of the Borrower which is in the possession of a common carrier and is in transit from a location outside of the United States to a location of the Borrower that is within the United States or Canada in which the Borrower has a store location or a distribution center.

"Inventory" has the meaning assigned to such term in the Security Agreement or the General Security Agreement and, as regards inventory located in Canada, includes all "inventory" as defined in the PPSA.

"Inventory Appraisal Percentage" means (i) with respect to the Borrowing Base, ninety percent (90%), (ii) with respect to the FILO Borrowing Base, five percent (5%), and (iii) with respect to the ABL Term Borrowing Base, ten percent (10%).

"Inventory Reserves" means such reserves as may be established from time to time by the Administrative Agent and without duplication of Availability Reserves or other eligibility criteria or Reserves, in the Administrative Agent's reasonable commercial discretion exercised in good faith with respect to changes in the determination of the saleability, at retail, of the Eligible Inventory, which reflect such other factors as negatively affect the market value of the Eligible Inventory or which reflect claims and liabilities that the Administrative Agent determines in its reasonable discretion will need to be satisfied in connection with the realization upon the Inventory.

"Investment" means with respect to any Person:

- (a) The acquisition by such Person of any Capital Stock, evidence of Indebtedness or other security of another Person, including any option, warrant or right to acquire the same;
- (b) Any loan, advance, contribution to capital, Guarantee of any obligation of another Person, extension of credit (except for current trade and customer accounts receivable for inventory sold or services rendered in the ordinary course of business and payable in accordance with customary trade terms) to another Person;
 - (c) Any Acquisition; and
- (d) Any other investment or interest in any Person that is required by GAAP to be classified on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes) of the Borrower in the same manner as the other investments included in this definition to the extent such transactions involve the transfer of cash or other property,

in all cases whether now existing or hereafter made. The amount of any Investment outstanding at any time shall be the original cost of such Investment, reduced by any dividend, distribution, interest payment, return on capital, repayment or other amount received in cash by the Borrower or a Subsidiary in respect of such Investment.

"<u>Investment Banker</u>" means an investment banker reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed, denied or conditioned). For the avoidance of doubt, Guggenheim Securities LLC constitutes a reasonably acceptable Investment Banker.

"Issuing Banks" means, individually and collectively, in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, any Revolving Lender (or any Person who was a Revolving Lender (or an Affiliate of such Revolving Lender at such time) at the time of issuance of the Letter of Credit). Any Revolving Lender, as Issuing Bank, may, in its discretion, arrange for one or more Letters of Credit to be issued by Affiliates of such Issuing Bank, in which case the term "Issuing Bank" shall include any such Affiliate with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate. No Lender shall be an Issuing Bank unless such Revolving Lender shall have agreed in writing to serve as an Issuing Bank hereunder.

"<u>Joinder Agreement</u>" shall mean an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Administrative Agent, pursuant to which, among other things, a Person becomes a party to, and bound by the terms of, this Agreement and/or the other Loan Documents in the same capacity and to the same extent as either a Borrower or a Facility Guarantor, as the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may agree.

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

"<u>Lease</u>" means any written agreement, no matter how styled or structured, pursuant to which a Loan Party is entitled to the use or occupancy of any space in a structure, land, improvements or premises for any period of time.

"<u>Lease Rejection Date</u>" means the last day of the 120-day lease rejection/assumption period, as such period may be extended or shortened by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

"Lease Reserve" means a reserve, in an amount established by the Administrative Agent in its Permitted Discretion, in respect of (a) Inventory held at any leased Store locations intended to be closed with respect to which the Lease therefor is, or is intended to be, terminated by the applicable Loan Party (other than any Store location subject to the Specified Store Closing Sale unless such location is subject of a lease rejection motion or there has been filed a motion with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to compel the assumption or rejection of the lease), or (b) Inventory at leased Store locations with respect to which the Lease has not been assumed commencing on the Lease Reserve Commencement Date, or with respect to any specific location, the date that is fifteen (15) weeks prior to the expiration of such period of time as shall have been consented to for rejection/assumption of such Lease by the landlord for such location and approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, in each case in an amount determined by the Administrative Agent in its commercially reasonable discretion.

"<u>Lease Reserve Commencement Date</u>" means the later of (x) March 23, 2020, solely to the extent that the DIP Milestone set forth in set forth in Section (a)(iii) of <u>Schedule 5.17</u> has not been achieved, and (y) the date that is fifteen (15) weeks prior to the Lease Rejection Date.

"<u>Lenders</u>" means the Persons identified on <u>Schedule 1.1</u> hereto and each assignee that becomes a party to this Agreement as set forth in SECTION 9.05(b).

"Letter of Credit" means a letter of credit that is issued by an Issuing Bank pursuant to this Agreement for the account of the Borrower, constituting either a Standby Letter of Credit or Commercial Letter of Credit, issued in connection with the purchase of Inventory by the Borrower and for other purposes for which the Borrower has historically obtained letters of credit, in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or for any other purpose that is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, and in form reasonably satisfactory to the Issuing Bank, provided that any Letter of Credit issued by a Person who was a Revolving Lender (or an Affiliate of such Revolving Lender at such time) at the time of issuance of a Letter of Credit, but is no longer a Revolving Lender, shall be deemed a Letter of Credit hereunder (other than for purposes of SECTIONS 2.19(c) and (d)) only until (i) such Letter of Credit has expired without being drawn, been returned undrawn, or has been otherwise terminated, or (ii) the amounts available thereunder have been drawn and such Person has received reimbursement for such drawing. Letters of Credit may permit payment by presentation of either a sight draft or a time draft (not to exceed ninety (90) days) as selected by the Borrower. Without limiting the foregoing, all Banker's Acceptances and all Existing Letters of Credit shall for all purposes be deemed to be, and shall be subject to all provisions relating to, "Letters of Credit" hereunder.

"<u>Letter of Credit Disbursement</u>" means a payment made by an Issuing Bank to the beneficiary of, and pursuant to, a Letter of Credit.

"<u>Letter of Credit Fees</u>" means the fees payable in respect of Letters of Credit pursuant to SECTION 2.19(c).

"<u>Letter of Credit Outstandings</u>" means, at any time, the sum of (a) the Stated Amount of all Letters of Credit outstanding at such time, <u>plus</u> (b) all amounts theretofore drawn or paid under Letters of Credit for which the Issuing Bank has not then been reimbursed.

"<u>LIBO Borrowing</u>" means a Revolving Borrowing or the Borrowing of the FILO Loan comprised of LIBO Loans.

"<u>LIBO Loan</u>" shall mean any Revolving Credit Loan or the amount of the outstanding FILO Loan bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate in accordance with the provisions of Article II (other than a Prime Rate Loan).

"<u>LIBO Rate</u>" means the per annum rate of interest (rounded up to the nearest 1/16th of 1% and in no event less than zero) determined by the Administrative Agent at or about 11:00 a.m. (London time) two Business Days prior to an interest period for a term equivalent to such period, equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate, or comparable or successor rate approved by the Administrative Agent as published on the applicable Reuters screen page (or other commercially available source designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time); provided, that any comparable or successor rate shall be applied by the Administrative Agent, if administratively feasible, in a manner consistent with market practice.

"<u>Lien</u>" means, with respect to any asset, (a) any lien, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance (choate or inchoate), charge or security interest in, on or of such asset, and, with respect to the Collateral located in Canada, also includes any prior claim or deemed trust in, on or of such asset, and (b) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset.

"<u>Line Cap</u>" means the sum of (a) the Revolving Line Cap, <u>plus</u> (b) the then outstanding amount of the FILO Loan, plus (c) the then outstanding amount of the ABL Term Loan.

"Loan Account" has the meaning assigned to such term in SECTION 2.20.

"Loan Documents" means this Agreement, the Orders, the Notes, the Letters of Credit, the Fee Letter, all Approved Budgets, all Approved Budget Variance Reports, all Borrowing Base Certificates, all Compliance Certificates, the Blocked Account Agreements, the Collateral Access Agreements, the Customs Broker Agreements, the Credit Card Notifications, the Security Documents, the Facility Guarantee, the Facility Guarantors' Collateral Documents, the Intercreditor Agreement, the Intercreditor Acknowledgment and any other instrument or agreement now or hereafter executed and delivered in connection herewith.

"Loan Party" or "Loan Parties" means the Borrower and the Facility Guarantors.

"Loans" means all Revolving Credit Loans, the FILO Loan, or the ABL Term Loan, as the context may require, and other advances to or for account of the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement.

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

"Material Adverse Effect" means any event, fact, or circumstance, which, after the Closing Date, has a material adverse effect on, (a) the business, assets, financial condition or income of the Loan Parties taken as a whole (other than by virtue of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases and the events and conditions leading up, resulting from or reasonably related thereto), or (b) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, in any material respect, or any of the material rights or remedies of the Credit Parties hereunder or thereunder.

"<u>Material Contract</u>" means, with respect to any Loan Party, each contract (x) which, as of the Petition Date, was a "Material Contract" under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement (but excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement and other documents under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility), and (y) each other contract entered into after the Petition Date to which such Loan Party is a party and which has been filed or is required to be filed as an exhibit to any report filed by any Loan Party with the SEC.

"Material Domestic Subsidiary" means as to any Person, a Domestic Subsidiary of such Person that, as of the end of the most recent Fiscal Quarter for which financial statements are available owns assets consisting of Inventory and Accounts of more than \$1,000,000, individually. The designation of a Subsidiary as a "Material Domestic Subsidiary" shall be permanent notwithstanding any subsequent reduction in such Subsidiary's assets, unless otherwise consented to by the Administrative Agent. As of the Closing Date, the Subsidiaries listed on Schedule 1.4 are not Material Domestic Subsidiaries.

"<u>Material Indebtedness</u>" means Indebtedness incurred after the Petition Date (other than the Obligations and inter-company Indebtedness) of the Loan Parties in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$5,000,000. For purposes of determining the amount of Material Indebtedness at any time, the amount of the obligations in respect of any Financial Hedge at such time shall be calculated at the Agreement Value thereof.

"Maturity Date" means August [____], 2020; provided that, if such day is not a Business Day, the applicable Maturity Date shall be the Business Day immediately succeeding such day.

"Maximum Rate" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.14.

"Minority Lenders" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.02(c).

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc.

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

"Multiple Employer Plan" means a Plan subject to ERISA which has two or more contributing sponsors (including the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate) at least two of whom are not under common control, as such a plan is described in Section 4064 of ERISA.

"Net Proceeds" means, with respect to any event, (a) the cash proceeds received in respect of such event, including (i) any cash received in respect of any non-cash proceeds, but only as and

when received, (ii) in the case of a casualty, insurance cash proceeds, and (iii) in the case of a condemnation or similar event, condemnation cash awards and similar cash payments, in each case net of (b) the sum of (i) all reasonable fees and out-of-pocket expenses (including appraisals, and brokerage, legal, title and recording tax expenses and commissions) paid by any Loan Party or a Subsidiary to third parties (other than Affiliates) in connection with such event, (ii) in the case of a sale or other disposition of an asset (including pursuant to a casualty or condemnation), the amount of all payments required to be made by any Loan Party as a result of such event to repay (or to establish an escrow for the repayment of) any Indebtedness (other than the Obligations and any other obligations secured by the Security Documents) secured by such asset or otherwise subject to mandatory prepayment as a result of such event, or a Permitted Encumbrance that is senior to the Lien of the Collateral Agent, and (iii) cash Taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be actually payable in cash in connection therewith (it being understood and agreed that (x) until actually paid, the amount of such Taxes shall be maintained in a segregated DDA of the Borrower and not used for any other purpose (nor swept pursuant to the terms of SECTION 2.18), and (y) upon payment of any such Taxes, "Net Proceeds" shall be deemed to include an amount equal to any amounts in excess of the Taxes actually paid and shall be promptly paid to the Administrative Agent).

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

"Notes" means, collectively, (i) Revolving Credit Notes, (ii) the Swingline Note, (iii) the FILO Notes and (iv) the ABL Term Notes, each as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

"Obligations" means the Revolving and FILO Obligations and/or the ABL Term Obligations, as the context may require.

" $\overline{\text{OFAC}}$ " means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

"Orders" means, as applicable, and as the context may require, the Interim Order, the Canadian Initial Recognition Order, the DIP Recognition Order, the Canadian Supplemental Order, and/or the Final Order, whichever is then applicable, or collectively.

"Other Liabilities" means any transaction with any Agent, any Revolving Lender or any of their respective Affiliates, which arises out of any Bank Product or Cash Management Service provided by any such Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Person to the extent such Person was an Agent, a Revolving Lender or an Affiliate of an Agent or a Revolving Lender at the time such Bank Product or Cash Management Service was provided), as each may be amended from time to time.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security

interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to SECTION 2.24).

"Overadvance" means a Revolving Credit Loan, advance, or providing of credit support (such as the issuance of a Letter of Credit) to the extent that, immediately after its having been made, Availability is less than zero.

"Participant" shall have the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.05(e).

"Parent" means Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

"Participant Register" has the meaning provided therefor in SECTION 9.05(e).

"Paid in Full" means the date on which (i) the Commitments shall have expired or been terminated, the Lenders have no further obligation to make any Loans and the Issuing Banks shall have no further obligation to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, (ii) the principal of and interest on all Loans and all fees, expenses and indemnities and other Obligations (other than any contingent indemnification Obligations for which no claim has then been asserted) shall have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, (iii) all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated or been cash collateralized to the extent provided herein (or, alternatively, the applicable Issuing Bank(s) shall have received, in form and substance and from an issuing bank reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and such Issuing Bank, a backstop letter of credit in an amount equal to 103% of the Letter of Credit Outstandings with respect to such Letters of Credit) and (iv) all Letter of Credit Disbursements shall have been reimbursed. "Payment in Full" shall have a correlative meaning.

"Pathlight" means Pathlight Capital LP and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

"Payoff Letter" means the payoff letter dated as of the Closing Date by and among the Borrower, the Agents and the ABL Term Loan Agent, with respect to the repayment in full of the Pre-Petition Obligations and the refinancing of the credit facility under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement pursuant to this Agreement.

"<u>PBGC</u>" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

"Pension Act" means the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

"<u>Pension Funding Rules</u>" means the rules of the Code and ERISA regarding minimum required contributions (including any installment payment thereof) to Pension Plans and set forth in, with respect to plan years ending prior to the effective date of the Pension Act, Section 412 of

the Code and Section 302 of ERISA, each as in effect prior to the Pension Act and, thereafter, Section 412, 430, 431, 432 and 436 of the Code and Sections 302, 303, 304 and 305 of ERISA.

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

"Permitted Disposition" means any of the following:

- (a) licensed departments of a Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;
 - (b) the Specified Store Closing Sale;
- (c) Dispositions of equipment that is substantially worn, damaged, obsolete or, in the judgment of a Loan Party, no longer used or useful in its business or that of any Subsidiary;
 - (d) Sales, transfers and dispositions among the Loan Parties;
- (e) Any sale or sale-leaseback transaction of Real Estate owned by any of the Loan Parties, <u>provided</u> that, in the case of any such sale-leaseback, upon request by the Administrative Agent, the Loan Parties shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a Collateral Access Agreement duly executed by the purchaser of such Real Estate on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;
- (f) Disposition of any assets or capital stock of any Subsidiary or Person which is not a Loan Party;
- (g) The transfer of company-owned life insurance policies, participant contributions, and/or employer matching funds to one or more of the sub-trusts established under the Pier 1 Umbrella Trust, as amended, for the sole purpose of setting aside funds to be used to settle obligations under one or more non-qualified deferred compensation plans maintained by the Parent and its employing Subsidiaries;
- (h) Other Dispositions by Loan parties in an aggregate amount of up to \$1,000,000; *provided that* no Event of Default shall have occurred or shall occur as a result of giving effect to such Disposition;
 - (i) Dispositions set forth in the Information Certificate; and
- (j) other Dispositions contemplated by the Approved Budget, the First Day Orders or the Orders.

"Permitted Dividends" means:

- (a) Dividends with respect to Capital Stock payable solely in additional shares of or warrants to purchase common stock;
- (b) Stock splits (traditional and reverse) or reclassifications of stock into additional or other shares of common stock;
- (c) The declaration and payment of a dividend by any Subsidiary of a Loan Party to a Loan Party;
- (d) other dividends and payments contemplated by the Approved Budget, the First Day Orders or the Orders; and
- (e) to the extent constituting a dividend, transactions permitted by SECTION 6.02, SECTION 6.04 and SECTION 6.05.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means:

- (a) Liens imposed by law for Taxes (i) not yet due, (ii) if past due, are being contested or otherwise not required to be paid in compliance with SECTION 5.05, or (iii) the nonpayment of which is stayed by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court;
- (b) Carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's and other like Liens imposed by Applicable Law, arising in the ordinary course of business and securing obligations (i) to the extent they are not overdue by more than thirty (30) days or (ii) if overdue by more than thirty (30) days, (x) are being contested in compliance with SECTION 5.05, (y) are stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court, or (z) are otherwise not required to be paid under Applicable Law;
- (c) Subject to the Order and the terms thereof, pledges and deposits made in the ordinary course of business in compliance with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security laws or regulations;
- (d) Deposits to secure or relating to the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds (and Liens arising in accordance with Applicable Law in connection therewith), and other obligations of a like nature, in each case in the ordinary course of business;
- (e) Judgment Liens in respect of judgments that do not constitute an Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(i);
- (f) Easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions, building code laws, zoning restrictions, rights-of-way, mineral leases or similar agreements and similar encumbrances on real property imposed by law or arising in the ordinary course of business that do not secure any monetary obligations and do not materially detract from the value of the affected property or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of business of a Loan Party;

- (g) Any Lien on any property or asset of any Loan Party as of the Closing Date set forth in the Information Certificate and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof to the extent permitted under SECTION 6.01 and the Orders;
- (h) Liens securing Indebtedness in respect of Capitalized Leases permitted under clause (e) of Permitted Indebtedness, *provided that* such Liens encumber only the assets subject to such Capitalized Lease Obligations;
- (i) Liens granted under the Loan Documents and set forth in the Orders in favor of the Collateral Agent for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Credit Parties;
- (j) Landlords' and lessors' Liens in respect of rent not in default for more than thirty (30) days or the existence of which, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (k) Possessory Liens in favor of brokers and dealers arising in connection with the acquisition or disposition of Investments owned as of the Closing Date and Permitted Investments, <u>provided</u> that such liens (a) attach only to such Investments and (b) secure only obligations incurred in the ordinary course and arising in connection with the acquisition or disposition of such Investments and not any obligation in connection with margin financing;
- (l) Liens arising solely by virtue of any statutory or common law provisions relating to banker's liens, liens in favor of securities intermediaries, rights of setoff or similar rights and remedies as to deposit accounts or securities accounts or other funds maintained with depository institutions or securities intermediaries;
- (m) Liens contemplated by the Approved Budget, the First Day Orders or the Orders;
 - (n) Liens in respect of Indebtedness under the Carve-Out;
- (o) Liens arising from precautionary UCC or PPSA filings regarding "true" operating leases or the consignment of goods to a Party;
- (p) Liens on insurance proceeds incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with the financing of insurance premiums and contemplated in the Approved Budget;
- (q) Liens in favor of customs and revenues authorities imposed by Applicable Law arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the importation of goods and securing obligations (i) that are not overdue by more than thirty (30) days, (ii)(A) that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (B) the applicable Loan Party or Subsidiary has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (C) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and enforcement of any Lien securing such obligation, or (iii) the existence of which would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;

- (r) Liens placed on any of the assets or equity interests of a Foreign Subsidiary;
- (s) Any interest or title of a licensor, sublicensor, lessor or sublessor under any license or operating or true lease agreement;
- (t) Licenses, sublicenses, leases or subleases-granted to third Persons in the ordinary course of business;
- (u) The replacement, extension or renewal of any Permitted Encumbrance to the extent permitted under the Orders; provided that, such Lien shall at no time be extended to cover any assets or property other than such assets or property subject thereto on the Closing Date or the date such Lien was incurred, as applicable;
- (v) Liens arising by operation of law under Article 4 of the UCC (or any similar law in Canada) in connection with collection of items provided for therein;
- (w) Liens arising by operation of law under Article 2 of the UCC (or any similar laws in Canada) in favor of a reclaiming seller of goods or buyer of goods;
- (x) Liens on operating accounts subject to overdraft protection or securities accounts in connection with overdraft protection, netting and other similar services;
- (y) Security given to a public or private utility or any Governmental Authority as required in the ordinary course of business;
- (z) The (i) Adequate Protection Liens and (ii) Adequate Protection Superpriority Claims;
- (aa) Liens consisting of deposits in the ordinary course of business in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (bb) Liens permitted by the Order to secure Indebtedness permitted pursuant to clause (m) of the definition of Permitted Indebtedness and obligations with respect thereto, including obligations of the type described under the definitions of "Bank Products" and "Cash Management Services" entered into with lenders or agents under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Documents and/or their Affiliates to the extent the Borrower elects to secure such obligations under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Documents; provided that such Liens shall at all times be subject to the Intercreditor Agreement and the Intercreditor Acknowledgment or an intercreditor in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and duly executed by the Term Agent; and
- (cc) Liens permitted by the Orders and the Cash Management Order in favor of a financial institution encumbering deposits (including the right of set off) held by such financial institution in the ordinary course of business in respect of Indebtedness permitted hereunder and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking industry.

"Permitted Indebtedness" means each of the following:

- (a) Indebtedness (i) consisting of the Obligations and the Pre-Petition Obligations and (ii) under the Carve-Out;
- (b) Indebtedness set forth in the Information Certificate outstanding on the Closing Date and extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness permitted by the Orders and contemplated by the Approved Budget, so long as after giving effect thereto (i) the principal amount of the Indebtedness outstanding at such time is not increased;
 - (c) Indebtedness of any Loan Party to any other Loan Party;
- (d) Guarantees by any Loan Party of Indebtedness or other obligations of (i) any other Loan Party, and (ii) any other Subsidiary of the Borrower so long as, in the case of this clause (ii), such Guarantees (together with any Investments made pursuant to subclause (y) of clause (i) and clause (p) of the definition of "Permitted Investments") are contemplated by the Approved Budget and do not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (e) Purchase money Indebtedness of any Loan Party to finance the acquisition or improvement of any fixed or capital assets, including Capital Lease Obligations; <u>provided</u>, however, that the aggregate principal amount of Indebtedness permitted by this clause (e) shall not exceed \$2,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (f) Indebtedness under Financial Hedges, other than for speculative purposes, entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (g) Contingent liabilities under surety bonds or similar instruments incurred in the ordinary course of business in connection with the construction or improvement of retail stores and in accordance with the Approved Budget;
- (h) Indebtedness incurred by any Foreign Subsidiary for working capital or general corporate purposes which is not guaranteed by or secured by any assets of any Loan Party (other than the capital stock of such Foreign Subsidiary);
- (i) Indebtedness relating to surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the Approved Budget;
- (j) without duplication of any other Indebtedness, non-cash accruals of interest, accretion or amortization of original issue discount and/or pay-in-kind interest;
- (k) Indebtedness relating to existing letters of credit obtained from Canadian financial institutions, as set forth in the Information Certificate;
- (l) other Indebtedness not in respect of borrowed money in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 for the term of this Agreement;
- (m) Indebtedness under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility, in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not to exceed \$189,000,000 (plus accrued premiums,

interest, fees, expenses and charges), *provided* that Indebtedness under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility is subject to the Intercreditor Agreement;

- (n) Indebtedness consisting of the financing of insurance premiums; and
- (o) Other Indebtedness permitted by the Approved Budget, the First Day Orders or the Orders.

"Permitted Investments" means each of the following:

- (a) Government Securities;
- (b) Collective investment funds created pursuant to Regulation 9 of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's and in compliance with SEC Rule 2(a)7, that are invested solely in one (1) or more securities of the United States government, securities issued by one (1) or more agencies of the United States government, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, and individual corporate securities rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's;
- (c) Certificates of deposit, Eurodollar certificates of deposit, demand and time deposits, and prime bankers acceptances issued by any of the Lenders and any other financial institution organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America or any of its states or Canada and having on the date of the investment (i) an S&P rating of at least A- or A-1, (ii) a Moody's rating of at least A-3 or P-1, or (iii) an equivalent rating from either Dominion Bond Rating Services Limited or CBRS, Inc., in each case due within one (1) year after the date of the making of the investment;
- (d) Fully collateralized repurchase agreements with a financial institution described in clause (c) above having a defined termination date, fully secured by obligations of the United States government, or its agencies, and due within one (1) year after the date of the making of the investment;
- (e) Tax-exempt mutual funds that invest in municipal securities rated A1 or higher or AA or higher by S&P or P1 or higher or Aa or higher by Moody's and in compliance with SEC Rule 2(a)7;
- (f) Variable-rate tax-exempt demand notes issued by municipalities and rated AA or higher by S&P or Aa or higher by Moody's and due within one (1) year after the date of the making of the investment;
- (g) (i) Commercial paper issued by corporations and rated (x) A2 or higher by S&P, (y) P2 or higher by Moody's, or (z) an equivalent rating from either Dominion Bond Rating Services Limited or CBRS, Inc., and (ii) corporate debt obligations rated (x) BBB or higher by S&P, (y) Baa2 or higher by Moody's, or (z) an equivalent rating from either Dominion Bond Rating Services Limited or CBRS, Inc. so long as the instrument is rated (x) A1 or higher or A- or higher by S&P, (y) P1 or higher or A3 or higher by Moody's, or (z) an equivalent rating or higher from either Dominion Bond Rating Services Limited or CBRS, Inc., it must be due within one (1)

year after the date of the making of the investment, otherwise it shall be due within ninety (90) days after the date of the making of the investment;

- (h) Loan participations through a financial institution described in clause (c) above, <u>provided</u> the underlying corporate credit is rated A2 or higher by S&P and P2 or higher by Moody's and <u>provided</u> such loan participations are limited in duration to overnight investments;
- (i) Investments by any one or more Loan Parties (x) in other Loan Parties, and (y) so long as no Event of Default exists or arises as a result thereof, in any other Subsidiary of the Parent so long as, in the case of this clause (y) such Investments (together with any Guarantees made pursuant to clause (d)(ii) of the definition of "Permitted Indebtedness" and any Investments made pursuant to clause (p) of this definition of "Permitted Investments") are contemplated by the Approved Budget and do not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (j) Loans or advances to directors, officers, and employees of the Loan Parties contemplated by the Approved Budget that never exceed a total of \$1,000,000 outstanding for all of the Loan Parties and to the extent not prohibited by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002;
- (k) Indebtedness of customers created in any Loan Party's ordinary course of business in a manner consistent with its present practices;
- (l) Financial Hedges not for speculative purposes in accordance with the Approved Budget;
- (m) Callable agency securities issued by government-sponsored entities and rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's;
- (n) Agency bullet securities issued by government-sponsored entities and rated AAA by S&P or Aaa by Moody's;
- (o) Other Investments permitted by the Approved Budget, the First Day Orders or the Orders;
- (p) Other Investments (including the purchase of less than fifty percent (50%) of the Capital Stock of another Person), so long as such Investments (together with any Guarantees made pursuant to clause (d)(ii) of the definition of "Permitted Indebtedness" and any Investments made pursuant to clause (i)(y) of this definition of "Permitted Investments") are contemplated by the Approved Budget and do not exceed an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000 at any time outstanding;
- (q) to the extent contemplated by the Approved Budget, shares of any so-called "money market fund" advised, serviced or sold by any of the Lenders or by any other financial institution, <u>provided</u> that such fund (i) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, (ii) has net assets of at least \$250,000,000, (iii) has an investment portfolio with an average maturity of 365 days or less, and (iv) is not generally considered to be a "high-yield" fund.

"<u>Permitted Overadvance</u>" means an Overadvance made by the Administrative Agent, in its reasonable discretion, which:

- (a) Is made to maintain, protect or preserve the Collateral and/or the Credit Parties' rights under the Loan Documents or which is otherwise for the benefit of the Credit Parties; and
- (b) Together with all other Permitted Overadvances then outstanding, (i) shall not exceed five percent (5%) of the Borrowing Base and the FILO Borrowing Base, in the aggregate outstanding at any time or (ii) unless a liquidation of the ABL Priority Collateral is then occurring, remain outstanding for more than forty-five (45) consecutive Business Days, unless in each case the Required Lenders otherwise agree;

provided however, that the foregoing shall not (i) modify or abrogate any of the provisions of SECTION 2.13(h) regarding any Revolving Lender's obligations with respect to Letter of Credit Disbursements, or (ii) result in any claim or liability against the Administrative Agent (regardless of the amount of any Overadvance) for "inadvertent Overadvances" (i.e. where an Overadvance results from changed circumstances beyond the control of the Administrative Agent (such as a reduction in the collateral value)), and such inadvertent Overadvances shall not reduce the amount of Permitted Overadvances allowed hereunder; and <u>further provided that</u> in no event shall the Administrative Agent make an Overadvance, if after giving effect thereto, the principal amount of the Revolving Credit Extensions would exceed the sum of the total Revolving Commitments (as in effect prior to any termination of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to SECTION 7.01).

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

"Petition Date" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereto.

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

"Plan of Reorganization" means a plan constituting an "Approved Plan" (as defined on Schedule 5.17 hereto) and containing (a) a provision for termination of the Commitments and repayment in full in cash of all of the Obligations and the Pre-Petition Obligations on or before the effective date of such plan, (b) a release in favor of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent, the Lenders and the other Credit Parties, (c) provisions with respect to the settlement or discharge of all claims and other debts and liabilities, and (d) such other terms as the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders may reasonably require, which Plan of Reorganization shall not be modified, altered, amended or otherwise changed or supplemented in a manner materially adverse to the interests of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders.

"Plan Support Agreement" means that certain [Plan Support Agreement], dated as of February [___], 2020, by and among the Loan Parties, certain Pre-Petition Term Loan Lenders (as a "Consenting Term Lender" thereunder) and the other parties thereto, which Plan Support Agreement shall not be modified, altered, amended or otherwise changed or supplemented in a manner materially adverse to the interests of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders without the prior written consent of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders.

"<u>Pledge Agreement</u>" means that certain pledge agreement (whether or not contained in the Security Agreement or a standalone document) dated as of the Closing Date by and among certain of the Loan Parties and the Collateral Agent.

"<u>Post-Petition</u>" means the time period commencing immediately upon the filing of the applicable Chapter 11 Cases.

"PPSA" means the *Personal Property Security Act* of Ontario (or any successor statute) or similar legislation of any other Canadian jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the *Civil Code of Québec*, the laws of which are required by such legislation to be applied in connection with the issue, perfection, enforcement, opposability, validity or effect of security interests.

"Prepayment Event" means any of the following events:

- (a) Any sale, transfer or other disposition (including pursuant to a sale and leaseback transaction) of any ABL Priority Collateral, other than the sale of Inventory in the ordinary course of business and other than sales, transfers and other dispositions to other Loan Parties; or
- (b) Any casualty or other insured damage to, or any taking under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding of, any ABL Priority Collateral.

"<u>Pre-Petition</u>" means the time period ending immediately prior to the filing of the applicable Chapter 11 Cases.

"<u>Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan</u>" means the "ABL Term Loans" as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent" means the "ABL Term Loan Agent" as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Prepayment Premium</u>" means the "ABL Term Loan Prepayment Premium" as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition Agent" means each "Agent" as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition Closing Date" means June 2, 2017.

"<u>Pre-Petition Consent</u>" means that certain Consent to Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of January 6, 2020 by and among the Borrower, the Pre-Petition Agent, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent, and the Pre-Petition Lenders party thereto.

"Pre-Petition Credit Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals hereto.

"<u>Pre-Petition Credit Extensions</u>" means the "Credit Extensions" as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition FILO Credit Extensions</u>" means Pre-Petition Obligations in respect of the principal of "FILO Loans" under, and as defined in, the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition Indemnity Account" means an amount equal to \$500,000 for the purpose of securing contingent indemnification obligations and other contingent claims arising under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement, the other Pre-Petition Loan Documents or otherwise in respect of the Pre-Petition Obligations in the event the Pre-Petition Agent, Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent and the Pre-Petition Lenders have not received releases and discharges of claims and liabilities, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Pre-Petition Agent, Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent and the Pre-Petition Lenders, at the time of payment in full in cash of all Pre-Petition Obligations other than contingent obligations relating thereto.

"<u>Pre-Petition Lenders</u>" means the "Lenders" from time to time party to the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition Letter of Credit Outstandings" means Pre-Petition Obligations in respect of "Letter of Credit Outstandings" under, and as defined in, the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement and all interest, expenses, fees and other amounts payable in respect thereof under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"Pre-Petition Loan Documents" means the "Loan Documents" as set forth in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition Obligations</u>" means all of the "Obligations" as set forth in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition Revolving Credit Extensions</u>" means Pre-Petition Obligations in respect of the principal of "Revolving Credit Extensions" under, and as defined in, the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement and interest, expenses, fees and other sums payable in respect thereof under the Pre-Petition Loan Documents.

"<u>Pre-Petition Security Documents</u>" means the "Security Documents" as set forth in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition Term Loan Agent</u>" means Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as administrative agent under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility, and its successors and assigns in such capacity.

"Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement" means that certain Term Loan Agreement dated as of April 30, 2014, by and among *inter alios*, the Borrower, the Pre-Petition Term Agent and the lenders from time to time party thereto, as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, refinanced, replaced, extended, renewed or otherwise modified on or prior to the Closing Date in accordance with the terms of the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement and of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility</u>" means the term credit facility provided to the Borrower by the Pre-Petition Term Loan Lenders established pursuant to the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement.

"<u>Pre-Petition Term Loan Lenders</u>" means the lenders under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility.

"Prime Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate"; (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day, plus 0.50%; and (c) the LIBO Rate for a one month interest period as determined on such day, plus 1.00%. The "prime rate" set forth in clause (a) above is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in Bank of America's prime rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the LIBO Rate, respectively, shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else herein to the contrary, the Prime Rate shall in no event be less than zero percent (0.0%).

"Prime Rate Loan" means any Revolving Credit Loan or the outstanding portion of the FILO Loan bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the Prime Rate, in accordance with the provisions of Article II.

"<u>Prior Week</u>" means, as of any date of determination, the immediately preceding week ended on a Saturday and commencing on the prior Sunday.

"Priority Carve-Out" means an amount equal to the sum of: the ABL Professional Fee Carve Out Cap (as defined in the applicable Order), plus the Post-Carve Out Trigger Notice Cap (as defined in the applicable Order), plus the amounts set forth in clauses (a)(i) and (a)(ii) of paragraph 40 (*Carve-Out*) of the Interim Order (or the corresponding paragraph of the Final Order, when applicable).

"Proceeds of Crime Act" means the *Proceeds of Crime* (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (Canada), and any regulations promulgated thereunder, if any, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Purchase Option Event" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.02.

"Qualified ECP Guarantor" means, at any time, each Loan Party with total assets exceeding \$10,000,000 or that qualifies at such time as an "eligible contract participant" under the

Commodity Exchange Act and can cause another Person to qualify as an "eligible contract participant" at such time under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Real Estate" means all Leases and all land, together with the buildings, structures, parking areas, and other improvements thereon, now or hereafter owned by any Loan Party, including all easements, rights-of-way, and similar rights relating thereto and all leases, tenancies, and occupancies thereof.

"Recipient" means any Agent, any Lender, the Issuing Bank or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party hereunder.

"Register" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.04(c).

"Regulation U" means Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"Regulation X" means Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"Release" has the meaning provided in Section 101(22) of CERCLA.

"Remedies Notice Period" has the meaning specified in the Interim Order (or the Final Order, when applicable).

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

"Reports" has the meaning provided in SECTION 8.13.

"Required ABL Term Lenders" means, at any time, ABL Term Lenders holding ABL Term Loans aggregating more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate amount of the ABL Term Loans outstanding.

"Required Lenders" means, at any time, Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) having Revolving Commitments and holding FILO Loans and ABL Term Loans aggregating more than fifty percent (50%) of the total Revolving Commitments and the principal amount of the FILO Loans and ABL Term Loans outstanding, or if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) whose percentage of the outstanding Credit Extensions (calculated assuming settlement and repayment of all Swingline Loans by the Lenders) aggregate not less than fifty percent (50%) of all such Credit Extensions; *provided that*, so long as any of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Pathlight are Lenders hereunder, "Required Lenders" shall include each of Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Pathlight.

"Required Revolving Lenders" means, at any time, Revolving Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) having Revolving Commitments aggregating more than fifty percent (50%) of the aggregate amount of Revolving Commitments, or if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, Revolving Lenders (other than Defaulting Lenders) whose percentage of the outstanding Revolving Credit Extensions (calculated assuming settlement and repayment of all

Swingline Loans by the Revolving Lenders) aggregate not less than fifty percent (50%) of all such Revolving Credit Extensions.

"Reserves" means all (if any) Inventory Reserves and Availability Reserves.

"Responsible Officer" of any Person shall mean any executive officer or financial officer of such Person and any other officer or similar official thereof with responsibility for the administration of the obligations of such Person in respect of this Agreement.

"Restricted Payment" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any class of Capital Stock of a Person, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any Capital Stock of a Person or any option, warrant or other right to acquire any Capital Stock of a Person.

"Restructuring Advisor" means a financial advisor reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed, denied or conditioned). For the avoidance of doubt, AlixPartners, L.P. constitutes a reasonably acceptable Restructuring Advisor.

"Revolving and FILO Obligations" means (a) the due and punctual payment of (i) the principal of, and interest (including all interest that accrues after the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, the WURA or the CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, whether or not allowed in such case or proceeding) on the Revolving Credit Loans and the FILO Loan, as and when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, upon one or more dates set for prepayment or otherwise, (ii) each payment required to be made by the Loan Parties under this Agreement or any other Loan Document in respect of any Letter of Credit, when and as due, including payments in respect of reimbursement of disbursements, interest thereon and obligations to provide cash collateral and (iii) all other monetary obligations, including fees, costs, expenses and indemnities, whether primary, secondary, direct, contingent, fixed or otherwise, of the Loan Parties to the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Loan Secured Parties) under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, for all such items that accrue after the commencement of any case or proceeding by or against any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, the WURA or the CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, whether or not allowed in such case or proceeding, (b) the due and punctual payment and performance of all the covenants, agreements, obligations and liabilities of each Loan Party under or pursuant to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (other than those related to the ABL Term Loan), and (c) Other Liabilities.

"Revolving Borrowing" means (a) the incurrence of Revolving Credit Loans of a single Type, on a single date and having, in the case of LIBO Loans, a single Interest Period, or (b) a Swingline Loan.

"Revolving Commitment" means, with respect to each Revolving Lender, the aggregate commitment(s) of such Revolving Lender hereunder in the amount set forth opposite its name on

<u>Schedule 1.1</u> hereto or as may subsequently be set forth in the Register from time to time, as the same may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

"Revolving Commitment Percentage" means, with respect to each Revolving Lender, that percentage of the Revolving Commitments of all Revolving Lenders hereunder, in the amount set forth opposite such Revolving Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 hereto or as may subsequently be set forth in the Register from time to time, as the same may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to this Agreement.

"Revolving Credit Ceiling" means [200,000,000], as such amount may be reduced in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

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

"Revolving Credit Loans" means all loans at any time made by any Revolving Lender pursuant to Article II and, to the extent applicable, shall include Swingline Loans made by the Swingline Lender pursuant to SECTION 2.06.

"Revolving Credit Notes" means the promissory notes of the Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit D, each payable to the order of a Revolving Lender, evidencing the Revolving Credit Loans made to the Borrower.

"Revolving Lender" means, at any time, any Lender that has a Revolving Commitment at such time, or, if the Revolving Commitments have terminated, Revolving Credit Extensions.

"Revolving Line Cap" means, at any time of determination, the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of the Revolving Commitments or (b) the Borrowing Base.

"Revolving Purchase Date" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.02.

"Revolving Purchase Notice" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.02.

"Revolving Purchasing Creditors" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.02.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and any successor thereto.

"Sanction(s)" means any international economic sanction administered or enforced by OFAC, the United Nations Security Council, the federal government of Canada, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or other relevant sanctions authority.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Security Agreement" means the Security Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Loan Parties and the Collateral Agent for its benefit and the benefit of the other Credit Parties.

"Security Documents" means the Security Agreement, the Orders, the General Security Agreement, the Facility Guarantee, the Facility Guarantors' Collateral Documents, the Pledge Agreement, the Intellectual Property Security Agreement(s), and each other security agreement or other instrument or document executed and delivered pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document to secure any of the Obligations.

"Settlement Date" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.22(b).

"Specified Liquidation Agent" means Gordon Brothers, together with its Affiliates acting with respect to the Specified Store Closing Sales described in the definition thereof, or any successors to such Person acceptable to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders.

"Specified Liquidation Agreement" means those certain liquidation agreements by and among the Borrower and the Specified Liquidation Agent, which (a) were existing at the time of the Pre-Petition Consent Agreement and which, among other things provides for the Specified Store Closing Sales referenced in clause (i) of such definition on terms agreed to pursuant to the Pre-Petition Consent Agreement or (b) are otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders.

"Specified Loan Party" means any Loan Party that is not then an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act (determined prior to giving effect to SECTION 9.23).

"Specified Release Paragraph" has the meaning provided in SECTION 9.02.

"Specified Reserves" means, collectively, the FILO Reserve and the ABL Term Loan Reserve.

"Specified Sale Process Default" means the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in (i) SECTION 7.01(a) or (b), (ii) SECTION 7.01(c) with respect to any misrepresentation of the Borrowing Base, Compliance Certificate or any Budget Variance Certificate, (iii) SECTION 7.01(d) with respect to (A) SECTION 5.01(d), (B) SECTION 2.18, (C) SECTION 5.08, (D) SECTION 5.11, (E) SECTION 5.16, (F) SECTION 5.17 or (G) SECTION 5.18, and (iv) SECTION 7.01(t)(xxiii).

"Specified Store Closing Sales" means (i) the 2020 Store Closing Sale (as such term is defined in the Pre-Petition Consent), (ii) the closure of up to five additional stores and (iii) the closure of any additional stores in excess of those set forth in clauses (i) and (ii), to the extent approved in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in their reasonable discretion (subject to the performance of a desktop appraisal in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Administrative Agent), and the liquidation of assets related thereto by a liquidator approved by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders (it being agreed that the Specified Liquidation Agent shall be satisfactory) pursuant to bidding procedures, a liquidation agreement approved by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders and all other relevant documents executed in connection therewith, each, as applicable, to be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative

Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders (it being agreed that the terms of the Specified Liquidation Agreement are satisfactory).

"Standby Letter of Credit" means any Letter of Credit other than a Commercial Letter of Credit.

"Stated Amount" means at any time the maximum amount for which a Letter of Credit may be honored.

"Statutory Reserve Rate" means a fraction (expressed as a decimal), the numerator of which is the number one and the denominator of which is the number one minus the aggregate of the maximum reserve percentages (including any marginal, special, emergency or supplemental reserves) expressed as a decimal established by the FRB to which the Administrative Agent is subject with respect to the Adjusted LIBO Rate, for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency Liabilities" in Regulation D of the FRB). Such reserve percentages shall include those imposed pursuant to such Regulation D. LIBO Rate Loans shall be deemed to constitute eurocurrency funding and to be subject to such reserve requirements without benefit of or credit for proration, exemptions or offsets that may be available from time to time to any Lender under such Regulation D or any comparable regulation. The Statutory Reserve Rate shall be adjusted automatically on and as of the effective date of any change in any reserve percentage.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" means Indebtedness which is expressly subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of the Obligations and which is in form and on terms approved in writing by the Agents (for the avoidance of any doubt, the FILO Loan and the ABL Term Loan shall not constitute Subordinated Indebtedness).

"Subsidiary" means with respect to any Person (the "parent") at any date, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of the parent in the parent's Consolidated financial statements if such financial statements were prepared in accordance with GAAP as of such date, as well as any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other entity (a) of which Capital Stock representing more than fifty percent (50%) of the equity or more than fifty percent (50%) of the ordinary voting power or, in the case of a partnership, more than fifty percent (50%) of the general partnership interests are, as of such date, owned, Controlled or held, or (b) except with respect to any financial statements or calculations in accordance with GAAP, that is, as of such date, otherwise Controlled, by the parent or one or more subsidiaries of the parent or by the parent and one or more subsidiaries of the parent.

"Successor Cases" shall have the meaning given to such term in the Interim Order (or Final Order, when applicable).

"Swap Obligations" means, with respect to any Loan Party, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of Section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Swingline Lender" means Bank of America, N.A., in its capacity as lender of Swingline Loans hereunder.

"Swingline Loan" means a Revolving Credit Loan made by the Swingline Lender to the Borrower, pursuant to SECTION 2.06 hereof.

"Swingline Loan Ceiling" means, at any time, ten percent (10%) of the Revolving Commitments. As of the Closing Date, the Swingline Loan Ceiling is \$20,000,000.

"Swingline Note" means the promissory note of the Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit E, payable to the order of the applicable Swingline Lender, evidencing the Swingline Loans made by the Swingline Lender to the Borrower.

"Synthetic Lease" means any lease or other agreement for the use or possession of property creating obligations which do not appear as Indebtedness on the balance sheet of the lessee thereunder but which, upon the insolvency or bankruptcy of such Person, may be characterized as Indebtedness of such lessee without regard to the accounting treatment.

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

"<u>Term Priority Collateral</u>" has the meaning provided for such term in the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Termination Date" means the earliest to occur of (i) the Maturity Date, (ii) with respect to the Revolving and FILO Obligations, the date on which the maturity of the Revolving and FILO Obligations is accelerated in accordance herewith and the Revolving Commitments are irrevocably terminated, and with respect to the ABL Term Obligations, the date on which the ABL Term Obligations are accelerated, in each case in accordance with Article VII, whether by acceleration or otherwise, (iii) the effective date of a Plan of Reorganization for the Debtors, (iv) the date of consummation of a sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Debtors' working capital assets under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, (v) the date on which any Agent is granted relief from the automatic stay or the stay granted in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings; (vi) the first Business Day on which the Interim Order or the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order expire by their terms or is terminated, unless the Final Order or Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, as applicable, has been entered and become effective prior thereto (unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders), (vii) conversion of any of the Cases to a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or other case under the BIA or CCAA unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, and (viii) dismissal of any of the Bankruptcy Cases, unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders.

"<u>Total Outstandings</u>" means the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Loans and all Letter of Credit Outstandings.

"Transaction" means any or all of the Plan of Reorganization or any sale or disposition of any portion of, all or substantially all of the Debtors' working capital assets under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code; *provided* that any such Transaction shall be conducted pursuant to bidding procedures, sales procedures, approval orders, purchase agreements, agency documents or other

agreements, documents or instruments, as applicable, in form and substance and on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders.

"Trust Funds" means any cash comprised of (i) funds specifically and exclusively used for payroll Taxes, payroll and other employee benefit payments to or for the benefit of any Loan Party's or its Subsidiaries' employees, (ii) all Taxes required to be collected, remitted or withheld (including, without limitation, federal and state withholding taxes (including the employer's share thereof)) and (iii) any other funds (A) which any Loan Party holds on behalf of another Person and (B) which such Loan Party holds as an escrow or fiduciary for such Person.

"Trust Funds DDA" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.18(h).

"Type", when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, refers to whether the rate of interest on such Loan, or on the Loans comprising such Borrowing, is determined by reference to the Adjusted LIBO Rate, or the Prime Rate, as applicable.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.

"<u>Unanimous Consent</u>" means the consent of Lenders holding one hundred percent (100%) of the (a) outstanding Commitments and (b) Total Outstandings (other than, in each case, Commitments and any portion of the Total Outstandings held by a Defaulting Lender).

"<u>Unused Commitment</u>" shall mean, on any day, (a) the then aggregate Revolving Commitments minus (b) the sum of (i) the principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans (other than Swingline Loans) then outstanding, and (ii) the then Letter of Credit Outstandings.

"<u>Unused Fee</u>" has the meaning provided in SECTION 2.19(b).

"U.S. Bankruptcy Court" has the meaning provided as in the Recitals hereto.

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

"<u>U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate</u>" has the meaning specified in SECTION 2.23(e)(ii)(B)(III).

"U.S. Trustee" means the United States Trustee applicable in the Chapter 11 Cases.

"Wage Earner Protection Act Reserve" means, on any date of determination, an Availability Reserve (without duplication of any other Reserves or items that are otherwise addressed or excluded through eligibility criteria) established from time to time by the Administrative Agent in its commercially reasonable discretion from the perspective of an asset-based lender exercised in good faith in such amount as the Administrative Agent determines reflects the amounts which would give rise to a Lien under the Wage Earner Protection Program Act (Canada) with respect to the employees of any Loan Party employed in Canada with priority under Applicable Law over the Lien of the Collateral Agent.

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, and its Subsidiaries and Affiliates.

"<u>WURA</u>" means the *Winding-Up and Restructuring Act* (Canada), and any regulations promulgated thereunder, if any, as amended from time to time.

"<u>Withdrawal Liability</u>" means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal by the Parent or an ERISA Affiliate from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

"<u>Write-Down and Conversion Powers</u>" means, with respect to any EEA Resolution Authority, the write-down and conversion powers of such EEA Resolution Authority from time to time under the Bail-In Legislation for the applicable EEA Member Country, which write-down and conversion powers are described in the EU Bail-In Legislation Schedule.

SECTION 1.02 Terms Generally.

The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation". The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall". Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, replaced, refinanced or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, restatements, amendments and restatements, supplements, replacements, refinancings or modifications set forth herein), (b) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's permitted successors and assigns, (c) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder", and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, unless the context shall otherwise require, (e) the term "security interest" shall include a hypothec and the term hypothecation, (f) the term "solidary" as used herein shall be read and interpreted in accordance with the Civil Code of Québec, (g) any reference to "registration" or "filing" in respect of security, security interest or hypothecation shall also mean "publishing", (h) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible, moveable and immoveable, and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights and (i) all financial statements and other financial information provided by the Borrower to the Agents or any Lender shall be provided with reference to dollars, (j) all references to "\$" or "dollars" or to amounts of money shall be deemed to be references to the lawful currency of the United States of America and (k) references to "knowledge" or "awareness" of any Loan Party means the actual knowledge or awareness, as applicable, of a Responsible Officer.

SECTION 1.03 Accounting Terms; GAAP.

Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature shall be construed in accordance with GAAP, as in effect on the Closing Date; provided, however, that if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower requests an amendment to any provision hereof to reflect the effect of any change occurring after the Closing Date in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision (or if the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower that the Required Lenders request an amendment to any provision hereof for such purpose), regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to enter into an amendment to this Agreement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP and such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such provision shall have been amended in accordance herewith; provided, further, that any change in GAAP (including the adoption of ASU No. 2016-02) will not cause any lease that was not or would not have been a capital lease prior to such change to be deemed a capital lease.

SECTION 1.04 [Reserved].

SECTION 1.05 Times of Day.

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

SECTION 1.06 Letter of Credit Amounts.

Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the Stated Amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time; provided, however, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that, by its terms of any Issuer Documents related thereto, provides for one or more automatic increases in the Stated Amount thereof, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be the maximum Stated Amount of such Letter of Credit after giving effect to all such increases, whether or not such maximum Stated Amount is in effect at such time.

SECTION 1.07 <u>Timing of Performance.</u>

Except as otherwise provided in SECTION 2.21(a), if the performance of any covenant, duty or obligation under any Loan Document shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for such performance shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day.

SECTION 1.08 <u>Divisions</u>.

For all purposes under the Loan 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 Capital Stock at such time.

ARTICLE II

Amount and Terms of Credit

SECTION 2.01 <u>Commitment of the Lenders.</u>

- (a) Each Revolving Lender, severally and not jointly with any other Lender, agrees, upon the terms and subject to the conditions herein set forth, to make Revolving Credit Extensions to or for the benefit of the Borrower, on a revolving basis, subject in each case to the following limitations:
- (i) The Total Outstandings shall not at any time either (A) exceed \$[256,000,000] or any lesser amount to which the Revolving Commitments have then been reduced by the Borrower pursuant to SECTION 2.15, or (B) cause Availability to be less than zero;
- (ii) Letters of Credit shall be available from the Issuing Banks to the Borrower, subject to the ratable participation of the Revolving Lenders, as set forth in SECTION 2.13. The Borrower shall not permit the aggregate Letter of Credit Outstandings at any time to exceed \$60,000,000;
- (iii) No Revolving Lender shall be obligated to make any Revolving Credit Extension to the Borrower in excess of such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment; and
- (iv) Subject to all of the other provisions of this Agreement, Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrower that are repaid may be reborrowed without premium or penalty prior to the Termination Date for the Revolving and FILO Obligations. No new Revolving Credit Extensions (other than Permitted Overadvances) shall be made to the Borrower after the Termination Date for the Revolving and FILO Obligations.
- (b) Except as provided in SECTION 2.01(a)(iii), each Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans (other than Swingline Loans) shall be made by the Revolving Lenders <u>pro rata</u> in accordance with their respective Revolving Commitments. The failure of any Revolving Lender to make any Revolving Credit Loan to the Borrower shall neither relieve any other Revolving Lender of its obligation to fund its Revolving Credit Loan to the Borrower in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement nor, except in accordance with SECTION 8.16(b), increase the obligation of any such other Revolving Lender.
- (c) On the Closing Date, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and therein, each FILO Lender shall make or be deemed to have made a FILO Loan to the Borrower in an aggregate amount equal to the amount set forth opposite such FILO Lender's name set forth on Schedule 1.1 hereto. The FILO Commitments shall be reduced on a dollar for dollar basis by the FILO Loans made, or deemed made, on the Closing Date pursuant to this SECTION 2.01(c). Amounts borrowed under this SECTION 2.01(c) and repaid or prepaid may not be reborrowed.
- (d) On the Closing Date, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and therein, each ABL Term Lender shall make or be deemed to have made an ABL Term Loan

to the Borrower in an aggregate amount equal to the amount set forth opposite such ABL Term Lender's name set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1</u> hereto. The ABL Term Loan Commitments shall be reduced on a dollar for dollar basis by the ABL Term Loans made, or deemed made, on the Closing Date pursuant to this SECTION 2.01(d). Amounts borrowed under this SECTION 2.01(d) and repaid or prepaid may not be reborrowed.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, on the Closing Date the total outstanding amount of the Pre-Petition Obligations shall, except as otherwise provided in the Payoff Letter, be refinanced in full from the proceeds of the Loans hereunder.

SECTION 2.02 [Reserved].

SECTION 2.03 <u>Reserves; Changes to Reserves.</u>

- (a) The Inventory Reserves, Availability Reserves, the Carve-Out Reserve and the Lease Reserve as of the Closing Date are as set forth on the Borrowing Base Certificate dated [_____] and furnished to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent as of the Closing Date.
- The Administrative Agent may, without duplication of items that are (b) otherwise addressed or excluded through eligibility criteria, hereafter establish additional Reserves or, subject to the provisions of SECTION 8.18, change any of the foregoing Reserves, in the exercise of its commercially reasonable business judgment acting in accordance with industry standards for asset based lending in the retail industry, provided that such Reserves shall not be established or changed except upon not less than one (1) Business Days' notice to the Borrower (during which period the Administrative Agent shall be available to discuss any such proposed Reserve with the Borrower, provided that during such period, the Borrower shall not be permitted to borrow any amount that would cause an Overadvance if such Reserve had been in place during such period), provided further that no such prior notice shall be required for (1) changes to any Reserves resulting solely by virtue of mathematical calculations of the amount of the Reserve in accordance with the methodology of calculation previously utilized, or (2) changes to Reserves or establishment of additional Reserves if a Material Adverse Effect has occurred or it would be reasonably likely that a Material Adverse Effect would occur were such Reserve not changed or established, or (3) if an Event of Default has occurred and is then continuing. In no event will any reserves be imposed in respect of the FILO Borrowing Base or the ABL Term Borrowing Base. The Carve-Out Reserve, the Lease Reserve, the Canadian Claims Reserves, and the Specified Reserves shall be imposed against the Borrowing Base as and to the extent applicable.

SECTION 2.04 Making of Loans.

(a) Except as set forth in SECTION 2.10, SECTION 2.11 and SECTION 2.12, Revolving Credit Loans (other than Swingline Loans) and the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan shall be either Prime Rate Loans or LIBO Loans as the Borrower may request (which request shall be made in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C), subject to and in accordance with this SECTION 2.04. All Swingline Loans shall be only Prime Rate Loans. All Revolving Credit Loans made pursuant to the same Borrowing shall, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, be

Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type. Each Lender may fulfill its Commitment with respect to any Revolving Credit Loan by causing any lending office of such Lender to make such Revolving Credit Loan; provided, however, that any such use of a lending office shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay such Revolving Credit Loan in accordance with the terms of the applicable Revolving Credit Note. Each Lender shall, subject to its overall policy considerations, use reasonable efforts (but shall not be obligated) to select a lending office which will not result in the payment of increased costs by the Borrower pursuant to SECTION 2.14. Subject to the other provisions of this SECTION 2.04 and the provisions of SECTION 2.12, Borrowings of Revolving Credit Loans of more than one Type may be incurred at the same time, but in any event no more than ten (10) Borrowings of LIBO Loans may be outstanding at any time.

The Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent three (3) Business Days' prior telephonic notice (thereafter confirmed in writing) of each Borrowing of LIBO Loans and notice of each Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans on the proposed day of each Borrowing. Any such notice, to be effective, must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the third Business Day in the case of LIBO Loans prior to the date on which such Borrowing is to be made and, and no later than 1:00 p.m. on the same Business Day in the case of Prime Rate Loans on which such Borrowing is to be made. Such notice shall be irrevocable, shall contain disbursement instructions and shall specify: (i) whether the Borrowing then being requested is to be a Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans or LIBO Loans and, if LIBO Loans, the Interest Period with respect thereto; (ii) the amount of the proposed Borrowing (which shall be in an integral multiple of \$1,000,000); and (iii) the date of the proposed Borrowing (which shall be a Business Day). If no election of Interest Period is specified in any such notice for a Borrowing of LIBO Loans, such notice shall be deemed a request for an Interest Period of one (1) month. If no election is made as to the Type of Revolving Credit Loan or the then outstanding amount of the FILO Loan, such notice shall be deemed a request for Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Lender of its proportionate share of such Borrowing, the date of such Borrowing, the Type of Borrowing being requested and the Interest Period or Interest Periods applicable thereto, as appropriate. On the borrowing date specified in such notice, each Lender shall make its share of the Borrowing available at the office of the Administrative Agent at 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, no later than 3:00 p.m. in immediately available funds. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Lender's share of such Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with this SECTION 2.04 and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In the event a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount, with interest thereon for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (i) in the case of such Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation or (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Prime Rate Loans. If such Lender pays such amount to the Administrative Agent then such amount shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such Borrowing. Upon receipt of the funds made available by the Lenders to fund any borrowing hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall disburse such funds in the manner specified in the notice

of borrowing delivered by the Borrower and shall use reasonable efforts to make the funds so received from the Lenders available to the Borrower no later than 4:00 p.m.

(c) The Administrative Agent, without the request of the Borrower may advance any interest, fee, service charge, or other payment to which any Credit Party is entitled from the Loan Parties pursuant hereto or any other Loan Document and may charge the same to the Loan Account as and when the same become due and payable hereunder, after giving effect to any applicable grace periods, notwithstanding that an Overadvance may result thereby, provided that no advances which create an Overadvance shall be made for any Cash Management Services or Bank Products. The Administrative Agent shall advise the Borrower of any such advance or charge promptly after the making thereof. Such action on the part of the Administrative Agent shall not constitute a waiver of the Administrative Agent's rights and the Borrower's obligations under SECTIONS 2.17(a), 2.17(b) and 2.17(c). Any amount which is added to the principal balance of the Loan Account as provided in this SECTION 2.04(c) shall bear interest at the interest rate then and thereafter applicable to Prime Rate Loans.

SECTION 2.05 Overadvances.

- (a) The Agents and the Lenders shall have no obligation to make any Revolving Credit Loan (including, without limitation, any Swingline Loan) or to provide any Letter of Credit if an Overadvance would result.
- (b) The Administrative Agent may, in its discretion, make Permitted Overadvances to the Borrower without the consent of the Lenders and each Lender shall be bound thereby. Any Permitted Overadvances may constitute Swingline Loans, but in any event shall constitute Prime Rate Loans. The making of a Permitted Overadvance is for the benefit of the Borrower and shall constitute a Revolving Credit Loan and an Obligation. The making of any such Permitted Overadvance on any one occasion shall not obligate any Agent or any Lender to make or permit any Permitted Overadvance on any other occasion or to permit such Permitted Overadvances to remain outstanding.
- (c) The making by the Administrative Agent of a Permitted Overadvance shall not modify or abrogate any of the provisions of SECTION 2.13(g) regarding the Revolving Lenders' obligations to purchase participations with respect to Letter of Credit Disbursements or the provisions of SECTION 2.22(a) regarding the Revolving Lenders' obligations to participate in Swingline Loans.

SECTION 2.06 <u>Swingline Loans</u>

(a) The Swingline Lender is authorized by the Revolving Lenders but is not obligated, to make Swingline Loans at any time (subject to SECTION 2.06(b)) to the Borrower (which shall be in an integral multiple of \$100,000, but not less than \$1,000,000), up to the amount of the sum of the Swingline Loan Ceiling, plus any Permitted Overadvances, in each case upon a notice of Borrowing from Borrower received by the Administrative Agent and the Swingline Lender (which notice, at the Swingline Lender's discretion, may be submitted prior to 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day on which such Swingline Loan is requested). In no event shall the Swingline Lender be obligated to make any Swingline Loan if it shall determine (which determination shall

be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that it has, or by the making of such Swingline Loan may have, Fronting Exposure. Swingline Loans shall be Prime Rate Loans and shall be subject to periodic settlement with the Revolving Lenders under SECTION 2.22.

Swingline Loans may be made by the Swingline Lender only (i) for (b) Permitted Overadvances or (ii) for administrative convenience, at the Borrower's request therefor which shall be deemed a representation that the applicable conditions for borrowing under SECTION 4.02 are satisfied. If the Borrower has so requested a Swingline Loan but the conditions for borrowing under SECTION 4.02 cannot in fact be fulfilled, (x) the Borrower shall give immediate notice (a "Noncompliance Notice") thereof to the Administrative Agent and the Swingline Lender, and the Administrative Agent shall promptly provide each Revolving Lender with a copy of the Noncompliance Notice, and (y) the Required Revolving Lenders may direct the Swingline Lender to, and the Swingline Lender thereupon shall, cease making Swingline Loans (other than Permitted Overadvances) until such conditions can be satisfied or are waived in accordance with SECTION 9.02. Unless the Required Revolving Lenders so direct the Swingline Lender, the Swingline Lender may, but is not obligated to, continue to make Swingline Loans commencing one (1) Business Day after the Non-Compliance Notice is furnished to the Revolving Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Swingline Loans (other than Permitted Overadvances) shall be made pursuant to this SECTION 2.06(b) if the aggregate outstanding amount of the Credit Extensions and Swingline Loans would exceed the amounts set forth in SECTION 2.01 hereof.

SECTION 2.07 Notes.

- (a) Upon each Lender's request, the Loans made by such Lender shall be evidenced by a Revolving Credit Note, FILO Note, or ABL Term Note, as applicable, duly executed on behalf of the Borrower, dated the Closing Date, payable to the order of such Lender in an aggregate principal amount equal to such Lender's applicable Commitment.
- (b) Upon the Swingline Lender's request, the Revolving Credit Loans made by the Swingline Lender with respect to Swingline Loans shall be evidenced by a Swingline Note, duly executed on behalf of the Borrower, dated the Closing Date, payable to the order of the Swingline Lender, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Swingline Loan Ceiling.
- (c) Each Lender is hereby authorized by the Borrower to endorse on a schedule attached to each Note delivered to such Lender (or on a continuation of such schedule attached to such Note and made a part thereof), or otherwise to record in such Lender's internal records, an appropriate notation evidencing the date and amount of each Loan from such Lender, each payment and prepayment of principal of any such Loan, each payment of interest on any such Loan and the other information provided for on such schedule; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the failure of any Lender to make such a notation or any error therein shall not affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Loans made by such Lender in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the applicable Notes.
- (d) Upon receipt of an affidavit and indemnity of a Lender as to the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of such Lender's Note and upon cancellation of such Note, the Borrower

will issue, in lieu thereof, a replacement Note in favor of such Lender, in the same principal amount thereof and otherwise of like tenor at no expense to the Borrower.

SECTION 2.08 Interest on Loans.

- (a) Subject to SECTION 2.12, (x) each Prime Rate Loan that is a Revolving Credit Loan shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable) at a rate per annum that shall be equal to the then Prime Rate plus the Applicable Margin for Revolving Credit Loans that are Prime Rate Loans, and (y) each Prime Rate Loan that is the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable) at a rate per annum that shall be equal to the then Prime Rate plus the Applicable Margin for FILO Loans that are Prime Rate Loans.
- (b) Subject to SECTIONS 2.09 through 2.12, (x) each LIBO Loan that is a Revolving Credit Loan shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days) at a rate per annum equal, during each Interest Period applicable thereto, to the Adjusted LIBO Rate for such Interest Period, <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin for Revolving Credit Loans that are LIBO Loans, and (y) each LIBO Loan that is the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days) at a rate per annum equal, during each Interest Period applicable thereto, to the Adjusted LIBO Rate for such Interest Period, <u>plus</u> the Applicable Margin for FILO Loans that are LIBO Loans.
- (c) Subject to SECTION 2.12, each ABL Term Loan shall bear interest (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 360 days) at a rate per annum that shall be equal to the ABL Term Loan Rate, <u>plus</u> eight percent (8%) per annum; provided that if the ABL Term Loan Agent cannot determine the ABL Term Loan Rate as provided in SECTION 2.10 below, then such rate shall be equal to the Prime Rate <u>plus</u> seven percent (7%) per annum. The ABL Term Loan Rate for any monthly payment shall be determined on the first day of the calendar month for which such rate is applicable and will apply for the month then being paid.
- (d) Accrued interest on all Loans other than the ABL Term Loans shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto, and in the case of ABL Term Loans, all accrued interest thereon shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date for ABL Term Loans, and in each case, at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise), after such maturity on demand and upon any repayment or prepayment thereof (on the amount prepaid).

SECTION 2.09 <u>Conversion and Continuation of Revolving Credit Loans.</u>

(a) The Borrower shall have the right at any time, on three (3) Business Days' prior irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent (which notice, to be effective, must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 1:00 p.m. on the third Business Day preceding the date of any conversion), (i) to convert any outstanding Borrowings of Prime Rate Loans to Borrowings of LIBO Loans, (ii) to continue an outstanding Borrowing of LIBO Loans for an

additional Interest Period, or (iii) to convert any outstanding Borrowings of LIBO Loans to a Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans, subject in each case to the following:

- (i) No Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans or the outstanding FILO Loan may be converted into, or continued as, LIBO Loans at any time when an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (ii) If less than a full Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans is converted, such conversion shall be made <u>pro rata</u> among the Revolving Lenders based upon their Revolving Commitment Percentages, in accordance with the respective principal amounts of the Revolving Credit Loans comprising such Borrowing held by such Revolving Lenders immediately prior to such conversion:
- (iii) The aggregate principal amount of Prime Rate Loans being converted into or continued as LIBO Loans shall be in an integral of \$1,000,000 or, with respect to the FILO Loan, the entire amount of the FILO Loan then outstanding;
- (iv) Each Lender shall effect each conversion by applying the proceeds of its new LIBO Loan or Prime Rate Loan, as the case may be, to its Revolving Credit Loan or the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan being so converted;
- (v) The Interest Period with respect to a Borrowing of LIBO Loans effected by a conversion or in respect to the Borrowing of LIBO Loans being continued as LIBO Loans, shall commence on the date of conversion or the expiration of the current Interest Period applicable to such continuing Borrowing, as the case may be;
- (vi) A Borrowing of LIBO Loans may be converted only on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto except to the extent that any applicable Breakage Costs incurred in connection with conversion on any other day are paid by the Borrower pursuant to SECTION 2.16; and
- (vii) Each request for a conversion or continuation of a Borrowing of LIBO Loans which fails to state an applicable Interest Period shall be deemed to be a request for an Interest Period of one (1) month.
- (b) If the Borrower does not give notice to convert any Borrowing of LIBO Loans, or does not give notice to continue, or does not have the right to continue, any Borrowing as LIBO Loans, in each case as provided in SECTION 2.09(a), such Borrowing shall automatically be converted to, or continued as, a Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans, at the expiration of the then-current Interest Period. The Administrative Agent shall, after it receives notice from the Borrower, promptly give each Lender, notice of any conversion, in whole or part, of any Revolving Credit Loan or the outstanding amount of the FILO Loan made by such Lender.

SECTION 2.10 Alternate Rate of Interest for Loans.

If prior to the commencement of any Interest Period for a LIBO Borrowing, the Administrative Agent, or if prior to the first day of a calendar month regarding any reference to the ABL Term Loan Rate, the ABL Term Loan Agent:

- (a) Reasonably determines (which determination shall be conclusive absent manifest error) that adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Adjusted LIBO Rate for such Interest Period or the ABL Term Loan Rate, respectively; or
- (b) Is advised by the Required Lenders that the Adjusted LIBO Rate for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Required Lenders of making or maintaining their Revolving Credit Loans included in such Borrowing for such Interest Period;

then (1) in the case of a LIBO Borrowing, the Administrative Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower and the applicable Lenders by telephone or telecopy as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower and the applicable Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist, (i) any Borrowing Request that requests the conversion of any Borrowing to, or continuation of any Borrowing as, a LIBO Borrowing shall be ineffective and (ii) if any Borrowing Request requests a LIBO Borrowing, such Borrowing shall be made as a Borrowing of Prime Rate Loans, and (2) in the case of the interest rate regarding the ABL Term Loan, the ABL Term Loan Agent shall give notice thereof to the Borrower by telephone or telecopy as promptly as practicable thereafter and, until the ABL Term Loan Agent notifies the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such notice no longer exist the ABL Term Loan shall bear interest with reference to the Prime Rate and such interest shall be calculated as provided in SECTION 2.08(c).

SECTION 2.11 Change in Legality.

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this (a) Agreement, if (i) any Change in Law shall make it unlawful for a Lender to make or maintain a LIBO Loan or to give effect to its obligations as contemplated hereby with respect to a LIBO Loan or (ii) at any time the Required Lenders reasonably determine that the making or continuance of any LIBO Loans has become impracticable as a result of a contingency occurring after the Closing Date which adversely affects the London interbank market or the position of such Required Lenders in the London interbank market, then, by written notice to the Borrower, such Required Lenders may (x) declare that LIBO Loans will not thereafter be made by such Lenders hereunder, whereupon any request by the Borrower for a LIBO Borrowing shall, unless withdrawn, as to such Lenders only, be deemed a request for a Prime Rate Loan unless such declaration shall be subsequently withdrawn; and (y) require that all outstanding LIBO Loans made by such Lenders be converted to Prime Rate Loans, in which event all such LIBO Loans shall be automatically converted to Prime Rate Loans as of the effective date of such notice as provided in SECTION 2.09(b). In the event any Lender shall exercise its rights under clause (i) or the Required Lenders shall exercise their rights under clause (ii) of this SECTION 2.11(a), all payments and prepayments of principal which would otherwise have been applied to repay the LIBO Loans that would have been made by such Lenders or the converted LIBO Loans of such Lenders, shall instead be applied to repay the Prime Rate Loans made by such Lenders in lieu of, or resulting from the conversion of, such LIBO Loans.
- (b) For purposes of this SECTION 2.11, a notice to the Borrower pursuant to SECTION 2.11(a) shall be effective, if lawful, and if any LIBO Loans shall then be outstanding,

on the last day of the then-current Interest Period; and otherwise such notice shall be effective on the date of receipt by the Borrower.

SECTION 2.12 Default Interest.

- (a) Effective upon written notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Revolving Lenders after the occurrence of any Event of Default and at all times thereafter while such Event of Default is continuing, interest shall accrue on all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (including Swingline Loans) and the FILO Loan (after as well as before judgment, as and to the extent permitted by law) at a rate per annum (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days as applicable) (the "Default Rate") equal to the rate (including the Applicable Margin for Revolving Credit Loans or FILO Loan, as applicable) in effect from time to time plus two percent (2%) per annum and such interest shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date (or any earlier maturity of the Revolving Credit Loans or the FILO Loan, as applicable).
- (b) Effective upon written notice from the ABL Term Loan Agent or the Required ABL Term Loan Lenders after the occurrence of any Event of Default, and at all times thereafter while such Event of Default is continuing, interest shall accrue on all outstanding ABL Term Obligations (after as well as before judgment, as and to the extent permitted by law) at a rate per annum (computed on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed over a year of 365 or 366 days as applicable) (the "ABL Term Default Rate") equal to the ABL Term Loan Rate plus two percent (2%) per annum and such interest shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date (or any earlier maturity of the ABL Term Loan).

SECTION 2.13 Letters of Credit.

- Upon the terms and subject to the conditions herein set forth, at any time (a) and from time to time after the Closing Date and prior to the Termination Date, the Borrower may request an Issuing Bank to issue, and subject to the terms and conditions contained herein, such Issuing Bank shall issue, for the account of the Borrower, one or more Letters of Credit; provided, however, that no Letter of Credit shall be issued if after giving effect to such issuance (i) the aggregate Letter of Credit Outstandings shall exceed \$60,000,000, (ii) the Total Outstandings would exceed the limitation set forth in SECTION 2.01(a), or (iii) the conditions for issuance of Letters of Credit under SECTION 4.02 are not then satisfied; and provided, further, that if Letters of Credit are issued by any Issuing Bank (other than Bank of America), such Issuing Bank (other than Bank of America) shall notify the Administrative Agent in a manner acceptable to the Administrative Agent on each Business Day of all Letters of Credit issued on the prior Business Day by such Issuing Bank. No Letter of Credit shall be issued if an Issuing Bank shall have received notice from the Administrative Agent that the conditions to such issuance have not been met. It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that each of the Existing Letters of Credit shall constitute a "Letter of Credit" for all purposes of this Agreement and shall be deemed issued under this Agreement on the Closing Date and all Pre-Petition Letter of Credit Outstandings shall constitute "Letter of Credit Outstandings" for all purposes of this Agreement.
- (b) Each Standby Letter of Credit shall expire no later than the date which is at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of the date which is (i) one (1) year after the date of

the issuance of such Letter of Credit (or, in the case of any renewal or extension thereof, one (1) year after such renewal or extension) and (ii) five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date (unless otherwise agreed by the applicable Issuing Bank); provided, however, that each Standby Letter of Credit may, upon the request of the Borrower include a provision whereby such Letter of Credit shall be renewed automatically for additional consecutive periods of twelve (12) months or less (but not beyond the date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date (unless otherwise agreed by the applicable Issuing Bank)) unless the applicable Issuing Bank notifies the beneficiary thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the then-applicable expiration date that such Letter of Credit will not be renewed.

- (c) Each Commercial Letter of Credit shall expire no later than the date which is at or prior to the close of business on the earlier of the date which is (i) 180 days after the date of the issuance, or extension, of such Commercial Letter of Credit (or such other period as may be acceptable to the Administrative Agent) and (ii) five (5) Business Days prior to the Maturity Date (unless otherwise agreed by the applicable Issuing Bank).
- (d) The Issuing Banks shall not issue any Letter of Credit, without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, if:
 - (A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator (pursuant to a binding arbitration) shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain the Issuing Bank from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Applicable Law or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the Issuing Bank shall prohibit, or request that the Issuing Bank refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular;
 - (B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the Issuing Bank applicable to letters of credit generally;
 - (C) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than dollars;
 - (D) such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the Stated Amount after any drawing thereunder; or
 - (E) any Revolving Lender is at that time a Defaulting Lender, unless the Issuing Banks have entered into arrangements, including the delivery of cash collateral, satisfactory to the Issuing Banks (in their sole discretion) with the Borrower or such Revolving Lender to eliminate the Issuing Banks' actual or potential Fronting Exposure (after giving effect to SECTION 2.26(a)(iv)) with respect to the Defaulting Lender arising from either (x) the Letter of Credit then proposed to be issued or (y) that Letter of Credit and all other Letter of Credit Outstandings as to which the Issuing Banks have actual or potential Fronting Exposure.
- (e) Drafts drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be reimbursed by the Borrower by paying to the Administrative Agent, an amount equal to such drawing not later than

1:00 p.m. on (i) the date that the Borrower shall have received notice of such drawing, if such notice is received prior to 10:00 a.m. on such date, or (ii) the Business Day immediately following the day that the Borrower receives such notice, if such notice is received after 10:00 a.m. on the day of drawing, provided that in the absence of written notice to the contrary from the Borrower, and subject to the other provisions of this Agreement, such payment shall be financed when due with a Prime Rate Loan or Swingline Loan in an equivalent amount and, to the extent so financed, the Borrower's obligation to make such payment shall be discharged and replaced by the resulting Prime Rate Loan or Swingline Loan. The Issuing Banks shall, promptly following its receipt thereof, examine all documents purporting to represent a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit. The applicable Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in a manner acceptable to the Administrative Agent of such demand for payment and whether the applicable Issuing Bank has made or will make payment thereunder; provided, however, that any failure to give or delay in giving such notice shall not relieve the Borrower of its obligation to reimburse the applicable Issuing Bank and the Revolving Lenders with respect to any such payment.

(f) [Reserved].

- (g) Immediately upon the issuance of any Letter of Credit by an Issuing Bank (or the amendment of a Letter of Credit increasing the amount thereof), and without any further action on the part of such Issuing Bank, such Issuing Bank shall be deemed to have sold to each Revolving Lender and each such Revolving Lender shall be deemed unconditionally and irrevocably to have purchased from such Issuing Bank, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation, to the extent of such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage in such Letter of Credit, each drawing thereunder and the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents with respect thereto. Upon any change in the Commitments pursuant to SECTION 2.02 or SECTION 9.04, it is hereby agreed that with respect to all Letter of Credit Outstandings, there shall be an automatic adjustment to the participations hereby created to reflect the new Revolving Commitment Percentages of the assigning and assignee Revolving Lenders. Any action taken or omitted by an Issuing Bank under or in connection with a Letter of Credit, if taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct, shall not create for such Issuing Bank any resulting liability to any Revolving Lender.
- (h) In the event that an Issuing Bank makes any Letter of Credit Disbursement and the Borrower shall not have reimbursed such amount in full to such Issuing Bank pursuant to this SECTION 2.13, such Issuing Bank shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent which shall promptly notify each Revolving Lender of such failure, and each Revolving Lender shall promptly and unconditionally pay in dollars and in same day funds to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Issuing Bank the amount of such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed payment in dollars and in same day funds. If an Issuing Bank so notifies the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent so notifies the Revolving Lenders prior to 2 p.m. on any Business Day, each such Revolving Lender shall make available to such Issuing Bank such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the amount of such payment on such Business Day in same day funds (or if such notice is received by the Revolving Lenders after 2 p.m. on the day of receipt, payment shall be made on the immediately following Business Day). If and to the extent such Revolving Lender shall not have so made its

Revolving Commitment Percentage of the amount of such payment available to the applicable Issuing Bank, such Revolving Lender agrees to pay to such Issuing Bank forthwith on demand such amount, together with interest thereon, for each day from such date until the date such amount is paid to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Issuing Bank at the Federal Funds Effective Rate. Each Revolving Lender agrees to fund its Revolving Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed payment notwithstanding a failure to satisfy any applicable lending conditions or the provisions of SECTION 2.01 or SECTION 2.06, or the occurrence of the Termination Date. The failure of any Revolving Lender to make available to the applicable Issuing Bank its Revolving Commitment Percentage of any payment under any Letter of Credit shall neither relieve any Revolving Lender of its obligation hereunder to make available to such Issuing Bank its Revolving Commitment Percentage of any payment under any Letter of Credit on the date required, as specified above, nor increase the obligation of such other Revolving Lender. Whenever any Revolving Lender has made payments to an Issuing Bank in respect of any reimbursement obligation for any Letter of Credit, such Revolving Lender shall be entitled to share ratably, based on its Revolving Commitment Percentage, in all payments and collections thereafter received on account of such reimbursement obligation. All reimbursements to be made by the Loan Parties with respect to Letters of Credit shall be made in dollars.

- (i) Whenever the Borrower desires that an Issuing Bank issue a Letter of Credit (or the amendment, renewal or extension of an outstanding Letter of Credit), the Borrower shall give to the applicable Issuing Bank and the Administrative Agent at least two (2) Business Days' prior written (including telegraphic, telex, facsimile, e-mail or cable communication) notice (or such shorter period as may be agreed upon in writing by the applicable Issuing Bank and the Borrower) specifying the date on which the proposed Letter of Credit is to be issued, amended, renewed or extended (which shall be a Business Day), the Stated Amount of the Letter of Credit so requested, the expiration date of such Letter of Credit, the name and address of the beneficiary thereof, and the provisions thereof. If requested by an Issuing Bank, the Borrower shall also submit a letter of credit application on such Issuing Bank's standard form in connection with any request for the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of a Letter of Credit, provided that in the event of a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of such application and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall supersede any contrary terms in such application and shall control.
- Letter of Credit Disbursement shall be unconditional and irrevocable and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including, without limitation: (i) Any lack of validity or enforceability of a Letter of Credit; (ii) The existence of any claim, setoff, defense or other right which the Borrower may have at any time against a beneficiary of any Letter of Credit or against any Issuing Bank or any of the Revolving Lenders, whether in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated herein or any unrelated transaction; (iii) Any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under any Letter of Credit proving to be forged or fraudulent in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; (iv) Payment by an Issuing Bank of any Letter of Credit against presentation of a demand, draft or certificate or other document which does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; (v) Any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this SECTION 2.13, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, any Loan Party's obligations hereunder; or (vi) The fact that any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing. No Credit Party

shall have any liability or responsibility by reason of or in connection with the issuance or transfer of any Letter of Credit or any payment or failure to make any payment thereunder (irrespective of any of the circumstances referred to in the preceding sentence), or any error, omission, interruption, loss or delay in transmission or delivery of any draft, notice or other communication under or relating to any Letter of Credit (including any document required to make a drawing thereunder), any error in interpretation of technical terms or any consequence arising from causes beyond the control of the Issuing Banks, provided that the foregoing shall not be construed to excuse the Issuing Banks from liability to the Borrower to the extent of any direct damages (as opposed to consequential damages, claims in respect of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by Applicable Law) suffered by the Borrower that are caused by the applicable Issuing Bank's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct when determining whether drafts and other documents presented under a Letter of Credit comply with the terms thereof. In furtherance of the foregoing and without limiting the generality thereof, the parties agree that, with respect to documents presented that appear on their face to be in compliance with the terms of a Letter of Credit, an Issuing Bank may, in its reasonable discretion, either accept and make payment upon such documents without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, or refuse to accept and make payment upon such documents if such documents are not in strict compliance with the terms of such Letter of Credit.

If any Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, on the Business Day (k) that the Borrower receives notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Revolving Lenders demanding the deposit of cash collateral pursuant to this paragraph, the Loan Parties shall immediately deposit in the Cash Collateral Account an amount in cash equal to 103% of the Letter of Credit Outstandings as of such date, plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon. Each such deposit shall be held by the Collateral Agent for the payment and performance of the Obligations. The Collateral Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over such Cash Collateral Account. Other than any interest earned on the investment of such deposits, which investments shall be made at the option and in the sole discretion of the Collateral Agent (at the request of the Borrower and at the Borrower's risk and expense), such deposits shall not bear interest. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. Moneys in such Cash Collateral Account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to reimburse the Issuing Banks for payments on account of drawings under Letters of Credit for which the applicable Issuing Bank has not been reimbursed and, to the extent not so applied, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrower for the Letter of Credit Outstandings at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated, shall be applied to satisfy other Obligations. If the Borrower is required to provide an amount of cash collateral hereunder as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, such amount (to the extent not applied as aforesaid) shall be returned promptly to the Borrower but in no event later than two (2) Business Days after all Events of Default are no longer continuing.

SECTION 2.14 Increased Costs.

- (a) If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended by,

any Lender or any holding company of any Lender (except any such reserve requirement reflected in the Adjusted LIBO Rate) or the Issuing Banks; or

(ii) impose on any Lender or any Issuing Bank or the London interbank market any other condition (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Connection Income Taxes) affecting this Agreement or LIBO Loans made by such Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost in any material amount in excess of those incurred by similarly situated lenders to such Lender of making or maintaining any LIBO Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Revolving Credit Loan) or to increase the cost in any material amount in excess of those incurred by similarly situated lenders to such Lender or such Issuing Bank of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit or to reduce the amount in any material respect of any sum received or receivable by such Lender or such Issuing Bank hereunder (whether of principal, interest or otherwise), then the Borrower will pay to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

- (b) If any Lender or any Issuing Bank determines that any Change in Law regarding capital or liquidity requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's capital or liquidity or on the capital or liquidity of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement or the Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by such Issuing Bank, to a level below that which such Lender or such Issuing Bank or such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company would have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's policies and the policies of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company with respect to capital and liquidity adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank or such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's holding company for any such reduction suffered.
- (c) A certificate of a Lender or an Issuing Bank setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender or such Issuing Bank or its holding company, as the case may be, as specified in paragraph (a) or (b) of this SECTION 2.14 and setting forth in reasonable detail the manner in which such amount or amounts were determined shall be delivered to the Borrower and shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within ten (10) Business Days after receipt thereof.
- (d) Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or any Issuing Bank to demand compensation pursuant to this SECTION 2.14 shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or an Issuing Bank pursuant to this SECTION 2.14 for any increased costs or reductions incurred more than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the date that such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in

Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions and of such Lender's or such Issuing Bank's intention to claim compensation therefor, and <u>provided</u> further that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the one hundred twenty (120) day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof.

- SECTION 2.15 Optional Termination or Reduction of Commitments. Upon at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower may, at any time, in whole permanently terminate, or from time to time in part permanently reduce, the Revolving Commitments. Each such reduction shall be in the principal amount of \$20,000,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Each such reduction or termination shall (i) be applied ratably to the Revolving Commitments of each Revolving Lender and (ii) be irrevocable when given; provided, that a notice of termination of the Revolving Commitments delivered by the Borrower may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. At the effective time of each such reduction or termination, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for application as provided herein (i) all earned and unpaid fees under the Fee Letter and all other fees accrued on the amount of the Revolving Commitments so terminated or reduced through the date thereof, and (ii) any amount by which the Revolving Credit Extensions to the Borrower outstanding on such date exceed the amount to which the Revolving Commitments are to be reduced effective on such date, in each case pro rata based on the amount prepaid, including, as applicable, by terminating or cash collateralizing any Letters of Credit in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (b) The commitment of each FILO Lender with respect to its FILO Loan shall be automatically and permanently reduced to \$0 upon the funding or the deemed funding of such FILO Loan to be made by it on the Closing Date.
- (c) The commitment of each ABL Term Lender with respect to its ABL Term Loan shall be automatically and permanently reduced to \$0 upon the funding or the deemed funding of such ABL Term Loan to be made by it on the Closing Date.

SECTION 2.16 Optional Prepayment of Loans; Reimbursement of Lenders.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of SECTION 2.16(d), the Borrower shall have the right at any time and from time to time to prepay (without a commitment reduction) outstanding Revolving Credit Loans in whole or in part, (x) with respect to LIBO Loans, upon at least two (2) Business Days' prior written, telex, e-mail or facsimile notice to the Administrative Agent prior to 1:00 p.m., and (y) with respect to Prime Rate Loans, on the same Business Day if written, telex, e-mail or facsimile notice is received by the Administrative Agent prior to 2:00 p.m., subject in each case to the following limitations:
- (i) Subject to SECTION 2.17, all prepayments shall be paid to the Administrative Agent for application, first, to the prepayment of outstanding Swingline Loans, second, to the prepayment of other outstanding Revolving Credit Loans ratably in accordance with each Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage;

- (ii) Subject to the foregoing, outstanding Prime Rate Loans shall be prepaid before outstanding LIBO Loans are prepaid. Each partial prepayment of LIBO Loans shall be in an integral multiple of \$1,000,000. No prepayment of LIBO Loans shall be permitted pursuant to this SECTION 2.16 other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto, unless the Borrower reimburses the Lenders for all Breakage Costs associated therewith within five (5) Business Days of receiving a written demand for such reimbursement which sets forth the calculation of such Breakage Costs in reasonable detail. No partial prepayment of a Borrowing of LIBO Loans shall result in the aggregate principal amount of the LIBO Loans remaining outstanding pursuant to such Borrowing being less than \$5,000,000 (unless all such outstanding LIBO Loans are being prepaid in full); and
- (iii) Each notice of prepayment shall specify the prepayment date, the principal amount and Type of the Loans to be prepaid and, in the case of LIBO Loans, the Borrowing or Borrowings pursuant to which such Revolving Credit Loans were made. Each notice of prepayment shall be revocable, <u>provided</u> that, within five (5) Business Days of receiving a written demand for such reimbursement which sets forth the calculation of such Breakage Costs in reasonable detail, the Borrower shall reimburse the Lenders for all Breakage Costs associated with the revocation of any notice of prepayment. The Administrative Agent shall, promptly after receiving notice from the Borrower hereunder, notify each Lender of the principal amount and Type of the Loans held by such Lender which are to be prepaid, the prepayment date and the manner of application of the prepayment.
- (b) If no Revolving Credit Extensions are outstanding, the Borrower may prepay outstanding FILO Loans in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000, upon at least five (5) Business Days' prior written or facsimile notice to the Administrative Agent, prior to 1:00 p.m., provided that each such prepayment is accompanied by all accrued but unpaid interest thereon and any Breakage Costs applicable thereto (but with no other premium or penalty).
- (c) If the Revolving and FILO Obligations have been Paid in Full, the Borrower may prepay outstanding ABL Term Loans in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000, upon at least five (5) Business Days' prior written or facsimile notice to the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Administrative Agent, prior to 1:00 p.m., <u>provided</u> that each such prepayment is accompanied by all accrued but unpaid interest thereon (but with no other premium or penalty).
- (d) The Borrower shall reimburse each Lender within five (5) Business Days of notice for any loss incurred or to be incurred by the Lenders in the reemployment of the funds (i) resulting from any prepayment (for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, conversion to Prime Rate Loans or acceleration by virtue of, and after, the occurrence of an Event of Default) of any LIBO Loan required or permitted under this Agreement, if such Revolving Credit Loan is prepaid other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Loan or (ii) in the event that after the Borrower delivers a notice of borrowing under SECTION 2.04 in respect of LIBO Loans, such Revolving Credit Loans are not made on the first day of the Interest Period specified in such notice of borrowing for any reason other than a breach by such Lender of its obligations hereunder or the delivery of any notice pursuant to SECTION 2.11. Such loss shall be the amount (herein, collectively, "Breakage Costs") as reasonably determined by such Lender as the excess, if any, of (A) the amount of interest which would have accrued to such Lender on the amount so paid, not prepaid or not borrowed at a rate of interest equal to the Adjusted

LIBO Rate for such Revolving Credit Loan (but specifically excluding any Applicable Margin), for the period from the date of such payment or failure to borrow or failure to prepay to the last day (x) in the case of a payment or refinancing of a LIBO Loan with Prime Rate Loans other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Loan or the failure to prepay a LIBO, of the then current Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Loan or (y) in the case of such failure to borrow, of the Interest Period for such LIBO Loan which would have commenced on the date of such failure to borrow, over (B) in the case of a LIBO Loan, the amount of interest which would have accrued to such Lender on such amount by placing such amount on deposit for a comparable period with leading banks in the London interbank market. Any Lender demanding reimbursement for such loss shall deliver to the Borrower from time to time one or more certificates setting forth the amount of such loss as determined by such Lender and setting forth in reasonable detail the manner in which such amount was determined and such amounts shall be due within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of such notice.

- (e) In the event the Borrower fails to prepay any Revolving Credit Loan on the date specified in any prepayment notice delivered pursuant to SECTION 2.16(a), the Borrower within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of the notice described below from any Lender, shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required to compensate such Lender for any loss incurred by such Lender as a result of such failure to prepay, including, without limitation, any loss, cost or expenses (other than loss of profits) incurred by reason of the acquisition of deposits or other funds by such Lender to fulfill deposit obligations incurred in anticipation of such prepayment. Any Lender demanding such payment shall deliver to the Borrower from time to time one or more certificates setting forth the amount of such loss as determined by such Lender and setting forth in reasonable detail the manner in which such amount was determined and such amounts shall be due within five (5) Business Days after the receipt of such notice.
- (f) Whenever any partial prepayment of Revolving Credit Loans are to be applied to LIBO Loans, such LIBO Loans shall be prepaid in the chronological order of their Interest Payment Dates or as the Borrower may otherwise designate in writing.

SECTION 2.17 <u>Mandatory Prepayment; Commitment Termination; Cash</u> Collateral.

The outstanding Obligations shall be subject to prepayment as follows:

(a) If at any time the amount of the Revolving Credit Extensions exceeds the Revolving Line Cap, the Borrower will (x) immediately upon notice from the Administrative Agent if such notice is received on or before 12:00 noon on a Business Day, or (y) if such notice is received after 12:00 noon on a Business Day, by 10:00 a.m. on the next succeeding Business Day, (1) prepay the Revolving Credit Loans in an amount necessary to eliminate such excess (without a corresponding commitment reduction), and (2) if, after giving effect to the prepayment in full of all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans such excess has not been eliminated, deposit cash into the applicable Cash Collateral Account in an amount equal to 103% of the Letters of Credit Outstanding.

- (b) The Loans shall be repaid daily in accordance with (and to the extent required under) the provisions of SECTION 2.18, to the extent then applicable.
- (c) The Borrower shall prepay the Loans in an amount equal to the Net Proceeds received by a Loan Party on account of a Prepayment Event (but with no other premium or penalty).
- (d) Any payments made pursuant to SECTIONS 2.17(b) and (c) above at any time when an Event of Default is not then continuing (it being understood and agreed that if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, SECTION 7.03 shall apply), shall be applied to the Obligations in the following order of priority:
 - (A) FIRST, to pay interest and fees due and payable on the Revolving Credit Extensions to the Borrower;
 - (B) SECOND, to pay outstanding Swingline Loans of the Borrower;
 - (C) THIRD, to pay all outstanding reimbursement obligations for drawings made under Letters of Credit of the Borrower;
 - (D) FOURTH, to pay principal outstanding under outstanding Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrower that are Prime Rate Loans;
 - (E) FIFTH, to pay outstanding Revolving Credit Loans of the Borrower that are LIBO Loans and all Breakage Costs due in respect of such repayment or, at the Borrower's option, to fund a cash collateral deposit to the Cash Collateral Account pursuant to SECTION 2.17(e) sufficient to pay, and with direction to pay, all such outstanding LIBO Loans on the last day of the then pending Interest Period therefor;
 - (F) SIXTH, in each case at the option of the Administrative Agent (or at the direction of the Required Revolving Lenders), in the following priority:
 - (1) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the Agents in connection with Revolving Credit Extensions to the Borrower; and
 - (2) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the Revolving Lenders in connection with Revolving Credit Extensions to the Borrower;
 - (G) SEVENTH, to pay interest and fees due and payable on the FILO Loan;
 - (H) EIGHTH, to pay principal outstanding under the FILO Loan;

- (I) NINTH, in each case at the option of the Administrative Agent, in the following priority:
 - (1) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the Agents in connection with the FILO Loan; and
 - (2) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the FILO Lenders in connection with the FILO Loan:
- (J) TENTH, to pay interest and fees due and payable on the ABL Term Loan;
- (K) ELEVENTH, to pay principal outstanding under the ABL Term Loan;
- (L) TWELFTH, in each case at the option of the ABL Term Loan Agent, in the following priority:
 - (1) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the ABL Term Loan Agent in connection with the ABL Term Loan; and
 - (2) to pay Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and other similar amounts then due to the ABL Term Lenders in connection with the ABL Term Loan; and
 - (M) THIRTEENTH, to pay other outstanding Obligations.
- Subject to the foregoing, outstanding Prime Rate Loans shall be prepaid before outstanding LIBO Loans are prepaid. Each voluntary partial prepayment of LIBO Loans shall be in an integral multiple of \$1,000,000. No prepayment of LIBO Loans shall be permitted pursuant to this SECTION 2.17 other than on the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto, unless the Borrower reimburses the Lenders for all Breakage Costs associated therewith within five (5) Business Days of receiving a written demand for such reimbursement which sets forth the calculation of such Breakage Costs in reasonable detail. In order to avoid such Breakage Costs, as long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, at the request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall hold all amounts required to be applied to LIBO Loans in the Cash Collateral Account and will apply such funds to the applicable LIBO Loans at the end of the then pending Interest Period therefor (provided that the foregoing shall in no way limit or restrict the Agents' rights upon the subsequent occurrence of an Event of Default). Except to the extent occurring as a result of a mandatory prepayment pursuant to this SECTION 2.17, no voluntary partial prepayment of a Borrowing of LIBO Loans shall result in the aggregate principal amount of the LIBO Loans remaining outstanding pursuant to such Borrowing being less than \$5,000,000. A prepayment of the Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to this SECTION 2.17 shall not permanently reduce the Revolving Commitments.

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- (other than Swingline Loans) shall be applied ratably in accordance with each Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage. All amounts required to be applied to all ABL Term Loans hereunder shall be applied ratably in accordance with each ABL Term Lender's ABL Term Loan Percentage. All credits against the Obligations shall be conditioned upon final payment to the Administrative Agent of the items giving rise to such credits. If any item credited to the Loan Account is dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, whether or not such return is rightful or timely, the Administrative Agent shall have the right to reverse such credit and charge the amount of such item to the Loan Account and the Borrower shall indemnify the Credit Parties against all claims and losses resulting from such dishonor or return.
- (g) Upon the Termination Date, the Borrower shall cause Payment in Full to occur.

SECTION 2.18 <u>Cash Management.</u>

- (a) On or before the Closing Date, the Loan Parties shall, as reasonably required by the Administrative Agent:
- (i) deliver to the Collateral Agent notifications (each, a "<u>Credit Card Notification</u>") substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit F</u> which have been executed on behalf of the Borrower and addressed to the Borrower's credit card clearinghouses and processors listed in the Information Certificate; and
- (ii) enter into a Blocked Account Agreement with each Blocked Account Bank with respect to each DDA (other than a DDA constituting an Excluded DDA) maintained with such Blocked Account Bank (such DDAs subject to Blocked Account Agreements, collectively, the "Blocked Accounts"). Such Blocked Account Agreement(s) may be entered into with Administrative Agent, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, any Lender, and/or another financial institution reasonably acceptable to the Agents. If any Loan Party is unable to obtain a Blocked Account Agreement as required herein, at the Collateral Agent's option, such Loan Party shall be required to transfer to and maintain such account with the Collateral Agent or at another Blocked Account Bank.
- (b) Each Credit Card Notification shall require the ACH or wire transfer on each Business Day (and whether or not there is then an outstanding balance in the Loan Account) of all available cash receipts (the "Cash Receipts") therein to a Blocked Account, and the Loan Parties shall cause the ACH or wire transfer of funds on deposit in DDAs (other than Excluded DDAs) to a Blocked Account. Any amounts held in the Bank of America Concentration Account following Payment in Full shall be remitted to a Blocked Account of the Borrower as specified by the Borrower.
- (c) Each Blocked Account Agreement (other than such agreement entered into with respect to the Bank of America Concentration Account) shall require, and to the extent that any Obligations (other than any contingent indemnification Obligations for which no claim has then been asserted) are then outstanding, the ACH or wire transfer on each Business Day (or such

other frequency as the Administrative Agent may agree) (and whether or not there is then an outstanding balance in the Loan Account) of all available Cash Receipts to the Bank of America Concentration Account from:

- (A) the sale of Inventory;
- (B) all proceeds of collections of Accounts (including without limitation, proceeds of credit card charges);
 - (C) all Net Proceeds on account of any Prepayment Event; and
- (D) the then contents of each Blocked Account (other than the Bank of America Concentration Account), <u>provided</u> that up to \$3,500 may be maintained in overnight balances in any Blocked Account (other than the Bank of America Concentration Account).
- (d) The Loan Parties shall accurately report to the Administrative Agent all amounts deposited in the Blocked Accounts to ensure the proper transfer of funds as set forth above. If, at any time, any cash or cash equivalents consisting of proceeds of ABL Priority Collateral (other than Trust Funds that have been deposited in a Trust Fund DDA in accordance with clause (h) below, except to the extent any excess proceeds are required to be deposited in the Bank of America Concentration Account pursuant to such clause (h)) owned by any Loan Party are deposited to any account, or held or invested in any manner, other than in a Blocked Account (or a DDA which is swept daily to a Blocked Account), the Collateral Agent may require the applicable Loan Party to close such account and have all funds therein transferred to a Blocked Account, and all future deposits made to a Blocked Account, provided that up to \$300,000 (plus any amounts that are deposited in such DDAs after amounts have been swept to a Blocked Account for such day) in the aggregate as to all DDAs may be maintained in overnight balances in such DDAs.
- (e) The Loan Parties may close DDAs or Blocked Accounts and/or open new DDAs or Blocked Accounts, subject, in the case of a Blocked Account, to the execution and delivery to the Collateral Agent of appropriate Blocked Account Agreements (unless expressly waived by the Collateral Agent) consistent with the provisions of this SECTION 2.18 and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent. No Loan Party shall enter into any agreements with credit card processors other than the ones expressly contemplated herein unless contemporaneously therewith, a Credit Card Notification is executed and delivered to the Collateral Agent.
- (f) The Borrower may also maintain one or more disbursement accounts (the "<u>Disbursement Accounts</u>") to be used by the Borrower for disbursements and payments (including payroll) in the ordinary course of business or as otherwise permitted hereunder; *provided* that all deposits made in Disbursement Accounts shall be to pay fees, costs, expenses and other items in accordance with and as contemplated by the Approved Budget.
- (g) The Bank of America Concentration Account shall be under the sole dominion and control of the Collateral Agent. Each Loan Party hereby acknowledges and agrees that no Loan Party has any right of withdrawal from the Bank of America Concentration Account. The Blocked Account Agreement governing the Bank of America Concentration Account shall

require, to the extent that any Obligations (other than any contingent indemnification Obligations for which no claim has then been asserted) are then outstanding, the transfer on each Business Day (and whether or not there is then an outstanding balance in the Loan Account) of all available amounts to the Administrative Agent for application to the Obligations in accordance with SECTION 2.17(d) or, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, SECTION 7.03. All funds on deposit in the Bank of America Concentration Account shall at all times continue to be collateral security for all of the Obligations. In the event that, notwithstanding the provisions of this SECTION 2.18, any Loan Party receives or otherwise has dominion and control of any such proceeds or collections, then except as otherwise provided under clause (d) above with respect to maintenance of up to \$300,000 (plus any amounts that are deposited in such DDAs after amounts have been swept to a Blocked Account for such day) in the aggregate in overnight balances, such proceeds and collections shall be held in trust by such Loan Party for the Collateral Agent, shall not be commingled with any of such Loan Party's other funds or deposited in any account of such Loan Party and shall, not later than the Business Day after receipt thereof, be deposited into the Bank of America Concentration Account or dealt with in such other fashion as such Loan Party may be instructed by the Collateral Agent.

- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 2.18, the Borrower (i) may establish segregated DDAs into which Trust Funds may be deposited in the ordinary course of business and in accordance with the Borrower's past practices (each such DDA, a "Trust Fund DDA"), and (ii) shall establish the Term Loan Priority Account (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) into which shall be deposited proceeds of the Term Priority Collateral in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement. The Trust Funds so deposited shall not be swept to the Bank of America Concentration Account or applied to the Obligations but rather will be available for the specific purposes required for such Trust Funds. The proceeds of the Term Priority Collateral so deposited into the Term Loan Priority Account shall not be swept to the Bank of America Concentration Account or applied to the Obligations except to the extent provided in the Intercreditor Agreement. Any amounts in the Trust Fund DDAs and the Term Loan Priority Account shall continue to constitute Collateral. The excess proceeds deposited in the Trust Fund DDAs shall be deposited into the Bank of America Concentration Account or dealt with in such other fashion as such Loan Party may be instructed by the Collateral Agent. To the extent any proceeds of the Term Priority Collateral are received by the Administrative Agent, the same shall be applied in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement.
- (i) The following shall apply to deposits and payments under and pursuant to this Agreement:
- (i) Funds shall be deemed to have been deposited to the Bank of America Concentration Account on the Business Day on which deposited, <u>provided</u> that notice of such deposit is available to the Collateral Agent by 2:00 p.m. on that Business Day;
- (ii) Funds paid to the Administrative Agent other than by deposit to the Bank of America Concentration Account, shall be deemed to have been received on the Business Day when they are good and collected funds, <u>provided</u> that notice of such payment is available to the Administrative Agent by 2:00 p.m. on that Business Day;

- (iii) If notice of a deposit to the Bank of America Concentration Account or payment is not available to the Administrative Agent until after 2:00 p.m. on a Business Day, such deposit or payment shall be deemed to have been made at 9:00 a.m. on the then next Business Day;
- (iv) On each Business Day, the Administrative Agent shall apply the then collected balance of the Bank of America Concentration Account (net of monthly fees charged, and of such impressed balances as may be required by Bank of America) in accordance with this SECTION 2.18; and
- (v) If any item deposited to the Bank of America Concentration Account and credited to the Loan Account is dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, whether or not such return is rightful or timely, the Administrative Agent shall have the right to reverse such credit and charge the amount of such item to the applicable Loan Account and the Loan Parties shall indemnify the Credit Parties against all claims and losses resulting from such dishonor or return.

SECTION 2.19 Fees.

- (a) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, and the Lenders, as applicable, the fees set forth in the Fee Letters as and when payment of such fees is due as therein set forth.
- (b) The Borrower shall pay the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Revolving Lenders, a fee (the "<u>Unused Fee</u>") equal to 0.375% per annum (on the basis of actual days elapsed in a year of 365 or 366 days, as applicable) of the average daily balance of the Unused Commitment, during the calendar month just ended (or relevant period with respect to the payment being made on the Termination Date); <u>provided</u>, that any Unused Fee accrued with respect to the Unused Commitments of a Defaulting Lender during the period prior to the time such Revolving Lender became a Defaulting Lender and unpaid at such time shall not be payable by the Borrower so long as such Revolving Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender except to the extent that such Unused Fee shall otherwise have been due and payable by the Borrower prior to such time; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that no Unused Fee shall accrue on the Unused Commitments of a Defaulting Lender so long as such Revolving Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender. The Unused Fee shall be paid in arrears, on the first day of each calendar month after the execution of this Agreement and on the Termination Date.
- (c) The Borrower shall pay the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Revolving Lenders on the first day of each calendar month and on the Termination Date, in arrears, a fee calculated on the basis of a 365 or 366 day year, as applicable, and actual days elapsed (each, a "Letter of Credit Fee"), equal to the following per annum percentages of the average face amount of the following categories of Letters of Credit outstanding during the prior month then ended:
- (i) Standby Letters of Credit: At a per annum rate equal to the then Applicable Margin for LIBO Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans;
- (ii) Commercial Letters of Credit: At a per annum rate equal to the then Applicable Margin for LIBO Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans; and

(iii) After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, at any time that the Administrative Agent is not holding in the Cash Collateral Account an amount in cash equal to 103% of the Letter of Credit Outstandings as of such date, plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, effective upon written notice from the Administrative Agent or the Required Revolving Lenders, the Letter of Credit Fee shall be increased, at the option of the Administrative Agent by an amount equal to two percent (2%) per annum;

<u>provided</u>, that, except as provided under SECTION 2.26(a)(iii), no Letter of Credit Fee shall accrue in favor of or be payable to any Defaulting Lender so long as such Revolving Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender.

- (d) The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the applicable Issuing Bank, in addition to all Letter of Credit Fees otherwise provided for hereunder, a fronting fee in the amount of 0.125% of the face amount of each Letter of Credit or, if the Borrower and such Issuing Bank shall have separately agreed to a fronting fee for purposes hereof, then in the amount of such separately agreed fee (each, a "Fronting Fee") and such other reasonable fees and charges in connection with the issuance, negotiation, settlement, amendment and processing of each Letter of Credit issued by the Issuing Bank as are customarily imposed by the Issuing Bank from time to time in connection with letter of credit transactions.
- (e) All fees shall be paid on the dates due, in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent for the respective accounts of the Administrative Agent and other Credit Parties as provided herein. Once due, all fees shall be fully earned and shall not be refundable under any circumstances.

SECTION 2.20 <u>Maintenance of Loan Account; Statements of Account.</u>

- (a) The Administrative Agent shall maintain an account on its books in the name of the Borrower (the "Loan Account") which will reflect (i) all Loans and other advances made by the Lenders to the Borrower or for the Borrower's account, (ii) all Letter of Credit Disbursements, fees and interest that have become payable as herein set forth, and (iii) any and all other monetary Obligations that have become payable.
- (b) The Loan Account will be credited with all amounts received by the Administrative Agent from the Borrower or from others for the Borrower's account, including all amounts received in the Bank of America Concentration Account from the other Blocked Account Banks, and the amounts so credited shall be applied as set forth in SECTIONS 2.17(d) or 7.03, as applicable. After the end of each month, the Administrative Agent shall send to the Borrower a statement accounting for the charges, loans, advances and other transactions occurring among and between the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Borrower during that month. The monthly statements shall, absent manifest error, be deemed presumptively correct.

SECTION 2.21 Payments.

(a) The Borrower shall make each payment required to be made hereunder or under any other Loan Document (whether of principal, interest, fees or reimbursement of drawings under Letters of Credit, of amounts payable under SECTIONS 2.14, 2.16(c) or 2.23, or otherwise) prior to 2:00 p.m. on the date when due, in immediately available funds, without setoff or

counterclaim. Any amounts received after such time on any date may, in the discretion of the Administrative Agent, be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding Business Day for purposes of calculating interest thereon. All such payments shall be made to the Administrative Agent at its offices at 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts, except payments to be made directly to an Issuing Bank or Swingline Lender as expressly provided herein and except that payments pursuant to SECTIONS 2.14, 2.16(c), 2.23 and 9.03 shall be made directly to the Persons entitled thereto and payments pursuant to other Loan Documents shall be made to the Persons specified therein. For the avoidance of doubt, all payments of principal, interest and premiums in respect of the ABL Term Loans shall be made to the ABL Term Loan Agent for application to the ABL Term Loans in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall distribute any such payments to the appropriate recipient promptly following receipt thereof. If any payment under any Loan Document shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, except with respect to LIBO Borrowings, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, and, if any payment due with respect to LIBO Borrowings shall be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the date for payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day, unless that succeeding Business Day is in the next calendar month, in which event, the date of such payment shall be on the last Business Day of subject calendar month, and, in the case of any payment accruing interest, interest thereon shall be payable for the period of such extension. All payments under each Loan Document shall be made in dollars.

- (b) All funds received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay principal, unreimbursed drawings under Letters of Credit, interest and fees then due hereunder, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of SECTIONS 2.17(d) or 7.03 ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal, unreimbursed drawings under Letters of Credit, interest, and fees then due to such respective parties. Any net principal reductions to the Revolving Credit Loans received by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the Loan Documents during such period shall not reduce such actual amount so contributed, for purposes of calculation of interest due to that Lender, until the Administrative Agent has distributed to that Revolving Lender its Revolving Commitment Percentage thereof.
- (c) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the date on which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Lenders or the Issuing Banks hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Lenders or the Issuing Banks, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Lenders or the Issuing Banks, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Lender or Issuing Bank with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the Federal Funds Effective Rate.
- (d) If any Lender shall fail to make any payment required to be made by it pursuant to this Agreement, then the Administrative Agent may, in its discretion (notwithstanding any contrary provision hereof), apply any amounts thereafter received by the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender to satisfy such Lender's obligations under such Sections until all such unsatisfied obligations are fully paid.

SECTION 2.22 Settlement Amongst Lenders

- Except as provided in SECTION 2.22(b), the Swingline Lender may (but (a) shall not be obligated to), at any time, on behalf of the Borrower (which hereby authorizes the Swingline Lender to act on its behalf in that regard) request the Administrative Agent to cause the Lenders to make a Revolving Credit Loan (which shall be a Prime Rate Loan) in an amount equal to such Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of the outstanding amount of Swingline Loans made in accordance with SECTION 2.06, which request may be made regardless of whether the conditions set forth in Article IV have been satisfied. Upon such request, each Lender shall make available to the Administrative Agent the proceeds of such Revolving Credit Loan for the account of the Swingline Lender. If the Swingline Lender requires a Revolving Credit Loan to be made by the Lenders and the request therefor is received prior to 12:00 Noon on a Business Day, such transfers shall be made in immediately available funds no later than 3:00 p.m. that day; and, if the request therefor is received after 12:00 Noon, then no later than 3:00 p.m. on the next Business Day. The obligation of each such Lender to transfer such funds is irrevocable, unconditional and without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent or the Swingline Lender. If and to the extent any Lender shall not have so made its transfer to the Administrative Agent, such Lender agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand, such amount, together with interest thereon, for each day from such date until the date such amount is paid to the Administrative Agent at the Federal Funds Effective Rate.
- (b) The amount of each Revolving Lender's Revolving Commitment Percentage of outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (including outstanding Swingline Loans), shall be computed weekly (or more frequently in the Administrative Agent's discretion) and shall be adjusted upward or downward based on all Revolving Credit Loans (excluding Swingline Loans) and repayments of Revolving Credit Loans (excluding Swingline Loans) received by the Administrative Agent as of 3:00 p.m. on the first Business Day (such date, the "Settlement Date") following the end of the period specified by the Administrative Agent.
- The Administrative Agent shall deliver to each of the Revolving Lenders promptly after a Settlement Date a summary statement of the amount of outstanding Revolving Credit Loans (excluding Swingline Loans) for the period and the amount of repayments received for the period. As reflected on the summary statement, (i) the Administrative Agent shall transfer to each Revolving Lender its applicable Revolving Commitment Percentage of repayments, and (ii) each Revolving Lender shall transfer to the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent shall transfer to each Revolving Lender such amounts as are necessary to ensure that, after giving effect to all such transfers, the amount of Revolving Credit Loans made by each Lender (excluding Swingline Loans) shall be equal to such Revolving Lender's applicable Revolving Commitment Percentage of Revolving Credit Loans (excluding Swingline Loans) outstanding as of such Settlement Date. If the summary statement requires transfers to be made to the Administrative Agent by the Lenders and is received prior to 12:00 Noon on a Business Day, such transfers shall be made in immediately available funds no later than 3:00 p.m. that day; and, if received after 12:00 Noon then no later than 3:00 p.m. on the next Business Day. The obligation of each Revolving Lender to transfer such funds is irrevocable, unconditional and without recourse to or warranty by the Administrative Agent. If and to the extent any Revolving Lender shall not have so made its transfer to the Administrative Agent such Revolving Lender agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such amount, together with interest thereon, for each

day from such date until the date such amount is paid to the Administrative Agent at the Federal Funds Effective Rate.

SECTION 2.23 Taxes.

- (a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes; Obligation to Withhold; Payments on Account of Taxes.</u>
- (i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Loan Party under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Laws (as determined in the good faith discretion of the withholding agent) require the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by the Administrative Agent or a Loan Party, then the Administrative Agent or such Loan Party shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding, upon the basis of the information and documentation to be delivered pursuant to subsection (e) below.
- (ii) If any Loan Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by any Applicable Laws to withhold or deduct any Taxes from any payment, then (A) such Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, as required by such Laws, shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by it to be required based upon the information and documentation it has received pursuant to subsection (e) below, (B) such Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, to the extent required by such Laws, shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with such Laws, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Loan Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this SECTION 2.23) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made.
- (b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrowers</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Borrowers shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.

(c) Tax Indemnifications.

(i) The Loan Parties shall, and each Loan Party does hereby, jointly and severally indemnify each Recipient, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this SECTION 2.23) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; provided that if the Borrower reasonably believes that such taxes were not correctly or legally asserted, each Lender will use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to obtain a refund of such taxes so long as such efforts would not, in the sole determination of such Lender result in any additional costs, expenses or risks or be otherwise

disadvantageous to it. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender or an Issuing Bank (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender or an Issuing Bank, setting forth in reasonable detail the manner in which such amount was determined, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

- Each Lender and an Issuing Bank shall, and does hereby, severally (ii) indemnify, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 10 days after demand therefor, (x) the Administrative Agent against any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender or such Issuing Bank (but only to the extent that any Loan Party has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Loan Parties to do so), (y) the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties, as applicable, against any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of SECTION 9.04(e) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (z) the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties, as applicable, against any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent or a Loan Party in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender and each Issuing Bank hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender or such Issuing Bank, as the case may be, under this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this clause (ii).
- (d) Evidence of Payments. Upon request by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower or by the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this SECTION 2.23, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent shall deliver to the Borrower, as the case may be, the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of any return required by Applicable Laws to report such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be.

(e) Status of Lenders; Tax Documentation.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission

of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in SECTION 2.23(e)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in such Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the Borrower is a U.S. Person,
 - (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;
 - (B) any Foreign Lender, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
 - (I) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;

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

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

Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit I-2 or Exhibit I-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit I-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by Applicable Law as a basis for claiming exemption from U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by Applicable Law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.
- (iii) Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered pursuant to this SECTION 2.23 expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.
- (f) <u>Mitigation</u>. If any Loan Party shall be required pursuant to this SECTION 2.23 to pay any additional amount to, or to indemnify, any Recipient to the extent that such Recipient becomes subject to Taxes subsequent to the Closing Date (or, if applicable, subsequent to the date such Person becomes a party to this Agreement) as a result of any change in the circumstances of such Recipient (other than a change in Applicable Law), including without limitation a change in the residence, place of incorporation, principal place of business of such

Recipient or a change in the branch or lending office of such Recipient, as the case may be, such Recipient shall use reasonable efforts to avoid or minimize any amounts which might otherwise be payable pursuant to this SECTION 2.23(f); provided, however, that such efforts shall not include the taking of any actions by such Recipient that would result in any tax, costs or other expense to such Recipient (other than a tax, cost or other expense for which such Recipient shall have been reimbursed or indemnified by the Loan Parties pursuant to this Agreement or otherwise) or any action which would or might in the reasonable opinion of such Recipient have an adverse effect upon its business, operations or financial condition or otherwise be disadvantageous to such Recipient.

- Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any Recipient determines, in its (g) reasonable discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Loan Party or with respect to which any Loan Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this SECTION 2.23, it shall pay to the Loan Party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by a Loan Party under this SECTION 2.23 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by such Recipient, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Loan Party, upon the request of the Recipient, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Loan Party (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Recipient in the event the Recipient is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this subsection, in no event will the applicable Recipient be required to pay any amount to the Loan Party pursuant to this subsection the payment of which would place the Recipient in a less favorable net after-Tax position than such Recipient would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This subsection shall not be construed to require any Recipient to make available its tax returns (or any other information relating to its taxes that it deems confidential) to any Loan Party or any other Person.
- within a reasonable time after receipt of a notice of assessment or proposed assessment under which such Lender may be liable for additional Indemnified Taxes (and any interest or penalties that may be assessed with respect to such Indemnified Taxes) as a direct result of the Loan. Thereafter, such Lender shall at the Loan Parties' sole cost and expense, unless to do so might reasonably result in either any increased liabilities or expenses which have not been fully secured by the Loan Parties or any other material adverse effect on such Lender, (a) provide reasonable assistance to the Loan Parties in contesting such proposed assessment or assessment, and (b) not settle or compromise the contest of such proposed assessment or assessment without the Borrower's consent (not to be unreasonably withheld). In addition to the foregoing, provided that the same will not result in material costs and expenses which have not been fully secured for by the Loan Parties, and at the Loan Parties sole cost and expense, the Lenders will upon reasonable request of the Borrower apply for any refund of Taxes which might reasonably be available.
- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this SECTION 2.23 shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the

replacement of, a Lender or an Issuing Bank, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

(j) <u>Agent Tax Forms</u>. Solely pursuant to this SECTION 2.23(j) (and for the avoidance of doubt, without imposing any additional rights or obligations pursuant to SECTION 2.23(e)), each Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent shall be subject to the rights and obligations of a "Lender" outlined in paragraph (e) such that each such Person shall be required to provide the documentation referenced in paragraph (e) as if it were a Lender.

SECTION 2.24 Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Lenders.

- (a) If any Lender requests compensation under SECTION 2.14 or cannot make Loans under SECTION 2.11, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to SECTION 2.23, then such Lender shall use reasonable efforts to designate a different lending office for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to SECTION 2.14 or 2.23, as the case may be, in the future and (ii) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment; provided, however, that the Borrower shall not be liable for such costs and expenses of a Lender requesting compensation if (i) such Lender becomes a party to this Agreement on a date after the Closing Date and (ii) the relevant Change in Law occurs on a date prior to the date such Lender becomes a party hereto.
- If any Lender requests compensation under SECTION 2.14 or cannot make Loans under SECTION 2.11, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to SECTION 2.23, or if any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Minority Lender, then the Borrower may, at its expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate (and, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such Lender shall be required to assign and delegate), without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in SECTION 9.05), all its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided, however, that (i) the Borrower shall have received the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Banks and Swingline Lender (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), to the extent such consent is required pursuant to SECTION 9.04, (ii) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Loans and participations in unreimbursed drawings under Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts), (iii) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under SECTION 2.14 or payments required to be made pursuant to SECTION 2.23, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments, and (iv) in the case of an assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Minority 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 and delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by

such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply.

SECTION 2.25 <u>Super Priority Nature of Obligations and Collateral Agent's Liens;</u> Payment of Obligations.

- (a) The priority of the Collateral Agent's Liens on the Collateral, claims and other interests shall be as set forth in the Orders, as applicable).
- (b) Subject to the terms of the Orders, upon the maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) of any of the Obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, Agents and Lenders shall be entitled to immediate payment of such Obligations without further application to or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

SECTION 2.26 Defaulting Lenders.

- (a) <u>Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Revolving Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as that Revolving Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:
- (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of "Required Lenders", "Required Revolving Lenders" and SECTION 9.02.
- Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, (ii) fees or other amounts received by any Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VII or otherwise) or received by any Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to SECTION 9.08 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, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Issuing Banks or Swingline Lender hereunder; third, to cash collateralize the Issuing Banks' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan (which specific Loan shall be determined by the Administrative Agent) in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) cash collateralize the Issuing Banks' future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Revolving Lenders, the Issuing Banks or Swingline Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Non-Defaulting Lender, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting

Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *eighth*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans (including any Loans made pursuant to SECTION 2.13(e)) in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in SECTION 4.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and Letter of Credit Outstandings owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or Letter of Credit Outstandings owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Revolving Credit Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letter of Credit Outstandings and Swingline Loans are held by the Revolving Lenders pro rata in accordance with their Revolving Commitment Percentages hereunder without giving effect to SECTION 2.26(a)(iv). 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 2.26(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Revolving Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) Certain Fees.

- (A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under SECTION 2.19(b) for any period during which that Revolving Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).
- (B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Revolving Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Revolving Commitment Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided cash collateral pursuant to SECTION 2.13(d).
- (C) With respect to any fee payable under SECTION 2.19(b) or any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (A)</u> or <u>(B)</u> above, the Borrower shall (x) pay (without duplication of amounts paid under clause (y) below) to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in Letter of Credit Outstandings or Swingline Loans that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> below, (y) pay (without duplication of amounts paid under clause (x) above) to the Issuing Banks and Swingline Lender, as applicable, the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such Issuing Banks' or Swingline Lender's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.
- (iv) <u>Reallocation of Applicable Percentages to Reduce Fronting Exposure</u>. If any Fronting Exposure exists at the time any Revolving Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then all or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in Letter of Credit Outstandings and Swingline Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in

accordance with their respective Revolving Commitment Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that such reallocation does not cause the portion of the Total Outstandings owing to any Non-Defaulting Lender (including, without limitation, any Letters of Credit or Swingline Loans as to which any Non-Defaulting Lender has any participation obligation) to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Revolving Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

- (v) <u>Cash Collateral, Repayment of Swing Line Loans</u>. If the reallocation described in clause (a)(iv) above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under Applicable Law, (x) *first*, prepay Swingline Loans in an amount equal to the Swingline Lenders' Fronting Exposure and (y) *second*, cash collateralize the Issuing Banks' Fronting Exposure in an amount equal to 103% of the Letter of Credit Outstandings as of such date, plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon.
- (b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the Issuing Banks agree in writing that a Revolving Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which shall include the release of any cash collateral previously provided by the Borrower hereunder with respect to such Defaulting Lender to the extent such cash collateral has not been applied to the Obligations), that Revolving Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Revolving Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans to be held on a pro rata basis by the Revolving Lenders in accordance with their Revolving Commitment Percentages (without giving effect to SECTION 2.26(a)(iv)), whereupon such Revolving 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 Revolving 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 Revolving Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Revolving Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

ARTICLE III

Representations and Warranties

To induce the Credit Parties to make the Loans and to issue Letters of Credit, the Loan Parties executing this Agreement, jointly and severally, make the following representations and warranties to each Credit Party with respect to each Loan Party:

SECTION 3.01 Organization; Powers.

Each Loan Party is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, has all requisite power and authority to own its property and assets and, subject to entry of the Interim Order by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and to the further approval of the Bankruptcy Court for transactions outside of the ordinary course of business, to carry on its business as now conducted and, subject to entry of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order (or the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, when applicable) to execute and deliver and perform all its obligations under all Loan Documents to which such Loan Party is a party. Each Loan Party is qualified to do business in, and is in good standing (where such concept exists) in, every jurisdiction in which the nature of its business or the ownership or leasing of its properties makes such qualification necessary, except where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Information Certificate sets forth, as of the Closing Date, each Loan Party's name as it appears in official filings in its state or province of incorporation or organization, its state or province of incorporation or organization, organization type, organization number, if any, issued by its state or province of incorporation or organization, and its federal employer identification number.

SECTION 3.02 <u>Authorization; Enforceability.</u>

Upon entry of the of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order (or the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, when applicable) by the Bankruptcy Court, and subject to its terms, the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents to be entered into by each Loan Party are within such Loan Party's corporate powers and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate, membership, partnership or other necessary action. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is a party hereto or thereto and, upon entry of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order (or the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, when applicable) by the Bankruptcy Court, and subject to its terms, constitutes, and each other Loan Document to which any Loan Party is a party, when executed and delivered by such Loan Party will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity, regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law.

SECTION 3.03 Governmental Approvals; No Conflicts.

Except for the entry by the Bankruptcy Court of, or pursuant to the terms of, the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order (or the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, when applicable), the transactions to be entered into and contemplated by the Loan Documents (a) do not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or any other action by, any Governmental Authority, except for such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect and except filings and recordings necessary to perfect Liens created under the Loan Documents, (b) will not violate any Applicable Law or the Charter Documents of any Loan Party, (c) will not violate or result in a default under any Material Contract, any indenture or any other agreement, instrument or other evidence of Material Indebtedness or other material instrument binding upon any Loan Party or its assets, or give rise to a right thereunder to require any payment to be made by any Loan Party, except to the extent that such violation or default

would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and (d) will not result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of any Loan Party, except Liens created under the Loan Documents.

SECTION 3.04 <u>Financial Condition.</u>

- (a) The Borrower has heretofore furnished to the Agents the Consolidated balance sheets, and Consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the Parent as of and for the Fiscal Year ending November 30, 2019, certified by a Financial Officer of the Parent. Such Consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Parent as of such date and for such period in accordance with GAAP.
- (b) The initial Approved Budget attached hereto as <u>Schedule 5.16</u>, which was furnished to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders on or prior to the Closing Date, and each subsequent Approved Budget delivered in accordance with SECTION 5.16, has been prepared in good faith based upon assumptions the Borrower believed to be reasonable assumptions on the date of delivery of the then-applicable Approved Budget.
- (c) Since the Petition Date, other than those events or circumstances customarily leading up to or resulting from the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases, there has been no Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.05 <u>Properties.</u>

- (a) Except as disclosed in the Information Certificate, each Loan Party has title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its real (immoveable) and personal (moveable) property material to its business, except for defects which would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Each Loan Party owns or is licensed to use, all patents, trademarks, trade names, trade styles, brand names, service marks, logos, copyrights, and other intellectual property used in its business, except to the extent that the failure to so own or have the right to use would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and to the knowledge of its Responsible Officers the use thereof by the Loan Parties does not infringe upon the rights of any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) The Information Certificate sets forth the address (including county) of all Real Estate that is owned by the Loan Parties as of the Closing Date, together with a list of the holders of any mortgage thereon. The Information Certificate sets forth the address (including county) of all Real Estate that is leased by the Loan Parties as of the Closing Date, together with the name of the lessor with respect to each such Lease. Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, to the knowledge of the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties each of such Leases is in full force and effect and the Loan Parties are not in default of the terms thereof (other than violations stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court).

SECTION 3.06 <u>Litigation and Environmental Matters.</u>

- (a) Except for Disclosed Matters and the Bankruptcy Cases, and matters stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court, there are no actions, suits or proceedings by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority pending against or, to the knowledge of Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties, threatened in writing against or affecting any Loan Party (i) as to which there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination which, if adversely determined, would reasonably be expected individually or in the aggregate to result in a Material Adverse Effect (other than Disclosed Matters and other than those events or circumstances customarily leading up to or resulting from the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases) or (ii) that involve any of the Loan Documents.
- (b) Except for Disclosed Matters, to the knowledge of its Responsible Officers no Loan Party (i) has failed to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, (ii) has become subject to any Environmental Liability, (iii) has received notice of any claim with respect to any Environmental Liability or (iv) knows of any basis for any Environmental Liability, which, in each case, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) There has been no change in the status of the Disclosed Matters that, individually or in the aggregate, has resulted in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.07 Compliance with Laws and Agreements.

Each Loan Party is in compliance with all Applicable Law, including, without limitation, the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), all Material Contracts and all agreements relating to Material Indebtedness, and no default has occurred and is continuing thereunder (other than as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases), except in each case (i) where the failure to comply or the existence of a default, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect and (ii) matters stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

SECTION 3.08 Investment Company Status.

No Loan Party is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" as defined in, or subject to regulation under, the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

SECTION 3.09 <u>Taxes.</u>

Each Loan Party has timely filed or caused to be filed all tax returns and reports required to have been filed (including Canadian federal and provincial income tax returns) and has paid or caused to be paid all Taxes required to have been paid by it, except (a) Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, for which such Loan Party has set aside on its books adequate reserves, and as to which no Lien has arisen, (b) to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (c) the payment of which is stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court. Proper and accurate amounts have been withheld by each Loan Party from its respective employees for all periods in

compliance with all applicable federal, state, provisional, local and foreign laws and such withholdings have been timely paid to the respective Governmental Authorities, except to the extent, in each case, that the failure to so comply would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.10 ERISA.

- Effect, each Plan is in compliance in all material respects with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other U.S. federal or state laws. Each Pension Plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) that is intended to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the form of such Pension Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code and the trust related thereto has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code, or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the Internal Revenue Service or there is still time before such application is required to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service, and to the best knowledge of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, nothing has occurred that would prevent or cause the loss of such tax-qualified status.
- (b) There are no pending or, to the best knowledge of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Pension Plan (other than a Multiemployer Plan) that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- Except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, (i) no ERISA Event has occurred, and no Responsible Officer of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is aware of any fact, event or circumstance that could reasonably be expected to constitute or result in an ERISA Event with respect to any Pension Plan; (ii) the Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate has met all applicable requirements under the Pension Funding Rules in respect of each Pension Plan, and no waiver of the minimum funding standards under the Pension Funding Rules has been applied for or obtained; (iii) as of the most recent valuation date for any Pension Plan, the funding target attainment percentage (as defined in Section 430(d)(2) of the Code) is 80% or higher and neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate knows of any facts or circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause the funding target attainment percentage for any such plan to drop below 80% as of the most recent valuation date; (iv) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability to the PBGC other than for the payment of premiums, and there are no premium payments which have become due that are unpaid; (v) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could be subject to Section 4069 or Section 4212(c) of ERISA; and (vi) no Pension Plan has been terminated by the plan administrator thereof nor by the PBGC, and no event or circumstance has occurred or exists that would reasonably be expected to cause the PBGC to institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate any Pension Plan.

SECTION 3.11 Disclosure.

To the knowledge of their Responsible Officers, the Loan Parties have disclosed to the Credit Parties all agreements, instruments and corporate or other restrictions to which any Loan Party is subject, and all other matters known to any of them that, if breached or defaulted, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. None of the written reports, financial statements, certificates or other written information (other than any projections, pro formas, budgets, and other forward-looking information and information of a general economic or industry-specific nature) concerning the Loan Parties furnished by or at the direction of any Loan Party to any Credit Party in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or delivered hereunder or thereunder (as modified or supplemented by other information so furnished), when taken as a whole, contains, as of the date furnished, any material misstatement of fact or omits to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not materially misleading in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made.

SECTION 3.12 Subsidiaries.

- (a) The Information Certificate sets forth the name of, and the ownership interest of each Loan Party in, each Subsidiary as of the Closing Date. There is no other Capital Stock of any class as to any such Subsidiary issued and outstanding as of the Closing Date, other than as set forth in the Information Certificate. All such shares of Capital Stock are validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable (as applicable).
- (b) Except as set forth in the Information Certificate, no Loan Party is party to any joint venture, general or limited partnership, or limited liability company agreements or any other business ventures or entities as of the Closing Date.

SECTION 3.13 <u>Insurance.</u>

The Information Certificate sets forth a description of all general liability, comprehensive, health, and casualty insurance maintained by or on behalf of the Loan Parties as of the Closing Date. Each insurance policy listed in the Information Certificate is in full force and effect and all premiums in respect thereof that are due and payable as of the Closing Date have been paid.

SECTION 3.14 <u>Labor Matters.</u>

There are no strikes, lockouts or slowdowns against any Loan Party pending or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer of any Loan Party, threatened except to the extent that strikes, lockouts, or slowdowns would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Loan Parties reasonably believe that the hours worked by and payments made to employees of the Loan Parties have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other applicable federal, state, provincial, local or foreign law dealing with such matters to the extent that any such violation would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except for Disclosed Matters and to the extent that such liability would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, the Loan Parties reasonably believe that all payments due from any Loan Party, or for which any claim may be made against any Loan Party, on account of wages and employee health and welfare insurance and other benefits, have been paid or accrued in

accordance with GAAP as a liability on the books of such Loan Party. Except as set forth in the Information Certificate or as disclosed in any filing by any Loan Party with the SEC as of the Closing Date, no Loan Party is a party to or bound by any material collective bargaining agreement, management agreement, employment agreement, bonus, restricted stock, stock option, or stock appreciation plan or agreement or any similar plan, agreement or arrangement. As of the Closing Date, there are no representation proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of any Responsible Officer of any Loan Party, threatened to be filed with the National Labor Relations Board or other Governmental Authority, and no labor organization or group of employees of any Loan Party has made a pending demand for recognition. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents will not give rise to any right of termination or right of renegotiation on the part of any union under any collective bargaining agreement to which any Loan Party is bound to the extent that such would be reasonably expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.15 <u>Security Documents.</u>

Subject to the entry of the relevant Order, the Security Documents, together with the Order, shall be effective to create in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Credit Parties, a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the Collateral described therein and the proceeds thereof. Upon entry of the relevant Order, such Order together with other actions taken on or prior to the date hereof (including (i) in the case of the "Pledged Collateral" described in the Security Agreement, delivery of certificates or promissory notes, as applicable, representing such "Pledged Collateral" to the Collateral Agent (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement), and (ii) in the case of the other Collateral described in the Security Documents, upon the filing of financing statements and the obtaining of "control", in each case, as applicable, with respect to the relevant Collateral as required under the applicable Uniform Commercial Code or similar legislation of any jurisdiction, including without limitation, the PPSA and the *Civil Code of Québec*), confer upon the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Credit Parties, a perfected Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the Loan Parties in such Collateral and the proceeds thereof as security for the Obligations, with the priority set forth in the relevant Order.

SECTION 3.16 Federal Reserve Regulations.

- (a) No Loan Party is engaged principally, or as one of its important activities, in the business of extending credit for the purpose of buying or carrying Margin Stock.
- (b) No part of the proceeds of any Loan or any Letter of Credit will be used, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, (i) to buy or carry Margin Stock or to extend credit to others for the purpose of buying or carrying Margin Stock or to refund indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose in violation of Regulation U or X or (ii) for any purpose that entails a violation of the provisions of the Regulations of the Board, including Regulation U or Regulation X.

SECTION 3.17 <u>Bankruptcy Cases.</u>

(a) The Chapter 11 Cases were commenced on the Petition Date and the Canadian Recognition Proceedings were commenced, in each case, in accordance in all material respects with Applicable Law and proper notice thereof was given for (i) the motion seeking

approval of the Loan Documents and the Interim Order, the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order, Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, (ii) the hearing for the entry of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order, and (iii) the hearing for the entry of the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order. The Debtors shall give, on a timely basis as specified in the Interim Order, the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order, the Final Order or the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, as applicable, all notices required to be given to all parties specified in the such orders, as applicable.

- (b) After the entry of the DIP Recognition Order and Interim Order, and pursuant to and to the extent permitted in the DIP Recognition Order, Interim Order and the Final Order, the Obligations will constitute allowed administrative expense claims in the Chapter 11 Cases and claims in the Recognition Proceedings, in each case, having priority over all administrative expense claims and unsecured claims, as applicable, against the Debtors now existing or hereafter arising, of any kind whatsoever, including all administrative expense claims having priority under Section 364(c)(l) of the Bankruptcy Code or similar claims under the CCAA (including, without limitation, such expenses specified in Sections 105, 326, 330, 331, 503(b), 506(c), 507(a), 507(b), 546(c), 726, 1114 or any other provision of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise), subject to (i) the Priority Carve-Out and (ii) the priorities set forth in the Interim Order, the Final Order and the DIP Recognition Order, as applicable.
- (c) After the entry of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order and pursuant to and to the extent provided in such Order (including the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order), the Obligations will be secured by a valid and perfected first priority Lien on all of the Collateral subject, as to priority, only to (i) the Priority Carve-Out, (ii) the Liens securing the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, and (iii) to the extent set forth in the Order.
- (d) The Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order (with respect to the period on and after entry of the Interim Order and the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order and prior to entry of the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, as applicable) or the Final Order or the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order (with respect to the period on and after entry of the Final Order or the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, as applicable), as the case may be, is in full force and effect and has not been reversed, stayed (whether by statutory stay or otherwise), vacated, appealed or otherwise challenged (or subject to any pending or threatened, challenge or proceeding) or, without the Administrative Agent's, the Required Lenders' and the ABL Term Loan Agent's consent, modified or amended in a manner adverse to the Lenders. The Loan Parties are in compliance in all material respects with the Orders.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to the applicable provisions of the Orders, upon the Termination Date (whether by acceleration or otherwise) of any of the Obligations, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, ABL Term Loan Agent and Lenders shall be entitled to immediate payment of such Obligations and to enforce the remedies provided for hereunder or under Applicable Law, without further notice, motion or application to, hearing before, or order from, the Bankruptcy Court.

SECTION 3.18 DDAs; Credit Card Arrangements.

- (a) The Information Certificate sets forth a list of all DDAs maintained by the Loan Parties as of the Closing Date, which list includes, with respect to each DDA, (i) the name and address of the depository; (ii) the account number(s) maintained with such depository; and (iii) a contact person at such depository.
- (b) The Information Certificate sets forth a list describing all agreements as of the Closing Date to which any Loan Party is a party with respect to the processing and/or payment to such Loan Party of the proceeds of any credit card charges and debit card charges for sales made by such Loan Party.

SECTION 3.19 <u>Licenses; Permits.</u>

(a) Each Loan Party has obtained all permits, licenses and other authorizations which are required with respect to the ownership and operations of its business except where the failure to obtain such permits, licenses or other authorizations, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each Loan Party is in material compliance with all terms and conditions of all such permits, licenses, orders and authorizations, and is also in compliance with all Applicable Laws, except where the failure to comply with such terms, conditions or Applicable Laws, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.20 Material Contracts.

Other than defaults resulting from the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases, the Loan Parties are not in breach or in default of or under any Material Contract and have not received any notice of the intention of any other party thereto to terminate any Material Contract, except to the extent that such breach, default or termination, (x) individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (y) obligations stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court.

SECTION 3.21 OFAC; Sanctions.

No Loan Party, nor, to the knowledge of any Loan Party, any Affiliate, partner, director, officer, employee, agent, trustee, administrator, manager, advisor or representative of such Loan Party, (i) is currently the subject of any Sanctions, (ii) is located, organized or residing in any Designated Jurisdiction, or (iii) is or has been (within the previous five years) engaged in any transaction with any Person who is now or was then the subject of Sanctions or who is located, organized or residing in any Designated Jurisdiction. No Loan, nor the proceeds from any Loan, has been used, directly or indirectly, to lend, contribute, provide or has otherwise made available to fund any activity or business in any Designated Jurisdiction or to fund any activity or business of any Person located, organized or residing in any Designated Jurisdiction or who is the subject of any Sanctions, or in any other manner that will result in any violation by any Person (including any Lender, the Arranger, the Administrative Agent, any Issuing Bank or the Swingline Lender) of Sanctions, or for any purpose which would breach the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (Canada) and other similar anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions. The Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries have conducted their business in compliance with the United States Foreign Corrupt

Practices Act of 1977, the UK Bribery Act 2010, Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act (Canada) and other similar anti-corruption legislation in other jurisdictions, except where the failure to comply would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and have instituted and maintained policies and procedures designed to promote and achieve compliance in all material respects with such laws and applicable Sanctions, and to the knowledge of the Borrower, the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries are in compliance with such applicable Sanctions in all material respects.

ARTICLE IV

Conditions

SECTION 4.01 <u>Closing Date.</u>

The effectiveness of this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) The Agents (or their counsel) shall have received from each party either (i) a counterpart of this Agreement, the Payoff Letter and all other Loan Documents described in the Information Certificate signed on behalf of such party or (ii) written evidence satisfactory to the Agents (which may include telecopy or pdf transmission of a signed signature page of this Agreement) that such party has signed a counterpart of this Agreement and such other Loan Documents.
- (b) The Agents shall have received a customary written opinions (addressed to each Agent and the Lenders and dated the Closing Date) of (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, counsel for the Loan Parties and (ii) Kutak Rock LLP, Virginia counsel for the Loan Parties, in each case covering such matters relating to the Loan Parties and entry of the Interim Order, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The Loan Parties hereby request such counsel to deliver such opinion.
- (c) The Agents shall have received Charter Documents and such other documents and certificates as the Agents or their counsel may reasonably request relating to the organization, existence and good standing of each Loan Party, the authorization of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents and any other legal matters relating to the Loan Parties, the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel.
- (d) After giving effect to (i) any Loans to be made on the Closing Date, (ii) any charges to the Loan Account made in connection with the credit facility contemplated hereby and (iii) all Letters of Credit (including Existing Letters of Credit) to be issued at, or immediately subsequent to, the Closing Date, Availability shall be not less than \$40,000,000. The Administrative Agent shall have received a Borrowing Base Certificate dated the Closing Date, relating to the week ended on February [___], 2020, and executed by a Financial Officer of the Borrower.
- (e) The Agents shall have received a certificate, reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Agents, certifying that (x) all representations and warranties contained

in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or otherwise made in writing in connection herewith or therewith are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date with the same effect as if made on and as of such date, except to the extent that (A) such representations and warranties are qualified as to "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language, in which case they are true and correct in all respects (as so qualified by "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language) on and as of such date, and (B) such representations and warranties relate to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date, and (y) as of the Closing Date, no Default or Event of Default exists.

- (f) To the extent not previously delivered, the Agents shall have received the Security Documents. The Collateral Agent shall be satisfied that, subject to the Order and terms thereof, the Loan Documents shall be effective to create in favor of the Collateral Agent a legal, valid and enforceable security interest and Lien upon the Collateral, with the priority set forth in the Orders and subject to the terms thereof.
- (g) Except for Disclosed Matters, the Chapter 11 Cases, and matters stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, no orders, injunctions or pending litigation shall exist which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or which challenges this Agreement or the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby.
- (h) Since the Petition Date, other than those events or circumstances customarily resulting from the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expect to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (i) After giving effect to the consummation of the transactions contemplated under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents on the Closing Date (including any Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder), no Default or Event of Default shall exist.
- (j) The Agents shall have received results of searches or other evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Agents (in each case dated as of a date reasonably satisfactory to the Agents) indicating the absence of Liens on the assets of the Loan Parties, except for Permitted Encumbrances.
- (k) To the extent not previously delivered, the Agents shall have received all documents and instruments, including Uniform Commercial Code and PPSA financing statements and certified statements issued by the Québec Register of Personal and Moveable Property Rights and any amendments in respect of any of the foregoing, required by law or reasonably requested by the Agents to be filed, registered, published or recorded to create or perfect the Liens intended to be created under the Loan Documents and all such documents and instruments shall have been so filed, registered, published or recorded to the satisfaction of the Agents.

- (l) The Agents shall have received, and be reasonably satisfied with, evidence of the Loan Parties' insurance, together with such endorsements as are required by the Loan Documents.
- (m) All fees due as of the Closing Date and all Credit Party Expenses incurred in connection with the establishment of the credit facility contemplated hereby (including the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel to the Agents), shall have been paid in full.
- (n) To the extent not previously delivered, there shall have been delivered to the Agents the additional instruments and documents described in the Information Certificate.
- (o) The Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders shall have received the initial Approved Budget, the draft Plan of Reorganization and related disclosure statement, and the executed Plan Support Agreement.
- (p) The Administrative Agent shall have received drafts of the "first day" pleadings for the Bankruptcy Cases, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (q) All motions, orders (including "first day" orders (the "First Day Orders") and other documents to be filed with and submitted to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on the Petition Date shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court shall have approved and entered all First Day Orders including, without limitation, the Cash Management Order.
- (r) The Administrative Agent shall have received the Intercreditor Acknowledgment in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (s) The U.S. Bankruptcy Court shall have approved and entered the Interim Order by no later than five (5) Business Days after the Petition Date, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit J or otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent.
- (t) [The Canadian Court shall have approved and entered the Canadian Interim DIP Recognition Order by no later than [seven (7)] Business Days after the U.S. Bankruptcy Court has approved and entered the Interim Order, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent.]

The Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding on the Loan Parties.

SECTION 4.02 <u>Conditions Precedent to Each Revolving Credit Loan and Each Letter of Credit.</u>

The obligations of the Revolving Lenders to make each Revolving Credit Loan, and of the Issuing Banks to issue each Letter of Credit, are subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (a) The Administrative Agent shall have received a notice with respect to such Borrowing or issuance, as the case may be, as required by Article II.
- (b) (i) No Default or Event of Default is then occurring, (ii) the representations and warranties contained in SECTION 3.04(b) shall be true and correct in all respects, and (iii) all other representations and warranties contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or otherwise made in writing in connection herewith or therewith shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date of each Borrowing or the issuance of each Letter of Credit hereunder with the same effect as if made on and as of such date, except to the extent that (A) such representations and warranties are qualified as to "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language, in which case they shall be true and correct in all respects (as so qualified by "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or similar language) on and as of such date, and (B) such representations and warranties relate to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date.
- (c) On the date of each Borrowing hereunder and the issuance of each Letter of Credit and after giving effect thereto, the Loan Parties shall be in compliance with all of the terms and provisions set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents to be observed or performed and no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.
- (d) The Administrative Agent shall have received timely delivery of the most recently required Borrowing Base Certificate, with each such Borrowing Base Certificate including schedules as reasonably required by the Administrative Agent.

The request by the Borrower for, and the acceptance by the Borrower of, each extension of credit hereunder shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Loan Parties that the conditions specified in this SECTION 4.02 have been satisfied at that time and that after giving effect to such extension of credit the Borrower shall continue to be in compliance with the Borrowing Base, the FILO Borrowing Base and the ABL Term Borrowing Base. The conditions set forth in this SECTION 4.02 are for the sole benefit of the Administrative Agent and each other Credit Party and may be waived by the Administrative Agent, in whole or in part, without prejudice to the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party.

ARTICLE V

Affirmative Covenants

Until Payment in Full, each Loan Party covenants and agrees with the Credit Parties that:

SECTION 5.01 Financial Statements and Other Information.

The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the Lenders in accordance with the provisions of SECTION 8.13(c):

(a) Within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each Fiscal Year of the Parent, the Consolidated balance sheets, Consolidated statements of operations, and Consolidated statements of stockholders' equity and cash flows as of the end of and for

such year for the Parent, setting forth in each case in comparative form the Consolidated figures for the previous Fiscal Year, all audited and reported on by independent registered public accounting firm of recognized national standing to the effect that such Consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied and on an annual basis a consolidating balance sheet to be delivered in a timely fashion, when prepared;

- (i) Within forty-five (45) days after the end of each of the first three (3) Fiscal Quarters of the Parent, the Consolidated balance sheets, Consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Parent, as of the end of and for such Fiscal Quarter and the elapsed portion of the Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the Consolidated figures for the previous Fiscal Year, all certified by one of the Parent's Financial Officers as presenting in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent on a Consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, subject to normal year end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and (ii) within thirty (30) days after the end of each Fiscal Month of the Parent, the Consolidated balance sheets, Consolidated statements of operations and stockholders' equity of the Parent, as of the end of and for such Fiscal Month and the elapsed portion of the Fiscal Year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the Consolidated figures for the previous Fiscal Year, all certified by one of the Parent's Financial Officers as presenting in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Parent on a Consolidated basis in a manner consistent with past practices and reflecting the same information as reported to the Parent's board of directors, subject to normal year end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes;
- (c) Concurrently with any delivery of financial statements under clause (a) or (b) above, a certificate of a Financial Officer of the Borrower in the form of Exhibit G hereto (a "Compliance Certificate") (i) certifying as to whether a Default or Event of Default has occurred and, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred, specifying the details thereof and any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, and (ii) setting forth reasonably detailed calculations with respect to Availability;
- (d) On or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, on the fourth Business Day of each calendar week, (i) a certificate in the form of Exhibit H (a "Borrowing Base Certificate") showing the Borrowing Base, the FILO Borrowing Base and the ABL Term Borrowing Base as of the close of business on the immediately preceding Saturday, with such weekly Borrowing Base Certificates updated for purchases and sales of Inventory from the prior week, (ii) an inventory roll forward, and (iii) a report listing the Stores subject to Specified Store Closing Sales being closed or proposed to be closed during such period;
- (e) Promptly after the same become publicly available (except to the extent otherwise required to be delivered hereunder), copies of all material periodic and other reports, proxy statements and other materials filed by any Loan Party with the SEC, or other foreign securities regulatory body, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of the functions of said Commission, or with any national securities exchange, as the case may be:

- (f) The following reports:
 - (i) On or before the 15th day after each fiscal month:
 - (A) accounts receivables agings, and
 - (B) a summary of Inventory by location and type, accompanied by such customary supporting documentation (including a supporting perpetual Inventory report) as shall be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the ABL Term Loan Agent in their reasonable discretion, with detail sufficient to permit the preparation of an updated Inventory appraisal.
 - (ii) On or before the 30th day after each fiscal month:
 - (A) accounts payable agings (including a summary of both Pre-Petition and Post-Petition accounts payable), accompanied by such customary supporting detail and documentation as shall be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the ABL Term Loan Agent in their reasonable discretion; and
 - (B) an accounts payable and accrual report as of the end of the most recently ended Fiscal Month, in each case, accompanied by such customary supporting detail and documentation as shall be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the ABL Term Loan Agent in their reasonable discretion.
- (g) A detailed summary of the Net Proceeds received from any Prepayment Event within three (3) Business Days after receipt of such proceeds, including, without limitation, to the extent applicable, the manner of allocation of the Net Proceeds amongst the assets and properties of the Loan Parties which are the subject of the Prepayment Event;
- (h) (i) Notice of any intended sale or other disposition (other than as permitted under Section 6.05) of material assets of any Loan Party permitted hereunder, at least five (5) Business Days prior to the date of consummation of such sale or disposition, and (ii) notice of any incurrence of any Indebtedness for borrowed money with a principal amount in excess of \$250,000 in favor of any non-Affiliated Person permitted hereunder, promptly (but in any event within five (5) Business Days) following the incurrence of such Indebtedness;
- (i) Promptly following any request therefor, such other information regarding the operations, business affairs and financial condition of any Loan Party, or compliance with the terms of any Loan Document, as the Agents or any Lender may reasonably request;
- (j) If reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, and concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements under clause (a) above, copies of the Borrower's

Canadian federal and provincial tax returns for the Fiscal Year to which such financial statements in clause (a) apply, if available.

- (k) Promptly after the Administrative Agent's request therefor, copies of all Material Contracts and documents evidencing Material Indebtedness.
- (1)Any of the delivery requirements relating to written financial information set forth in this SECTION 5.01 may be satisfied by either (x) the Borrower's posting such information in electronic format readable by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders to a secure address on the world wide web (the "Informational Website") which is accessible by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders, (y) the Borrower's delivering such financial information in electronic format to the Administrative Agent and the Administrative Agent's posting such information to an Informational Website, or (z) the filing of such information on the website of the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. The accommodation provided by the foregoing sentence shall not impair the right of the Administrative Agent, or any Lender through the Administrative Agent, to request and receive from the Borrower physical delivery of specific financial information provided for in this SECTION 5.01. The Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent (and the Administrative Agent shall give each Lender) written or electronic notice each time any information is delivered by posting to the Informational Website or by filing electronically with the SEC. The Loan Parties shall be responsible for and shall bear all risk associated with establishing and maintaining the security and confidentiality of the Informational Website and the information posted thereto.

In no event shall the requirements set forth in SECTION 5.01 require the Borrower to provide any such information which (i) constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by Law or third party confidentiality obligations (so long as such confidentiality obligation was not entered into in contemplation of this exception) or (iii) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work-product.

SECTION 5.02 <u>Notices of Material Events.</u>

The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent prompt written notice of the occurrence of any of the following after any Responsible Officer of the Borrower obtains knowledge thereof:

- (a) A Default or Event of Default, specifying the nature and extent thereof and the action (if any) which is proposed to be taken with respect thereto;
- (b) The filing or commencement of any action, suit or proceeding by or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority against or affecting any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof that, as determined at the time of filing, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect:

- (c) An ERISA Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
 - (d) Any development that results in a Material Adverse Effect;
 - (e) Any change in the Parent's chief executive officer or chief financial officer;
- (f) The discharge by any Loan Party of its present independent accountants or any withdrawal or resignation by such independent accountants;
- (g) Any material collective bargaining agreement or other union labor contract to which a Loan Party becomes a party, or the application for the certification of a collective bargaining agent;
- (h) The filing of any Lien (other than inchoate Liens) for unpaid Taxes in excess of \$250,000 against any Loan Party;
- (i) as soon as practicable and to the extent feasible in advance of filing with (i) any Bankruptcy Court or delivering to the Committee appointed in a Chapter 11 Case, if any, or to the U.S. Trustee, as the case may be, (I) the Final Order and the Canadian Final DIP Recognition Order, and (II) all other material proposed orders and pleadings that are (A) adverse to the interests of the ABL Term Loan Lenders, the ABL Term Loan Agent, the FILO Lenders, the Revolving Credit Lenders or the Agents (or any of them) in such capacity or (B) inconsistent with the Approved Budget or terms of the Loan Documents, in each case, relating to any of (w) the Bankruptcy Cases, (x) the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement and this Agreement and the credit facilities contemplated thereby and hereby, (y) the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility, or (z) any sale contemplated in accordance with the Required Milestones, any Plan of Reorganization or any disclosure statement related thereto, each of which material proposed orders or pleadings must be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, (ii) substantially simultaneously with the filing with any Bankruptcy Court or delivering to the Committee appointed in any Chapter 11 Case, if any, or to the U.S. Trustee, as the case may be, monthly operating reports and all other notices, filings, motions, pleadings or other information concerning the financial condition of the Loan Parties or their Subsidiaries or the Bankruptcy Cases that may be filed with any Bankruptcy Court or delivered to the Committee appointed in any Chapter 11 Case, if any, or to the U.S. Trustee, and (iii) each report, notice or certificate required to be delivered to any of the lenders or agents under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement; and
- (j) Any casualty or other insured damage to any material portion of the Collateral or the commencement of any action or proceeding for the taking of any interest in a material portion of the Collateral or any part thereof or interest therein under power of eminent domain or by condemnation or similar proceeding.

Each notice delivered under this SECTION 5.02 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Financial Officer or other executive officer of the Borrower setting forth the details of the event or development requiring such notice and, if applicable, any action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto.

SECTION 5.03 Information Regarding Collateral.

Except in connection with a transaction permitted by SECTION 6.03 in which a Loan Party is the surviving Person, the Borrower will furnish to the Agents prompt written notice of any change in: (a) any Loan Party's legal name; (b) the location of any Loan Party's chief executive office, its principal place of business, any office in which it maintains books or records relating to Collateral located in Canada owned by it or any office or facility at which Collateral located in Canada owned by it is located (including the establishment of any such new office or facility); provided that any such notice with respect to the opening or closing of any retail store (other than the opening of any retail store in Canada in any province or territory where the Collateral Agent's Liens are not then perfected) shall be provided to the Agents solely upon request of the Administrative Agent; (c) any Loan Party's organizational structure or jurisdiction of incorporation or formation; or (d) any Loan Party's Federal Taxpayer Identification Number or organizational identification number assigned to it by its state of organization. The Loan Parties agree not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless after giving effect thereto, the Agents continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected first priority (subject only to Permitted Encumbrances having priority by operation of Applicable Law and, with respect to Term Priority Collateral but subject to the Intercreditor Agreement or any other intercreditor agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent with respect thereto, Liens securing the Loan Parties' obligations under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Documents and Liens permitted under clause (m) of the definition of "Permitted Encumbrances") security interest in all the Collateral for its own benefit and the benefit of the other Credit Parties.

SECTION 5.04 Existence; Conduct of Business.

Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, do all things necessary to comply with its Charter Documents, and to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its legal existence and the rights, licenses, permits, privileges, franchises, patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade names material to the conduct of its business, except to the extent that (x) the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or (y) such obligation is stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prohibit any merger, amalgamation, consolidation, liquidation or dissolution permitted under SECTION 6.03 or SECTION 6.04.

SECTION 5.05 <u>Payment of Obligations.</u>

Subject to the Orders and the terms thereof or as otherwise required by (or, with respect to any Tax liabilities, permitted by) any Bankruptcy Court, each Loan Party will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, pay its Tax liabilities and claims for labor, materials, or supplies, in each case, incurred Post-Petition, before the same shall become delinquent or in default, but (other than with respect to Tax liabilities) subject to the Approved Budget except where (a) the validity or amount thereof is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) such Loan Party or such Subsidiary has set aside on its books adequate reserves with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP, (c) such contest effectively suspends collection of the contested obligation and no unstayed or unpermitted Lien is securing such obligation, or (d) the failure to make payment would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.06 <u>Maintenance of Properties.</u>

Each Loan Party will, and will cause its Subsidiaries to, keep and maintain all property material to the conduct of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear, casualty loss, and condemnation excepted, except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect and except for store closings and asset dispositions permitted hereunder.

SECTION 5.07 Insurance.

- (a) Each Loan Party shall (i) maintain insurance with financially sound and reputable insurers (or, to the extent consistent with business practices of such Loan Party in effect on the Closing Date, a program of self-insurance) in at least such amounts and against at least such risks as is consistent with business practices in effect on the Closing Date or as otherwise determined by the Responsible Officers of the Loan Parties acting reasonably in their business judgment, including public liability insurance against claims for personal injury or death occurring upon, in or about or in connection with the use of any properties owned, occupied or controlled by it (including the insurance required pursuant to the Security Documents); (ii) maintain such other insurance as may be required by law; and (iii) furnish to the Administrative Agent, upon reasonable written request, full information as to the insurance carried.
- Fire and extended coverage policies maintained with respect to any Collateral shall be endorsed or otherwise amended to include (i) a non-contributing lenders' loss payable clause (regarding personal property), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, which endorsements or amendments shall provide that the insurer shall pay all proceeds (subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and the Orders), otherwise payable to the Loan Parties under the policies directly to the Collateral Agent, (ii) a provision to the effect that none of the Loan Parties, Credit Parties or any other Person shall be a co-insurer and (iii) such other provisions as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require from time to time to protect the interests of the Credit Parties. Commercial general liability policies shall be endorsed to name the Administrative Agent, as an additional insured. Each such policy referred to in this SECTION 5.07(b) shall also provide that it shall not be canceled, modified or not renewed (i) by reason of nonpayment of premium except upon not less than ten (10) days' prior written notice thereof by the insurer to the Collateral Agent (giving such Agent the right to cure defaults in the payment of premiums) or (ii) for any other reason except upon not less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice thereof by the insurer to the Collateral Agent. The Borrower shall deliver to the Collateral Agent, prior to the cancellation, modification or non-renewal of any such policy of insurance, evidence of renewal of a policy (including an insurance binder) together with evidence satisfactory to the Collateral Agent of payment of the premium therefor.

SECTION 5.08 <u>Books and Records; Inspection and Audit Rights; Appraisals; Accountants.</u>

(a) Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Material Domestic Subsidiaries to, keep proper books of record and account in accordance with GAAP and in which full, true and correct entries, in all material respects, are made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities. Each Loan Party will, and will cause each of its Material

Domestic Subsidiaries to, permit any representatives designated by any Agent, upon reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default, to visit and inspect its properties, to discuss its affairs, finances and condition with its officers and internal accountants and to examine and make extracts from its books and records, all at such reasonable times and as often as reasonably requested. In no event shall the requirements set forth in this SECTION 5.08(a) require the Borrower to provide any such information which (i) constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by Law or third party confidentiality obligations (so long as such confidentiality obligation was not entered into in contemplation of this exception) or (iii) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work-product.

- Each Loan Party will, and will cause its Material Domestic Subsidiaries to, (b) from time to time upon the request of any Agent, permit any Agent or professionals (including Agent's Advisors) retained by the Agents, subject to reasonable prior notice and during normal business hours prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default, to conduct appraisals, commercial finance examinations and other evaluations, including, without limitation, of (i) the Borrower's practices in the computation of the Borrowing Base, the FILO Borrowing Base and the ABL Term Borrowing Base, and (ii) the assets included in the Borrowing Base, the FILO Borrowing Base and the ABL Term Borrowing Base and related financial information such as, but not limited to, sales, gross margins, payables, accruals and reserves. The Administrative Agent shall promptly deliver copies of the final appraisals and commercial finance examinations to the ABL Term Loan Agent. Any Lender, at its own expense, may accompany any Agent or professionals retained by any Agent on such examination. The Loan Parties shall pay the reasonable out-of-pocket fees and expenses of the Agents or such professionals with respect to such evaluations and appraisals, provided that (x) the Agents may, collectively in their reasonable discretion (and, shall, upon the written request of the ABL Term Loan Agent), (i) conduct the Inventory appraisal and field examination in process as of the Closing Date, (ii) conduct up to (x) two (2) desktop appraisals per month of the Borrower's Inventory, and (y) without limiting clause (i) above, one (1) additional commercial finance examination and one (1) additional full appraisal of the Borrower's Inventory during the term hereof, and (ii) if any Event of Default exists, cause such additional commercial finance examinations and Inventory appraisals to be taken as the Agents reasonably determine, in each case at the expense of the Loan Parties. The Agents may, collectively in their reasonable discretion, conduct such additional commercial finance examinations and such additional Inventory appraisals as it, in its discretion deems necessary or appropriate, at the Lenders' expense. The Agents shall promptly deliver copies of such commercial finance examinations and Inventory appraisals to the Lenders pursuant to the provisions of SECTION 8.13(c).
- (c) The Loan Parties shall at all times retain Ernst & Young or another independent registered public accounting firm of recognized national standing.

SECTION 5.09 Physical Inventories.

(a) Unless the Termination Date has occurred prior to such dates the Loan Parties, at their own expense, shall cause not less than one (1) physical inventory to be undertaken (x) at each distribution center of the Loan Parties on or before April 30, 2020 and (y) at each store

location of the Loan Parties on or before June 30, 2020, in each case conducted by RGIS or another inventory taker reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, and periodic cycle counts, in each case consistent with past practice, and following such methodology as is consistent with the methodology used in the immediately preceding inventory or as otherwise may be reasonably satisfactory to the Agents. The Agents, at the expense of the Loan Parties, may observe each scheduled physical count of Inventory which is undertaken on behalf of any Loan Party. The Borrower, within forty-five (45) calendar days following the completion of such inventory, shall provide the Agents with a reconciliation of the results of such inventory (as well as of any other physical inventory undertaken by a Loan Party) and shall post such results to the Loan Parties' stock ledgers and general ledgers, as applicable.

(b) The Agents, in their reasonable discretion, if any Event of Default exists, may cause such inventories to be taken as the Agents reasonably determine (each, at the expense of the Loan Parties).

SECTION 5.10 Compliance with Laws.

Each Loan Party will comply with all Applicable Laws and the orders of any Governmental Authority, as applicable, except where the failure to do so, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or where obligation is stayed by order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or the Canadian Court.

SECTION 5.11 Use of Proceeds and Letters of Credit.

The proceeds of Loans made hereunder and of Letters of Credit issued hereunder will be used only on or after the Closing Date, to fund the Bankruptcy Cases in accordance with the Approved Budget (subject to variances permitted under SECTION 5.16(b)) and (a) to refinance in full (except as set forth in the Payoff Letter) the Pre-Petition Obligations, (b) for working capital and letters of credit, (c) for payment of costs, premiums, fees and expenses of administering the Bankruptcy Cases (including the Carve-Out), (d) for payment of Bankruptcy Court approved Pre-Petition obligations of the Loan Parties consistent with the Approved Budget or otherwise approved by the Agents and the Required Lenders, and (e) for other lawful purposes of the Borrower consistent with the Approved Budget and the terms of the Loan Documents. No part of the proceeds of any Loan or any Letter of Credit will be used, whether directly or indirectly, (i) for any purpose that entails a violation of any of the regulations of the Board, including Regulations U and X, (ii) to be lent, contributed or otherwise made available to fund any activity or business in any Designated Jurisdiction; (ii) to fund any activity or business of any Person located, organized or residing in any Designated Jurisdiction or who is the subject of any Sanctions; or (iii) in any other manner that will result in any violation by any Person (including any Lender, the Arranger, any Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, Issuing Bank or Swingline Lender) of any Sanctions.

SECTION 5.12 <u>Additional Subsidiaries.</u>

If any Loan Party shall form a Material Domestic Subsidiary after the Closing Date (*provided* that prior to any such formation, such Loan Party shall have received the written consent of the Agents), or if any existing Subsidiary of any Loan Party becomes a Material Domestic

Subsidiary, the Borrower will notify the Agents thereof and the Borrower will, on or prior to the later to occur of (i) thirty (30) calendar days (or such later date as the Administrative Agent may agree in its sole discretion) following the date on which such Subsidiary is formed or becomes a Material Domestic Subsidiary, or (ii) the earlier of (x) the date on which the next Compliance Certificate is required to be delivered pursuant to SECTION 5.01(a) or (b) following such creation, and (y) the date which is forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of the most recently ended Fiscal Quarter (or such later date as may be acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its discretion), (A) cause such Subsidiary to become a Loan Party hereunder by executing a Joinder Agreement and such other documents, instruments and agreements reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, and under each applicable Security Document in the manner provided therein, and (B) take such actions to create and perfect Liens on such Material Domestic Subsidiary's assets of the type included within the definition of Collateral, to secure the Obligations as the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders shall request.

SECTION 5.13 <u>Compliance with Terms of Leaseholds.</u>

Except as otherwise expressly permitted hereunder and except with respect to the Specified Store Closing Sale, each Loan Party will (a) make all payments and otherwise perform all obligations in respect of all Leases to which any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries is a party consistent with the Approved Budget (subject to variances permitted under SECTION 5.16(b)), keep such Leases in full force and effect, (b) not allow such Leases to lapse or be terminated or any rights to renew such Leases to be forfeited or cancelled except in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices, (c) notify the Administrative Agent of any default by any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to such Leases and cooperate with the Administrative Agent in all respects to cure any such default, and (d) cause each of its Subsidiaries to do the foregoing, except, in each case, where the failure to do so, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.14 Material Contracts.

Each Loan Party will, subject to the requirements of the Orders, (a) perform and observe all the terms and provisions of each Material Contract to be performed or observed by it, (b) maintain each such Material Contract in full force and effect except to the extent such Material Contract is no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Loan Parties in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practices, and (c) cause each of its Subsidiaries to do the foregoing, except, in each case, where the failure to do so, either individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 5.15 <u>Further Assurances.</u>

Each Loan Party will execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements and other documents), that may be required under any Applicable Law, or which the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request, to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or to grant, preserve, protect or perfect the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents or the validity or priority of any such Lien, all at the expense of the Loan Parties. The Loan Parties also agree to provide to the

Administrative Agent, from time to time upon the reasonable request of Administrative Agent, evidence reasonably satisfactory to such Agent as to the perfection and priority of the Liens created or intended to be created by the Security Documents.

SECTION 5.16 Approved Budget.

- The use of Loans and other extensions of credit to the Loan Parties under (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the use of Cash Collateral shall be limited in accordance with the Approved Budget (subject to variances permitted under SECTION 5.16(b)) and SECTION 5.11. The initial Approved Budget shall depict, on a weekly and line item basis, (i) projected cash receipts, (ii) projected disbursements (including ordinary course operating expenses, bankruptcy-related expenses (including professional fees of the Loan Parties' professionals and advisors), asset sales and any other fees and expenses relating to the Loan Documents), (iii) net cash flow, (iv) projected inventory receipts and levels, (v) projected Borrowing Base, FILO Borrowing Base, ABL Term Borrowing Base, and Availability, (vi) total available liquidity, and (vii) professional fees and disbursements with respect to the Loan Parties' professionals, in each case for the first thirteen (13) week period from the Closing Date, and such initial Approved Budget shall be approved by, and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to, the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in their sole discretion (it being acknowledged and agreed that the initial Approved Budget attached hereto as Schedule 5.16 is approved by and reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders). The Approved Budget shall be updated, modified or supplemented by the Borrower with the written consent of the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders, and upon the joint request of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent from time to time (which request may, without limitation, be made in connection with any Transaction or the commencement, or during the continuation, of the Specified Stores Closing Sale), but in any event the Approved Budget shall be updated by the Lead Borrower not less than one time in each four (4) consecutive week period), and each such updated, modified or supplemented budget shall be approved in writing (including by email) by, and shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to, the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in each of their sole discretion and no such updated, modified or supplemented budget shall be effective until so approved and once so approved shall be deemed an Approved Budget (it being agreed that to the extent such Person does not object in writing to such proposed updated Approved Budget within five (5) Business Days of receipt, such Person shall be deemed to have approved the updated Approved Budget); provided, however, that in the event the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Loan Parties, on the other hand, cannot agree as to an updated, modified or supplemented budget, such disagreement shall give rise to an Event of Default once the period covered by the prior Approved Budget has terminated. Each Approved Budget delivered to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent shall be accompanied by such customary supporting documentation as reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or the ABL Term Loan Agent. Each Approved Budget shall be prepared in good faith based upon assumptions which the Loan Parties believe to be reasonable at the time of delivery.
- (b) Commencing with the fourth full calendar week following the Petition Date and for each calendar week thereafter, the Borrowers shall not permit (i) Actual Inventory Levels for any Cumulative Four Week Period to be less than 85% of Budgeted Inventory Levels for set

forth in the Approved Budget as at the end of such Cumulative Four Week Period, (ii) the Actual Cash Receipts for any Cumulative Four Week Period to be less than 90% of the Budgeted Cash Receipts for any such Cumulative Four Week Period, and (iii) the Actual Disbursement Amount for any Cumulative Four Week Period to exceed 110% of the Budgeted Disbursement Amount for any such Cumulative Four Week Period.

- (c) The Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on fourth Business Day of each calendar week, a Budget Variance Certificate, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit K-1, and such Budget Variance Certificate shall include such detail as is reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying that (i) the Loan Parties are in compliance with the covenants contained in this SECTION 5.16 and (ii) to the knowledge of the Borrower, no Default or Event of Default has occurred or, if such a Default or Event of Default has occurred, specifying the nature and extent thereof and any corrective action taken or proposed to be taken with respect thereto, together with an Approved Budget Variance Report, which shall be prepared by the Borrower through the last day of the Prior Week, the Cumulative Four Week Period. In addition, the Borrower shall also deliver a rolling thirteen (13) week cash flow forecast ("Rolling 13-Week Cash Flow") consistent in form with the Approved Budget and the supporting information set forth in SECTION 5.16(a) above. For the avoidance of doubt, the Rolling 13-Week Cash Flow shall not be used for covenant testing purposes.
- (d) The Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders (i) may assume that the Loan Parties will comply with the Approved Budget, (ii) shall have no duty to monitor such compliance and (iii) shall not be obligated to pay (directly or indirectly from the Collateral) any unpaid expenses incurred or authorized to be incurred pursuant to any Approved Budget. Nothing in any Approved Budget (including any estimates of a loan balance in excess of borrowing base restrictions) shall constitute an amendment or other modification of any Loan Document or any of the borrowing base restrictions or other lending limits set forth therein.

SECTION 5.17 Required Milestones.

The Loan Parties shall comply with each of the covenants on <u>Schedule 5.17</u> upon the terms and at the times provided for therein.

SECTION 5.18 <u>Collateral Updates</u>.

At the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent from time to time (including on a weekly basis, if requested, but not more frequently than weekly), promptly deliver to and shall reasonably cooperate with the Agent's Advisors and their designees to obtain the following (and shall cause any liquidation agent of the Loan Parties to deliver and cooperate, as applicable), in each case, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(a) Collateral valuation updates from the Specified Liquidation Agent, including, without limitation, in connection with the Specified Store Closing Sale, it being understood that the Specified Liquidation Agent shall grant access to records, and reasonably cooperate in all respects with, the Administrative Agent and the Agent's Advisors, and shall

provide all information that such parties may reasonably request in a timely manner in connection with monitoring and valuing the Collateral; and

(b) To the extent reasonably available, copies of any informational packages provided to potential bidders, draft agency agreements, purchase agreements, status reports, and updated information related to the Specified Store Closing Sale or any other Transaction and copies of any such bids and any updates, modifications or supplements to such information and materials.

SECTION 5.19 Debtors' Advisors.

Continue to retain (i) the Restructuring Advisor, (ii) the Investment Banker and (iii) the Specified Liquidation Agent (to the extent the Specified Store Closing Sale has not been completed) (collectively, the "<u>Debtors' Advisors</u>") on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders. The Loan Parties and their representatives will fully cooperate with any such advisors and consultants (including the Restructuring Advisor, the Investment Banker and the Specified Liquidation Agent) and grant them reasonable access to the books and records of the Loan Parties.

SECTION 5.20 <u>Agents' Advisors</u>.

Pay all reasonable fees and expenses of each Agent's Advisor to the extent and as set forth in SECTION 9.03 and all such reasonable fees and expenses shall constitute Obligations and be secured by the Collateral. The Administrative Agent, on behalf of itself and the Lenders, shall be entitled to retain or continue to retain (either directly or through counsel) any Agent's Advisors the Administrative Agent may deem necessary in accordance with SECTION 9.03 and the definition of "Credit Party Expenses" to provide advice, analysis and reporting for the benefit of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders. The Loan Parties and their advisors, including the Restructuring Advisor and the Financial Advisor, shall grant access to, and cooperate in all respects with, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Lenders, Agent's Advisors, and any other representatives of the foregoing and provide all information that such parties may reasonably request in a timely manner.

ARTICLE VI

Negative Covenants

Until Payment in Full, each Loan Party covenants and agrees with the Credit Parties that:

SECTION 6.01 Indebtedness and Other Obligations.

No Loan Party will create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Indebtedness, except Permitted Indebtedness.

SECTION 6.02 Liens.

No Loan Party will create, incur, assume or permit to exist any Lien on any property or asset now owned or hereafter acquired by it, or assign or sell any income or revenues (including Accounts)

or rights in respect of any thereof, except Permitted Encumbrances. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Liens permitted under this SECTION 6.02, other than the Liens securing the Pre-Petition Term Loan Facility on Term Priority Collateral (solely to the extent set forth in the Order) shall at all times be junior and subordinate to the Liens under the Loan Documents and the Order securing the Obligations. The prohibition provided for in this Section 6.02 specifically includes any material step by any Debtor, any official committee in any Chapter 11 Case or any other party in interest in the Bankruptcy Cases, as applicable, to prime any claims, Liens or interests of (i) the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Lenders or (ii) for so long as the Pre-Petition Obligations have not been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, the Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent and the Pre-Petition Lenders, any Lien, in each case, other than as set forth in the applicable Order and irrespective of whether such claims, Liens or interests may be "adequately protected." The designation of a Lien as a Permitted Encumbrance shall not limit or restrict the ability of the Administrative Agent to establish any Reserve relating thereto in accordance with the terms hereof.

SECTION 6.03 Fundamental Changes.

- (a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Loan Party to, merge, amalgamate into or consolidate with any other Person, or permit any other Person to merge, amalgamate into or consolidate with it, or liquidate or dissolve, (i) any Subsidiary may merge, consolidate or amalgamate into the Borrower in a transaction in which the Borrower is the surviving corporation, (ii) any Subsidiary that is not the Borrower may merge, consolidate or amalgamate into any Subsidiary that is not the Borrower, (iii) any Facility Guarantor may consummate a dissolution or liquidation, the purpose of which is to effect an asset disposition permitted pursuant to SECTION 6.05, and (v) any Facility Guarantor may liquidate or dissolve if such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of the Borrower and is not materially adverse to the Lenders. To the extent that any Facility Guarantor is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into any other Loan Party (or any Person in a transaction permitted under clause (iii) above) or liquidated or dissolved, in each case, as permitted under this clause (a), such Facility Guarantor shall be released from its obligations under any Facility Guarantee to which it is a party.
- (b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any other Loan Party to, engage, to any material extent, in any business other than business of the type conducted by such Loan Party on the date of execution of this Agreement and businesses reasonably related or reasonably ancillary thereto.

SECTION 6.04 <u>Investments, Loans, Advances, Guarantees and Acquisitions.</u>

No Loan Party will make or permit to exist any Investment, except Permitted Investments.

SECTION 6.05 Asset Sales.

No Loan Party will sell, transfer, lease (as lessor) or otherwise voluntarily dispose of any asset, including any Capital Stock of another Person, except (i) sales of Inventory and the use of cash in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the Approved Budget and the Order, (ii) transactions permitted by SECTION 6.02, SECTION 6.03, SECTION 6.04 or SECTION 6.06, and (iii) Permitted Dispositions. The Collateral Agent's Liens on any assets sold, transferred,

leased (as lessor) or otherwise voluntarily disposed of, to the extent in connection with a transaction permitted by this SECTION 6.05, shall be released in accordance with Section 8.12 of the Security Agreement.

SECTION 6.06 Restricted Payments; Certain Payments of Indebtedness.

- (a) No Loan Party will declare or make, or agree to pay or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment other than Permitted Dividends.
- (b) No Loan Party will make directly or indirectly, any voluntary payment or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) of or in respect of principal of or interest on any Indebtedness (other than (x) the Obligations and (y) solely for the purpose of refinancing such obligations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Order, the Pre-Petition Obligations), or any voluntary payment or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any Indebtedness, except:
- (i) mandatory payments and mandatory prepayments of interest and principal as and when due in respect of any Permitted Indebtedness, solely as contemplated by the Approved Budget and permitted pursuant to the Order; <u>provided</u> that if an Event of Default then exists or would arise from the making of any such payment or prepayment, no part of the proceeds of any Loan or any Letter of Credit will be used (whether directly or indirectly) therefor; and
- (ii) refinancings of Indebtedness to the extent the Indebtedness incurred in connection with such refinancing would otherwise be permitted under this Agreement.

SECTION 6.07 Transactions with Affiliates.

No Loan Party will 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, except (a) transactions in the ordinary course of business that are at prices and on terms and conditions, taken as a whole, not less favorable to such Loan Party than could be obtained on an arm's-length basis from unrelated third parties and contemplated in the Approved Budget, (b) transactions between or among the Loan Parties not otherwise prohibited hereunder, (c) transactions as set forth in the Information Certificate, (d) payment of indemnities and compensation to officers and employees for services actually rendered to any such Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries and contemplated in the Approved Budget, (e) payment of director's fees, expenses, and indemnities contemplated in the Approved Budget, (f) stock option, stock award and compensation plans of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries and contemplated in the Approved Budget and permitted by the Order, (g) employment contracts with officers and management of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries, (h) the repurchase of equity interests from officers, directors, and employees to the extent contemplated in the Approved Budget and permitted under this Agreement and, as long as no Default or Event of Default then exists or would arise therefrom, pursuant to stock options, stock awards and stock incentive plans, (i) advances and loans to officers and employees of the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries to the extent contemplated in the Approved Budget and otherwise permitted under this Agreement and

to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, (j) other transactions specifically permitted under this Agreement, or (k) any transactions approved by Administrative Agent or permitted by any Bankruptcy Court.

SECTION 6.08 Restrictive Agreements.

No Loan Party will directly or indirectly enter into, incur or permit to exist any agreement or other arrangement that prohibits, restricts or imposes any condition upon (a) the ability of such Loan Party to create, incur or permit to exist any Lien upon any of its property or assets in favor of the Collateral Agent or (b) the ability of any Subsidiary thereof to pay dividends or other distributions with respect to any shares of its Capital Stock to such Loan Party or to make or repay loans or advances to a Loan Party or any other Subsidiary of a Loan Party or to guarantee Indebtedness of the Loan Parties or any other Subsidiary of the Loan Parties, provided that (i) the foregoing shall not apply to (1) restrictions and conditions imposed by Applicable Law or by any Loan Document, (2) any restriction or condition with respect to any asset of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries imposed pursuant to an agreement which has been entered into for the sale or disposition of such assets or all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Loan Party or such Subsidiary, so long as such sale or disposition is permitted under this Agreement, (3) contractual obligations binding on a Subsidiary of the Borrower at the time such Person first becomes a Subsidiary, so long as such contractual obligations were not entered into in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary, (4) customary provisions in joint venture agreements and other similar agreements applicable to joint ventures permitted hereunder and applicable solely to such joint venture entered into in the ordinary course of business, or (5) any restriction or condition imposed by any Pre-Petition Term Loan Document and (ii) clause (a) of the foregoing shall not apply to (1) customary provisions in leases or licenses restricting the assignment or subleasing thereof, (2) any negative pledges and restrictions on Liens (other than Liens permitted by the Orders) in favor of any holder of Permitted Indebtedness and (3) restrictions on cash, other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business and permitted under this Agreement and contemplated by the Approved Budget.

SECTION 6.09 Amendment of Material Documents.

No Loan Party will amend, modify or waive any of its rights under (a) (i) its Charter Documents, or (ii) any Material Contract or Material Indebtedness, in each case of this clause (a) to the extent that such amendment, modification or waiver would be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect, or (b) any Pre-Petition Term Loan Document, to the extent that such amendment, modification or waiver would not be permitted under the Intercreditor Agreement.

SECTION 6.10 Bankruptcy Covenants.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Borrower shall not use any portion or proceeds of the Loans or the Collateral, or disbursements set forth in the Approved Budget, for payments or purposes that would violate the terms of Paragraph 41 (*Limitations on Use of DIP Proceeds, Cash Collateral, and Carve Out*) of the Interim Order, and the corresponding paragraph of the Final Order.

- (b) No Loan Party shall enter into any agreement to return any of its Inventory to any of its creditors for application against any Pre-Petition Indebtedness, Pre-Petition trade payables or other Pre-Petition claims under Section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or like provision of the BIA (including Section 81 thereof) or allow any creditor to take any setoff or recoupment against any of its Pre-Petition Indebtedness, Pre-Petition trade payables or other Pre-Petition claims based upon any such return pursuant to Section 553(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA or CCAA or otherwise if, after giving effect to any such agreement, setoff or recoupment, the aggregate amount applied to Pre-Petition Indebtedness, Pre-Petition trade payables and other Pre-Petition claims subject to all such agreements, setoffs and recoupments since the Petition Date would exceed \$1,000,000.
- (c) No Loan Party shall incur, create, assume, suffer to exist or permit any other superpriority administrative or other claim which is *pari passu* with or senior to the claim of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders against the Debtors, except as set forth in the Order and its terms or with the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent.
- (d) No Loan Party shall seek, consent to, or permit to exist, without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, any order granting authority to take any action that is prohibited by the terms of this Agreement, the Orders or the other Loan Documents or refrain from taking any action that is required to be taken by the terms of this Agreement, the Order or any of the other Loan Documents.
- (e) No Loan Party shall assert any right of subrogation or contribution against any other Loan Party.

SECTION 6.11 Fiscal Year.

No Loan Party will change its Fiscal Year without the approval of the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 6.12 ERISA.

The Parent shall not, nor shall cause or permit any of its ERISA Affiliates to:

- (a) cause or permit to occur an event that would reasonably be expected to result in the imposition of a Lien under Section 4068 of ERISA to the extent such Lien secures obligations in excess of \$1,000,000; or
- (b) cause or permit to occur an ERISA Event to the extent such ERISA Event would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (c) engage in any transaction in connection with which the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate could be reasonably expected to be subject to either a civil penalty assessed pursuant to the provisions of Section 502(i) of ERISA or a tax imposed under the provisions of Section 4975 of the Code which, in each case, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or

- (d) adopt an amendment to any Plan requiring the provision of security under Section 401(a)(29) of the Code which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (e) terminate any Plan under Section 4041(c) of ERISA without the prior consent of Administrative Agent which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (f) fail in any material respect to make payment (including any "minimum required contribution" (as defined in Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA)) when due (including permissible extensions) of all amounts which, under the provisions of any Pension Plan, it is required to pay as contributions thereto or as premiums to the PBGC, or, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, permit to exist any material "accumulated funding deficiency" (within the meaning of Section 304 of ERISA and Section 431 of the Code) which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (g) enter into a new agreement or agreements that would obligate the Parent or any ERISA Affiliate to (i) make contributions to a Multiemployer Plan subject to Subtitle (E) of Title IV of ERISA in excess of \$1,000,000 per year, or (ii) to create, extend or increase an obligation to provide health or medical benefits for retirees of the Parent or an ERISA Affiliate that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (h) enter into a plan in respect of Canadian employees of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates which is (or acquires an interest in any Person if such Person sponsors, maintains, administers or contributes to, or has any liability in respect of) a "registered pension plan" as such term is defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada), and which is subject to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and the *Pension Benefits Act* (*Ontario*) or other similar applicable provincial or federal pension benefits legislation.

SECTION 6.13 Environmental Laws.

The Loan Parties shall not, and shall not permit any Subsidiary to, (a) fail to comply with any Environmental Law or to obtain, maintain or comply with any permit, license or other approval required under any Environmental Law, or (b) become subject to any Environmental Liability, in each case which would be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 6.14 Additional Subsidiaries.

The Loan Parties will not create any additional Subsidiary, unless such Subsidiary is a Loan Party or if the Investment with respect thereto is permitted pursuant to SECTION 5.12 or SECTION 6.04.

ARTICLE VII

Events of Default

SECTION 7.01 Events of Default.

If any of the following events ("Events of Default") shall occur:

- (a) Any Loan Party shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or any reimbursement obligation in respect of any Letter of Credit Disbursement when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at the due date thereof or at a date fixed for prepayment thereof or otherwise;
- (b) Any Loan Party shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or any fee or any other amount (other than an amount referred to in SECTION 7.01(a), or an amount payable for Other Liabilities) payable under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and such failure continues for three (3) Business Days after notice from Agents;
- (c) Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of any Loan Party in, or in connection with, any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder (including, without limitation, in any Borrowing Base Certificate, Compliance Certificate or Budget Variance Certificate or any certificate of a Financial Officer accompanying any, financial statement or other document furnished pursuant to or in connection with any Loan Document or any amendment or modification thereof or waiver thereunder), shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made;
- (d) Any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform when due any covenant, condition or agreement contained in ARTICLE VI or any of SECTION 2.18, SECTION 5.01(d), SECTION 5.01(f), SECTION 5.07, SECTION 5.08, SECTION 5.11, SECTION 5.16, SECTION 5.17, SECTION 5.18, SECTION 5.19 or SECTION 5.20);
- (e) Any Loan Party shall fail to observe or perform when due any covenant, condition or agreement contained in any Loan Document (other than those specified in SECTION 7.01(a), SECTION 7.01(b), SECTION 7.01(c), or SECTION 7.01(d)), and such failure shall continue unremedied for a period of twenty (20) days after notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower;
- (f) Except for defaults occasioned by the filing of the Bankruptcy Cases and defaults resulting from obligations with respect to which the Bankruptcy Code, BIA or CCAA prohibits any Loan Party or any Subsidiary from complying or permits any Loan Party or any Subsidiary not to comply, any Loan Party or any Subsidiary (i) fails to make any payment beyond the applicable grace period with respect thereto, if any (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise) in respect of any Material Indebtedness (other than the Obligations), (ii) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to such Material Indebtedness beyond the applicable grace period with respect thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders thereof after the expiration of the applicable grace period with respect thereto, to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Material Indebtedness to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Material Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, in each case, that has not been cured or waived under such Material Indebtedness prior to the

acceleration of any of the Obligations; or (iii) any "Event of Default" (as defined in the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement) occurs that has not been cured or waived under the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agreement prior to the acceleration of any of the Obligations; or

- (g) a Change in Control shall occur;
- (h) Except as permitted under SECTION 5.17, SECTION 6.05 or the Plan Support Agreement as in effect on the Closing Date and the Plan of Reorganization, the determination of the Loan Parties, whether by vote of the Loan Parties' board of directors or otherwise to: suspend the operation of the Loan Parties' business in the ordinary course, liquidate all or substantially all of the Borrower's assets or store locations, or employ an agent or other third party to conduct any so-called store closing, store liquidation or "Going-Out-Of-Business" sales for all or substantially all of the store locations;
- (i) One or more final non-appealable judgments for the payment of money in an aggregate amount in excess of \$1,000,000 in excess of insurance coverage (or indemnities from indemnitors reasonably satisfactory to the Agents) shall be rendered after the Petition Date against any Loan Party or any combination of Loan Parties and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of thirty (30) days during which execution shall not be effectively stayed, satisfied, or bonded or any action shall be legally taken by a judgment creditor to attach or levy (by writ or otherwise) upon any material assets of any Loan Party to enforce any such judgment;
- (j) An ERISA Event shall have occurred that when taken together with all other ERISA Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in liability to any Plan, Multiemployer Plan, or the PBGC (or any combination thereof) in excess of \$1,000,000 (net of actual, or likely, recoveries, payments, or insurance proceeds), and would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and the same shall remain undischarged for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days during which period any action shall not be legally taken to attach or levy upon any material assets of any Loan Party to enforce any such liability;
- (k) (i) Any challenge by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the validity or continuing effectiveness of any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document or the applicability or enforceability of any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document strictly in accordance with the subject Loan Document's or any Pre-Petition Loan Document's terms or which seeks to void, avoid, limit, or otherwise adversely affect any security interest created by or in any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document or any payment made pursuant thereto, or (ii) except as expressly permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document, (A) the receipt by the Administrative Agent of notice by any Facility Guarantor of the termination of any Facility Guarantee;
- (l) Any challenge by or on behalf of any other Person to the validity of any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document or the applicability or enforceability of any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document strictly in accordance with the

subject Loan Document's or any Pre-Petition Loan Document's terms or which seeks to void, avoid, limit, or otherwise adversely affect any security interest created by or in any Loan Document or any Pre-Petition Loan Document or any payment made pursuant thereto, in each case, as to which an order or judgment has been entered materially adverse to the Agents and the Lenders;

- (m) Any Lien purported to be created under any Security Document or any Pre-Petition Security Document shall cease to be, or shall be asserted by any Loan Party not to be, a valid and perfected Lien on any Collateral, with the priority required by the applicable Security Document or Pre-Petition Security Document (subject to the Intercreditor Agreement) and the Order except as a result of the sale, release, or other disposition of the applicable Collateral in a transaction permitted under the Loan Documents;
- (n) The indictment of any Loan Party under any Applicable Law where the crime alleged would constitute a felony under Applicable Law and such indictment remains unquashed or such legal process remains undismissed for a period of seventy-five (75) days or more, unless the Administrative Agent, in its reasonable discretion, determines that the indictment is not material;
- (o) Any Responsible Officer of any Loan Party is criminally indicted or convicted of a felony for fraud or dishonesty in connection with the Loan Parties' business, unless such director or senior officer promptly (i) resigns, (ii) is promptly removed by the applicable Loan Party's board of directors (or other governing body), or (iii) is replaced by the applicable Loan Party's board of directors (or other governing body) and no longer constitutes a Responsible Officer for the purposes of this Agreement;
- (p) (i) The subordination provisions of the documents evidencing or governing any Pre-Petition Subordinated Indebtedness (the "Subordination Provisions") shall, in whole or in part, terminate, cease to be effective or cease to be legally valid, binding and enforceable against any holder of the applicable Pre-Petition Subordinated Indebtedness; or (ii) any Loan Party shall make or receive any payment, or take or fail to take any action, in each such case in contravention of the applicable Subordination Provisions of any Pre-Petition Subordinated Indebtedness;
- (q) The provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement, as supplemented and modified by the Intercreditor Acknowledgment, shall for any reason be revoked or invalidated, in whole or in part, or otherwise cease to be in full force and effect, or any Loan Party, the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agent, any Pre-Petition Term Loan Lender or any Affiliate of any of the foregoing shall have commenced a suit or an action, including any motion or adversary proceeding in the Chapter 11 Cases, contesting in any manner the validity or enforceability thereof or deny that it has any further liability or obligation thereunder, or the Obligations, for any reason shall not have the priority contemplated by this Agreement, the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement or the Intercreditor Agreement, as supplemented and modified by the Intercreditor Acknowledgment;
- (r) The imposition of any stay or other order, the effect of which restrains the conduct by the Loan Parties, taken as a whole, of their business in the ordinary course in a

manner that has resulted in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect;

- (s) The Loan Parties shall fail to comply (and such failure shall continue for a period of two (2) Business Days) in any material respect with the terms of any Approved Liquidation Agreement for the Specified Store Closing Sale or any Approved Liquidation Agreement for the Specified Store Closing Sale shall be amended or modified in a manner which is materially adverse to the Lenders without the Administrative Agent's and the ABL Term Loan Agent's consent;
 - (t) The occurrence of any of the following in the Bankruptcy Cases:
 - the bringing of a motion, taking of any action or the filing of any (i) plan of reorganization or disclosure statement attendant thereto by any of the Loan Parties or any Subsidiary, or any Person claiming by or through any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, in the Bankruptcy Cases: (A) to obtain additional financing under Section 364(c) or Section 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code or under the BIA or CCAA not otherwise permitted pursuant to this Agreement or that is not consented to by the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent; (B) to grant any Lien other than Liens permitted pursuant to SECTION 6.02 upon any Collateral; (C) except as provided in the Order, to use Cash Collateral of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the other Credit Parties or Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent, and Pre-Petition Lenders under Section 363(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent; or (D) any other action or actions materially adverse to (x) the Agents, ABL Term Loan Agent and Lenders or Pre-Petition Agents, Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent and Pre-Petition Lenders or their rights and remedies hereunder, under any other Loan Documents, or their interest in the Collateral or (y) Pre-Petition Agents, Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent and Pre-Petition Lenders or their rights under the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement or the other Pre-Petition Loan Documents or their interest in the Collateral (as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement);
 - (ii) (A) the filing of any plan of reorganization or disclosure statement attendant thereto, or any amendment to such plan or disclosure statement, by a Loan Party that does not propose to indefeasibly repay in full in cash the Obligations under this Agreement and the Pre-Petition Obligations or by any other Person to which the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent do not both consent, or any of the Loan Parties or their Subsidiaries shall seek, support or fail to contest in good faith the filing or confirmation of any such plan or entry of any such order, (B) the entry of any order terminating any Loan Party's exclusive right to file a plan of reorganization, or (C) the expiration of any Loan Party's exclusive right to file a plan of reorganization;
 - (iii) the entry of an order in any of the Bankruptcy Cases confirming a plan of reorganization other than a Plan of Reorganization;

- (iv) (x) the entry of an order amending, supplementing, staying, vacating or otherwise modifying the Loan Documents, the Order or the Cash Management Order in a manner adverse in any material respect to the Lenders without the written consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent or the filing of a motion for reconsideration with respect to the Order or the Cash Management Order, the Order or the Cash Management Order shall otherwise not be in full force and effect or (y) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary shall fail to comply with the Order in any material respect;
- (v) the payment of, or application for authority to pay, any Pre-Petition claim without each of the Administrative Agent's and the ABL Term Loan Agent's prior written consent unless in accordance with the Approved Budget (subject to permitted variances) or in the First Day Orders entered by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court on the Petition Date;
- (vi) the allowance of any claim or claims under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise against the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, any Lender or any of the Collateral or against the Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition Term Loan Agent, any Pre-Petition Lender or any Collateral (as defined in the Pre-Petition Credit Agreement);
- (vii) (A) the appointment of an interim or permanent trustee or receiver, as applicable, in the Bankruptcy Cases or of any of the Debtors or their property, or the appointment of a trustee, receiver, or an examiner in the Bankruptcy Cases or of any of the Debtors or their property, with expanded powers to operate or manage the financial affairs, the business, or reorganization of the Loan Parties (excluding, for greater certainty, the appointment of the Information Officer in the Canadian Recognition Proceedings); or (B) the sale without the Administrative Agent's and the ABL Term Loan Agent's consent of all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets either through a sale under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, through a confirmed plan of reorganization in the Bankruptcy Cases or otherwise that does not result in payment in full in cash of all of the Obligations under this Agreement and all Pre-Petition Obligations at the closing of such sale or initial payment of the purchase price or effectiveness of such plan, as applicable;
- (viii) the dismissal of any Bankruptcy Case, or the conversion of any Bankruptcy Case from one under Chapter 11 to one under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or one under the CCAA to a bankruptcy or receivership under applicable Canadian law or any Loan Party shall file a motion or other pleading seeking the dismissal of the Bankruptcy Cases under Section 1112 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise;
- (ix) any Loan Party shall file a motion seeking, or the Bankruptcy Court shall enter an order granting, relief from or modifying the Automatic Stay (other than in connection with the Specified Store Closing Sale or in accordance with Approved Budget) (A) to allow any creditor (other than the Administrative Agent) to execute upon or enforce a Lien on any Collateral with a value in excess

- of \$1,000,000, (B) approving any settlement or other stipulation not approved by the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent with any secured creditor of any Loan Party providing for payments as adequate protection or otherwise to such secured creditor, (C) with respect to any Lien on or the granting of any Lien on any Collateral to any federal, state or local environmental or regulatory agency or authority, which in either case involves a claim of \$1,000,000 or more or (D) permit other actions that would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Debtors or their estates (taken as a whole);
- the commencement of a suit or an action (but not including a motion (x) for standing to commence a suit or an action) against either the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender or the Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent or any Pre-Petition Lender and, as to any suit or action brought by any Person other than a Loan Party or a Subsidiary, officer or employee of a Loan Party, the continuation thereof without dismissal for thirty (30) days after service thereof on either the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent or such Lender or Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent or any Pre-Petition Lender, that asserts or seeks by or on behalf of a Loan Party, any state, provincial or federal environmental protection or health and safety agency, any official committee in any Bankruptcy Case or any other party in interest in any of the Bankruptcy Cases, a claim or any legal or equitable remedy that would (x) have the effect of invalidating, subordinating or challenging any or all of the Obligations or Liens of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender under the Loan Documents or the Pre-Petition Obligations or Liens of the Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent or Pre-Petition Lenders under the Pre-Petition Loan Documents to any other claim, or (y) have a material adverse effect on the rights and remedies of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender or Pre-Petition Agents, the Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent or any Pre-Petition Lender under any Pre-Petition Loan Document or the collectability of all or any portion of the Obligations or the Pre-Petition Obligations;
- (xi) the entry of an order in the Bankruptcy Cases avoiding or permitting recovery of any portion of the payments made on account of the Obligations owing under this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the Pre-Petition Obligations owing under the Pre-Petition Loan Documents;

(xii) [reserved];

(xiii) the existence of any claims or charges, or the entry of any order of any Bankruptcy Court authorizing any claims or charges, other than in respect of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or as otherwise permitted under the applicable Loan Documents or permitted under the Order and the terms thereof (including the Carve-Out), entitled to superpriority administrative or other expense claim status in any Bankruptcy Case pursuant to Section 364(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise pari passu with or senior to the claims of the Agents and the Secured Parties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, or there shall arise or be granted by any Bankruptcy Court (A) any claim having

priority over any or all administrative expenses of the kind specified in clause (b) of Section 503 or clause (b) of Section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, or (B) any Lien on the Collateral having a priority senior to or pari passu with the Liens and security interests granted herein, except, in each case, as expressly provided in the Loan Documents or in the Order and the terms thereof then in effect (but only in the event specifically consented to by the Agents and the ABL Term Loan Agent), whichever is in effect;

- (xiv) the Orders and the terms thereof shall cease to create a valid and perfected Lien on the Collateral or to be in full force and effect, shall have been reversed, modified, amended, stayed, vacated, or subject to stay pending appeal, in the case of modification or amendment, without prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent;
- (xv) an order in the Chapter 11 Cases shall be entered (A) charging any of the Collateral under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code against the Administrative Agent and the Credit Parties or (B) limiting the extension under Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code of the Liens of the Pre-Petition Agent on the Collateral to any proceeds, products, offspring, or profits of the Collateral acquired by any Loan Party after the Petition Date, or the commencement of other actions that is materially adverse to the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties or their respective rights and remedies under the Loan Documents in any of the Bankruptcy Cases or inconsistent with any of the Loan Documents;
- (xvi) if the Final Order does not include a waiver, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, of (A) the right to surcharge the Collateral under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code and (B) any ability to limit the extension under Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code of the Liens of the Pre-Petition Agents on the Collateral to any proceeds, products, offspring, or profits of the Collateral acquired by any Loan Party after the Petition Date;
- (xvii) an order of any Bankruptcy Court shall be entered denying or terminating use of cash collateral by the Loan Parties;
- (xviii) any Loan Party shall challenge, support or encourage a challenge of any payments made to the Agents or any other Credit Party with respect to the Obligations or the Pre-Petition Agents, Pre-Petition ABL Term Loan Agent or the Pre-Petition Lenders with respect to the Pre-Petition Obligations, or without the consent of the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, the filing of any motion by the Loan Parties seeking approval of (or the entry of an order by any Bankruptcy Court approving) adequate protection or similar protections to any prepetition agent or lender that is inconsistent with the Orders;
- (xix) any Loan Party shall make any payment (whether by way of adequate protection or otherwise) of principal or interest or otherwise on account of any Pre-Petition Indebtedness or payables other than payments permitted under

this Agreement, the Orders, the First Day Orders and other orders of any Bankruptcy Court, in each case on a basis consistent with the Approved Budget (including permitted variances);

- (xx) if, unless otherwise approved by both the Administrative Agent and the ABL Term Loan Agent, an order of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court shall be entered providing for a change of venue with respect to any of Chapter 11 Cases and such order shall not be reversed or vacated within ten (10) days;
- (xxi) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof shall file any motion or other request with any Bankruptcy Court seeking: (A) to grant or impose, under Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, liens or security interests in any DIP Collateral (as defined in the Order), whether senior, equal or subordinate to the Agents' liens and security interests; or (B) to modify or affect any of the rights of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent, or the Lenders in a manner materially adverse to them under the Order, the Loan Documents by any plan of reorganization confirmed in the Bankruptcy Cases or subsequent order entered in the Bankruptcy Cases;
- (xxii) any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof shall take any action in support of any matter set forth in this SECTION 7.01(y) or any other Person shall do so and such application is not contested in good faith by the Loan Parties and the relief requested is granted in an order that is not stayed pending appeal; or
- (xxiii) (i) the amendment, modification or waiver of any date required pursuant to Section 4 of the Plan Support Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date) without the prior consent of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders (*provided that*, the extension of any such date by the Consenting Term Lenders by not more than two (2) Business Days shall not require such prior consent), (ii) to the extent unremedied for a period of two (2) Business Days, the amendment, modification of waiver of any other provision of the Plan Support Agreement in a manner materially adverse to the Lenders without the prior consent of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders, (iii) the breach by any Loan Party of any of its obligations under the Plan Support Agreement in any material respect or (iv) the termination of the Plan Support Agreement unless (x) replaced with an agreement on terms acceptable to the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Required Lenders in their sole discretion or (y) upon such termination, the Obligations are Paid in Full;

then, and in every such event, and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, subject to the Orders and the terms thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and without notice, application or motion, hearing before, or order of any Bankruptcy Court, the Administrative Agent may, and at the request of the Required Lenders (or, solely with respect to any Obligations that are Other Liabilities, at the request of the Credit Party that is the provider of the applicable Bank Product or Cash Management Service) shall, by notice to the Borrower, take any or all of the following actions, at the same or different times: (i) terminate the Revolving Commitments, and thereupon the Revolving Commitments shall irrevocably

terminate immediately; (ii) declare the Obligations then outstanding to be due and payable in whole, and thereupon the principal of the Loans and all other Obligations so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Loan Parties accrued hereunder, shall become due and payable immediately, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Loan Parties; (iii) require the Loan Parties to furnish cash collateral with respect to the Letter of Credit Outstandings (or, alternatively, a backstop letter of credit in an amount equal to 103% of such Letter of Credit Outstandings, which backstop letter of credit shall be in form and substance and from an issuing bank reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the applicable Issuing Bank(s)) to be held and applied in accordance with SECTION 2.17 and SECTION 7.03; (iv) terminate, reduce or restrict any right or ability of the Loan Parties to use any Cash Collateral; (v) declare that the application of the Carve-Out has occurred through the delivery of a Carve-Out Trigger Notice (as defined in the Order); or (vi) subject to the Remedies Notice Period, direct any or all of the Loan Parties to sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of the Collateral on terms and conditions acceptable to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 363, Section 365 and other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code (and, without limiting the foregoing, direct any Loan Party to assume and assign any lease or executory contract included in the Collateral to the Administrative Agent's designees in accordance with and subject to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code).

SECTION 7.02 Remedies on Default.

- In case any one or more of the Events of Default shall have occurred and be (a) continuing, and whether or not the maturity of the Obligations shall have been accelerated pursuant hereto, the Agents may (and at the direction of the Required Lenders, shall), subject to the Orders and the terms thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and without notice, application or motion, hearing before, or order of any Bankruptcy Court but subject to the Remedies Notice Period, (i) proceed to protect and enforce their rights and remedies (including the right to require the issuance of a Letter of Credit as set forth in SECTION 9.06) under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents by suit in equity, action at law or other appropriate proceeding, whether for the specific performance of any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or any instrument pursuant to which the Obligations are evidenced, and, if such amount shall have become due, by declaration or otherwise, proceed to enforce the payment thereof or any other legal or equitable right of the Credit Parties, or (ii) take any and all actions described in the Orders, including, without limitation, those actions specified in the Orders after the occurrence of any Specified Sale Process Default. No remedy herein is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or any other provision of law.
- (b) Subject to the Order and the terms thereof, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and without notice, application or motion, hearing before, or order of any Bankruptcy Court but subject to the Remedies Notice Period, if any ABL Term Loan Event of Default occurs and is continuing (unless the ABL Term Loan Agent has waived such ABL Term Loan Event of Default) and the ABL Term Loan Standstill Period has expired, the Administrative Agent, at the written request of the ABL Term Loan Agent, shall, within a

reasonable time after receipt of such request (but in any event within two (2) Business Days with respect to clause (i) below, only) take any or all of the following actions:

- (i) declare the unpaid principal amount of the outstanding ABL Term Loan, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document with respect to the ABL Term Loan to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Loan Parties; or
- (ii) whether or not the maturity of the ABL Term Loan shall have been accelerated pursuant hereto, proceed to protect, enforce and exercise the rights and remedies under this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or Applicable Law on behalf of the ABL Term Loan Agent and the ABL Term Lenders, all in such manner as the Administrative Agent may determine in its reasonable discretion; provided, however, that the ABL Term Loan Agent will not request or direct the Administrative Agent to commence or continue the exercise of any secured creditor remedies or direct or request the Administrative Agent to seek or continue any rights and remedies under this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or Applicable Law on behalf of the ABL Term Loan Agent and the ABL Term Lenders so long as the Administrative Agent is diligently pursuing in good faith the exercise of its rights and remedies against all or a material portion of the Collateral, including through actions taken by the Loan Parties with the consent of the Administrative Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall have no liability for a failure to follow any such request or direction.

SECTION 7.03 <u>Application of Proceeds.</u>

- (a) After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, all proceeds realized from any Loan Party or on account of any Collateral or, without limiting the foregoing, on account of any Prepayment Event shall be applied in the following order:
 - (i) FIRST, ratably to pay the Obligations in respect of any Credit Party Expenses, indemnities, fees and other amounts then due to the Agents and the ABL Term Loan Agent until paid in full;
 - (ii) SECOND, ratably to pay any Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and fees then due to the Revolving Lenders until paid in full;
 - (iii) THIRD, ratably to pay interest accrued in respect of the Revolving Credit Loans until paid in full;
 - (iv) FOURTH, to pay principal due in respect of the Swingline Loans until paid in full;
 - (v) FIFTH, ratably to pay principal due in respect of the Revolving Credit Loans until paid in full;
 - (vi) SIXTH, to the Administrative Agent, to be held by the Administrative Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Issuing Banks and the Lenders

as cash collateral in an amount up to 103% of the then extant Stated Amount of Letters of Credit until paid in full;

- (vii) SEVENTH, ratably to pay outstanding Obligations with respect to Cash Management Services furnished to any Loan Party;
- (viii) EIGHTH, ratably to pay any Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and fees then due to the FILO Lenders until paid in full;
- (ix) NINTH, ratably to pay interest accrued in respect of the FILO Loan until paid in full;
- (x) TENTH, ratably to pay principal due in respect of the FILO Loan until paid in full;
- (xi) ELEVENTH, ratably to pay outstanding Obligations with respect to Bank Products furnished to any Loan Party (other than Bank Products for which the ABL Term Loan Agent has instructed the Administrative Agent to implement an Availability Reserve pursuant to SECTION 8.18(a) hereof, solely to the extent the Administrative Agent has not so implemented such Availability Reserve);
- (xii) TWELFTH, ratably to pay any Credit Party Expenses, indemnities and fees then due to the ABL Term Lenders until paid in full;
- (xiii) THIRTEENTH, ratably to pay interest accrued in respect of the ABL Term Loan until paid in full;
- (xiv) FOURTEENTH, ratably to pay principal due in respect of the ABL Term Loan until paid in full;
- (xv) FIFTEENTH, ratably to pay any other outstanding Obligations (other than ABL Term Obligations) until paid in full, including outstanding Bank Products not otherwise paid pursuant to clause ELEVENTH above;
- (xvi) SIXTEENTH, ratably to pay any other outstanding ABL Term Obligations until paid in full;
- (xvii) SEVENTEENTH, as provided for under the Intercreditor Agreement; and
- (xviii) EIGHTEENTH, to the Borrower or such other Person entitled thereto under Applicable Law.
- (b) Excluded Swap Obligations with respect to any Facility Guarantor shall not be paid with amounts received from such Facility Guarantor, but appropriate adjustments shall be made with respect to payments from other Loan Parties to preserve the allocation to the Obligations otherwise set forth above in this Section.

(c) For the avoidance of doubt, any Bank Products that have been Cash Collateralized prior to application of proceeds pursuant to this Section shall remain secured by such Cash Collateral and shall not be affected by the application of proceeds pursuant to this Section.

SECTION 7.04 License; Access; Cooperation.

The Administrative Agent is hereby granted an irrevocable, non-exclusive license or other right to use, license or sub-license (without payment of royalty or other compensation to any Person) any or all Intellectual Property of the Loan Parties, computer hardware and software, trade secrets, brochures, customer lists, promotional and advertising materials, labels, packaging materials and other property, in advertising for sale, marketing, selling, collecting, completing manufacture of, or otherwise exercising any rights or remedies with respect to, any Collateral, in each case, after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Administrative Agent (together with its agents, representatives and designees) is hereby granted a non-exclusive right to have access to, and a rent free right to use, any and all owned or leased locations (including, without limitation, warehouse locations, distribution centers and Store locations) for the purpose of arranging for and effecting the sale or disposition of Collateral, including the production, completion, packaging and other preparation of such Collateral for sale or disposition, and to engage in bulk sales of Collateral. It is further understood and agreed that the Administrative Agent and its representatives (and persons employed on their behalf) may continue to operate, service, maintain, process and sell the Collateral. Upon the occurrence and the continuance of an Event of Default and the exercise by the Administrative Agent or Lenders of their rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, the Loan Parties shall assist the Administrative Agent and Lenders in effecting a sale or other disposition of the Collateral upon such terms as are reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE VIII

The Agents

SECTION 8.01 Appointment and Administration by Administrative Agent.

Each Lender and each Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably designate Bank of America as Administrative Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The general administration of the Loan Documents shall be by the Administrative Agent. The Lenders and each Issuing Bank each hereby (i) irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and at its discretion, to take or refrain from taking such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise or refrain from exercising such powers under the Loan Documents as are delegated by the terms hereof or thereof, as appropriate, together with all powers reasonably incidental thereto, and (ii) agrees and consents to all of the provisions of the Security Documents. Subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, all Collateral shall be held or administered by the Administrative Agent (or its duly-appointed agent) for its own benefit and for the ratable benefit of the other Credit Parties. Any proceeds received by the Administrative Agent from the foreclosure, sale, lease or other disposition of any of the Collateral and any other proceeds received pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents or the

other Loan Documents shall be paid over to the Administrative Agent for application as provided in this Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Administrative Agent shall have no duties or responsibilities except as set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, nor shall it have any fiduciary relationship with any other Credit Party, and no implied covenants, responsibilities, duties, obligations, or liabilities shall be read into the Loan Documents or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent.

SECTION 8.02 <u>Appointment of Collateral Agent.</u>

- Each Lender and each Issuing Bank hereby irrevocably designate Bank of (a) America as Collateral Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Lenders and each Issuing Bank each hereby (i) irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent (x) to enter into the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (y) at its discretion, to take or refrain from taking such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise or refrain from exercising such powers under the Loan Documents as are delegated by the terms hereof or thereof, as appropriate, together with all powers reasonably incidental thereto, and (ii) agrees and consents to all of the provisions of the Security Documents. Subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, all Collateral shall be held or administered, subject to the direction of the Administrative Agent, by the Collateral Agent (or its duly-appointed agent) for its own benefit and for the ratable benefit of the other Credit Parties. Any proceeds received by the Collateral Agent from the foreclosure, sale, lease or other disposition of any of the Collateral and any other proceeds received pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents or the other Loan Documents shall be paid over to the Administrative Agent for application as provided in this Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Collateral Agent shall have no duties or responsibilities except as set forth in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, nor shall it have any fiduciary relationship with any other Credit Party, and no implied covenants, responsibilities, duties, obligations, or liabilities shall be read into the Loan Documents or otherwise exist against the Collateral Agent.
- Without limiting the generality of paragraph (a) above, for the purposes of creating a solidarité active in accordance with Article 1541 of the Civil Code of Québec, between each Credit Party, taken individually, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent, on the other hand, each Loan Party, each such Credit Party and the Collateral Agent acknowledge and agree that such Credit Party and the Collateral Agent are hereby conferred the legal status of solidary creditors of each Loan Party in respect of all Obligations, present and future, owed by each Loan Party to each such Lender and the Collateral Agent (collectively, the "Solidary Claim"). Each Loan Party which is not a signatory of this Agreement but is or may become a signatory to any other Loan Documents shall be deemed to have accepted the provisions contained in this paragraph by its execution of such other Loan Documents. Accordingly, but subject (for the avoidance of doubt) to Article 1542 of the Civil Code of Québec, the Loan Parties are irrevocably bound towards the Collateral Agent and each other Credit Party in respect of the entire Solidary Claim of the Collateral Agent and such other Credit Party. As a result of the foregoing, the parties hereto acknowledge that the Collateral Agent and each other Credit Party shall at all times have a valid and effective right of action for the entire Solidary Claim of the Collateral Agent and such other Credit Party and the right to give full acquittance for it. Accordingly, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Collateral Agent, as solidary creditor with each other Credit Party, shall at all times have a valid and effective right of action in respect of all Obligations, present and future, owned by each Loan Party to the Collateral Agent and the other Credit Parties or any of

them and the right to give a full acquittance for same. The parties further agree and acknowledge that the Collateral Agent's Liens on the Collateral shall be granted to the Collateral Agent, for its own benefit and for the benefit of the other Credit Parties.

In addition, and without limiting any of the foregoing, for the (ii) purposes of holding any security granted by any Loan Party pursuant to the laws of the Province of Québec to secure payment of any bond issued by any Loan Party, each of the Credit Parties hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Collateral Agent and, to the extent necessary, ratifies the appointment and authorization of the Collateral Agent, to act as the person holding the power of attorney (i.e. "fondé de pouvoir") (in such capacity, the "Attorney") of the Credit Parties as contemplated under Article 2692 of the Civil Code of Québec, and to enter into, to take and to hold on its behalf, and for its benefit, any hypothec, and to exercise such powers and duties that are conferred upon the Attorney under any hypothec. Moreover, without prejudice to such appointment and authorization to act as the person holding the power of attorney as aforesaid, each of the Credit Parties hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Collateral Agent (in such capacity, the "Custodian") to act as agent and custodian for and on behalf of the Credit Parties to hold and be the sole registered holder of any bond which may be issued under any hypothec, the whole notwithstanding Section 32 of An Act respecting the special powers of legal persons (Québec) or any other applicable law, and to execute all related documents. Each of the Attorney and the Custodian shall: (a) have the sole and exclusive right and authority to exercise, except as may be otherwise specifically restricted by the terms hereof, all rights and remedies given to the Attorney and the Custodian (as applicable) pursuant to any hypothec, bond, pledge, applicable laws or otherwise, (b) benefit from and be subject to all provisions hereof with respect to the Collateral Agent *mutatis mutandis*, including, without limitation, all such provisions with respect to the liability or responsibility to and indemnification by the Credit Parties, and (c) be entitled to delegate from time to time any of its powers or duties under any hypothec, bond, or pledge on such terms and conditions as it may determine from time to time. Any person who becomes a Credit Party shall, by its execution of an Assignment and Acceptance, be deemed to have consented to and confirmed: (i) the Attorney as the person holding the power of attorney as aforesaid and to have ratified, as of the date it becomes a Credit Party, all actions taken by the Attorney in such capacity, and (ii) the Custodian as the agent and custodian as aforesaid and to have ratified, as of the date it becomes a Credit Party, all actions taken by the Custodian in such capacity. The substitution of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Article VIII shall also constitute the substitution of the Attorney and the Custodian.

(iii) In addition, and without limiting any of the foregoing, for the purposes of holding any security granted by any Loan Party pursuant to the laws of the Province of Québec to secure payment of all Obligations, present and future, owed by each Loan Party, each of the Credit Parties hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Collateral Agent and, to the extent necessary, ratifies the appointment and authorization of the Collateral Agent, to act as the hypothecary representative of the Credit Parties as contemplated under Article 2692 of the Civil Code of Québec, and to enter into, to take and to hold on its behalf, and for its benefit, any hypothec, and to exercise such powers and duties that are conferred upon the Collateral Agent under any hypothec. The Collateral Agent shall: (a) have the sole and exclusive right and authority to exercise, except as may be otherwise specifically restricted by the terms hereof, all rights and remedies given to the Collateral Agent pursuant to any hypothec, applicable laws or otherwise, (b) benefit from and be subject to all provisions hereof with respect to the Collateral Agent mutatis

mutandis, including, without limitation, all such provisions with respect to the liability or responsibility to and indemnification by the Credit Parties, and (c) be entitled to delegate from time to time any of its powers or duties under any hypothec on such terms and conditions as it may determine from time to time. Any person who becomes a Credit Party shall, by its execution of an Assignment and Acceptance, be deemed to have consented to and confirmed the Collateral Agent as the hypothecary representative as aforesaid and to have ratified, as of the date it becomes a Credit Party, all actions taken by the Collateral Agent in such capacity. The substitution of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Article VIII shall also constitute the substitution of the Collateral Agent in its capacity as hypothecary representative as aforesaid.

SECTION 8.03 Sharing of Excess Payments.

If, other than as expressly provided in SECTION 9.04, at any time or times any Credit Party shall receive (i) by payment, foreclosure, setoff, banker's lien, counterclaim, or otherwise, or any payments with respect to the Obligations owing to such Credit Party arising under, or relating to, this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, except for any such proceeds or payments received by such Credit Party from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the ABL Term Loan Agent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or (ii) payments from the Administrative Agent in excess of such Credit Party's ratable portion of all such distributions by the Administrative Agent, such Credit Party shall promptly (1) turn the same over to the Administrative Agent in kind, and with such endorsements as may be required to negotiate the same to the Administrative Agent, or in same day funds, as applicable, for the account of all of the Credit Parties and for application to the Obligations in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, or (2) purchase, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation in the Obligations owed to the other Credit Parties so that such excess payment received shall be applied ratably as among the Credit Parties in accordance with their Revolving Commitment Percentages, FILO Percentages or ABL Term Loan Percentages, as applicable; provided, however, that if all or part of such excess payment received by the purchasing party is thereafter recovered from it, those purchases of participations shall be rescinded in whole or in part, as applicable, and the applicable portion of the purchase price paid therefor shall be returned to such purchasing party, but without interest except to the extent that such purchasing party is required to pay interest in connection with the recovery of the excess payment.

SECTION 8.04 Agreement of Applicable Lenders.

Upon any occasion requiring or permitting an approval, consent, waiver, election or other action on the part of the Applicable Lenders, action shall be taken by the Administrative Agent for and on behalf or for the benefit of all Credit Parties upon the direction of the Applicable Lenders, and any such action shall be binding on all Credit Parties. No amendment, modification, consent, or waiver shall be effective except in accordance with the provisions of SECTION 9.02.

No Credit Party (other than the Agents) shall have any right individually to realize upon any of the Collateral or to enforce any Guarantee of the Obligations, it being understood and agreed that all powers, rights and remedies under the Loan Documents may be exercised solely by the Agents on behalf of the Credit Parties in accordance with the terms thereof. In the event of a foreclosure by the Agents on any of the Collateral pursuant to a public or private sale or other disposition, any Agent or any Lender may be the purchaser or licensor of any or all of such

Collateral at any such sale or other disposition, and any Agent, as agent for and representative of the Credit Parties (but not any Lender or Lenders in its or their respective individual capacities unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise agree in writing) shall be entitled, for the purpose of bidding and making settlement or payment of the purchase price for all or any portion of the collateral sold at any such public sale, to use and apply any of the Obligations as a credit on account of the purchase price for any collateral payable by any Agent on behalf of the Credit Parties at such sale or other disposition. Each Credit Party, whether or not a party hereto, will be deemed, by its acceptance of the benefits of the Collateral and of the Guarantees of the Obligations provided under the Loan Documents, to have agreed to the foregoing provisions.

SECTION 8.05 Liability of Agents.

- (a) The Agents, when acting on behalf of the Credit Parties, may execute any of their respective duties under this Agreement by or through any of its officers, agents and employees, and no Agent nor its respective directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable to any other Credit Party for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith, or be responsible to any other Credit Party for the consequences of any oversight or error of judgment, or for any loss, except to the extent of any liability imposed by law by reason of such Agent's own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct. No Agent or its respective directors, officers, agents and employees shall in any event be liable to any other Credit Party for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it pursuant to instructions received by it from the Applicable Lenders, or in reliance upon the advice of counsel selected by it. Without limiting the foregoing, no Agent or any of its respective directors, officers, employees, or agents shall be: (i) responsible to any other Credit Party for the due execution, validity, genuineness, effectiveness, sufficiency, or enforceability of, or for any recital, statement, warranty or representation in, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement, document or order; (ii) required to ascertain or to make any inquiry concerning the performance or observance by any Loan Party of any of the terms, conditions, covenants, or agreements of this Agreement or any of the Loan Documents; (iii) responsible to any other Credit Party for the state or condition of any properties of the Loan Parties or any other obligor hereunder constituting Collateral for the Obligations or any information contained in the books or records of the Loan Parties; (iv) responsible to any other Credit Party for the validity, enforceability, collectibility, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any other certificate, document or instrument furnished in connection therewith; or (v) responsible to any other Credit Party for the validity, priority or perfection of any Lien securing or purporting to secure the Obligations, or for the value or sufficiency of any of the Collateral.
- (b) The Agents may execute any of their duties under this Agreement or any other Loan Document by or through its agents or attorneys-in-fact, and shall be entitled to the advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to its rights and duties hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The Agents shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.
- (c) None of the Agents nor any of their respective directors, officers, employees, or agents shall have any responsibility to any Loan Party on account of the failure or delay in performance or breach by any other Credit Party (other than by each such Agent in its

capacity as a Lender) of any of its respective obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or in connection herewith or therewith.

(d) The Agents shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, or other document or writing believed by them to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper person or persons, and upon the advice and statements of legal counsel (including, without, limitation, counsel to the Loan Parties), independent accountants and other experts selected by any Loan Party or any Credit Party. The Agents shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless they shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Applicable Lenders as it deems appropriate or they shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the other Credit Parties against any and all liability and expense which may be incurred by them by reason of the taking or failing to take any such action.

SECTION 8.06 <u>Notice of Default.</u>

The Agents shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default unless such Agent has actual knowledge of the same or has received notice from a Credit Party or Loan Party referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that an Agent obtains such actual knowledge or receives such a notice, such Agent shall give prompt notice thereof to each of the other Credit Parties. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall (subject to the provisions of SECTION 9.02) take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Applicable Lenders. Unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such direction, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to any such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interest of the Credit Parties. In no event shall the Administrative Agent be required to comply with any such directions to the extent that the Administrative Agent reasonably believes that its compliance with such directions would be unlawful.

SECTION 8.07 <u>Credit Decisions.</u>

Each Credit Party (other than the Agents) acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Credit Party, and based on the financial statements prepared by the Loan Parties and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and investigation into the business, assets, operations, property, and financial and other condition of the Loan Parties and has made its own decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Each Credit Party (other than the Agents) also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agents or any other Credit Party, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in determining whether or not conditions precedent to closing any Loan hereunder have been satisfied and in taking or not taking any action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 8.08 Reimbursement and Indemnification.

Each Credit Party (other than the Agents) agrees to (i) reimburse the Agents for such Credit Party's Revolving Commitment Percentage, FILO Percentage or ABL Term Loan Percentage, as applicable, of (x) any expenses and fees incurred by any Agent for the benefit of Credit Parties under this Agreement and any of the other Loan Documents, including, without limitation, counsel fees and compensation of agents and employees paid for services rendered on behalf of the Credit Parties, and any other expense incurred in connection with the operations or enforcement thereof not reimbursed by the Loan Parties and (y) any expenses of any Agent incurred for the benefit of the Credit Parties that the Loan Parties have agreed to reimburse pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document and have failed to so reimburse and (ii) indemnify and hold harmless each Agent and any of its directors, officers, employees, or agents, on demand, in the amount of such Credit Party's Revolving Commitment Percentage, FILO Percentage or ABL Term Loan Percentage, as applicable, from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses, or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against it or any Credit Party in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or any action taken or omitted by it or any of them under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents to the extent not reimbursed by the Loan Parties, including, without limitation, costs of any suit initiated by each Agent against any Credit Party (except such as shall have been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and non-appealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent); provided, however, that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against such Credit Party in its capacity as such. The provisions of this SECTION 8.08 shall survive the Payment in Full.

SECTION 8.09 Rights of Agents.

It is understood and agreed that the Agents shall have the same rights and powers hereunder (including the right to give such instructions) as the other Lenders and may exercise such rights and powers, as well as their rights and powers under other agreements and instruments to which they are or may be party, and engage in other transactions with the Loan Parties, as though they were not the Agents. Each Agent and its affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, and generally engage in any kind of commercial or investment banking, trust, advisory or other business with the Loan Parties and their Affiliates as if it were not an Agent hereunder.

SECTION 8.10 Notice of Transfer.

The Administrative Agent may deem and treat a Lender party to this Agreement as the owner of such Lender's portion of the Obligations for all purposes, unless and until, and except to the extent, an Assignment and Acceptance shall have become effective as set forth in SECTION 9.04.

SECTION 8.11 Successor Agents.

Any Agent may resign at any time by giving thirty (30) Business Days' written notice thereof to the other Credit Parties and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation of an Agent, the Required Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor Agent, which, so long as there is no Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a), (b) or (t) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the

Borrower (whose consent in any event shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). If no successor Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and/or none shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) Business Days after the retiring Agent's giving of notice of resignation, the retiring Agent may, on behalf of the other Credit Parties, appoint a successor Agent which, (i) shall be a Person a commercial bank (or affiliate thereof) organized under the laws of the United States of America or of any State thereof and having a combined capital and surplus of a least \$100,000,000, or (ii) capable of complying with all of the duties of such Agent hereunder (in the opinion of the retiring Agent and as certified to the other Credit Parties in writing by such successor Agent) which, so long as there is no Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a), (b) or (t) shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower (whose consent in any event shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed). Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Agent by a successor Agent, such successor Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Agent and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement. After any retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as such Agent, the provisions of this Article VIII shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was such Agent under this Agreement.

SECTION 8.12 Relation Among the Lenders.

The Lenders are not partners or co-venturers, and no Lender shall be liable for the acts or omissions of, or (except as otherwise set forth herein in case of any Agent) authorized to act for, any other Lender.

SECTION 8.13 Reports and Financial Statements.

By signing this Agreement, each Lender:

- (a) agrees to furnish the Administrative Agent on the first day of each month (or more frequently as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request) with a summary of all Other Liabilities due or to become due to such Lender (and the Agreement Value, if appropriate). In connection with any distributions to be made hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to assume that no amounts are due to any Lender on account of Other Liabilities unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice thereof from such Lender and if such notice is received, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to assume that the only amounts due to such Lender on account of Other Liabilities is the amount set forth in such notice;
- (b) with respect to each Issuing Bank, agrees to furnish the Administrative Agent with a report of each Letter of Credit then outstanding issued by such Issuing Bank, as described in SECTION 2.13(a), which report shall be in such form as may be requested by the Administrative Agent;
- (c) is deemed to have requested that the Administrative Agent furnish such Lender, promptly after they become available, copies of all financial statements required to be delivered by the Borrower hereunder and all commercial finance examinations and

appraisals of the Collateral received by the Administrative Agent (collectively, the "Reports");

- (d) expressly agrees and acknowledges that the Administrative Agent makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the Reports, and (ii) shall not be liable for any information contained in any Report;
- (e) expressly agrees and acknowledges that the Reports are not comprehensive audits or examinations, that the Administrative Agent or any other party performing any audit or examination will inspect only specific information regarding the Loan Parties and will rely significantly upon the Loan Parties' books and records, as well as on representations of the Loan Parties' personnel;
- (f) agrees to keep all Reports confidential and strictly for its internal use, and not to distribute except to its participants, or use any Report in any other manner; and
- (g) without limiting the generality of any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement, agrees: (i) to hold the Administrative Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report harmless from any action the indemnifying Lender may take or conclusion the indemnifying Lender may reach or draw from any Report in connection with any Credit Extensions that the indemnifying Lender has made or may make to the Borrower, or the indemnifying Lender's participation in, or the indemnifying Lender's purchase of, a Loan or Loans of the Borrower; and (ii) to pay and protect, and indemnify, defend, and hold the Administrative Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report harmless from and against, the claims, actions, proceedings, damages, costs, expenses, and other amounts (including attorney costs) incurred by the Administrative Agent and any such other Lender preparing a Report as the direct or indirect result of any third parties who might obtain all or part of any Report through the indemnifying Lender.

SECTION 8.14 Agency for Perfection.

Each Lender hereby appoints each other Lender as agent for the purpose of perfecting Liens for the benefit of the Agents and the Lenders, in assets which, in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC or any other Applicable Law of the United States of America or Canada can be perfected only by possession. Should any Lender (other than an Agent) obtain possession of any such Collateral, such Lender shall notify the Administrative Agent thereof, and, promptly upon the Administrative Agent's request therefor shall deliver such Collateral to the Collateral Agent or otherwise deal with such Collateral in accordance with the Collateral Agent's instructions.

SECTION 8.15 <u>Collateral and Guaranty Matters.</u>

The Credit Parties irrevocably authorize the Agents, at their option and in their discretion,

(a) to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Collateral Agent under any Loan Document (i) upon Payment in Full, (ii) that is sold or otherwise disposed or to be sold or otherwise disposed of as part of or in connection with any sale permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document or, with respect to Term Priority Collateral, as to which the Collateral Agent is required to release such Lien pursuant to the

Intercreditor Agreement, or (iii) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Applicable Lenders in accordance with SECTION 9.02;

- (b) to subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Collateral Agent under any Loan Document to the holder of any Lien on such property that is permitted under the definition of "Permitted Encumbrances";
- (c) to release any Facility Guarantor from its obligations under any Facility Guarantee if such Person ceases to be a Subsidiary as a result of a transaction permitted hereunder;
- (d) to release each Loan Party from its obligations under the Loan Documents (other than those that expressly survive termination) upon Payment in Full;
- (e) to release its Lien on Term Priority Collateral at the times and as required under the Security Agreement or the Intercreditor Agreement; and
- (f) to enter into, on behalf of the Applicable Lenders, the Intercreditor Acknowledgment and any other intercreditor agreements and/or subordination agreements described herein, to the extent the same are in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents.

Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Applicable Lenders will confirm in writing the Agents' authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property, to release any Facility Guarantor from its obligations under any Facility Guarantee, to release any Loan Party from its obligations under the Loan Documents, or to enter into the Intercreditor Acknowledgment and any other intercreditor agreement and/or subordination agreement, in each case pursuant to this SECTION 8.15. In each case as specified in this SECTION 8.15, the Agents will, at the Loan Parties' expense, execute and deliver to the applicable Loan Party such documents as such Loan Party may reasonably request to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the assignment and security interest granted under the Security Documents or to subordinate its interest in such item, or to release such Facility Guarantor from its obligations under the applicable Facility Guarantee, or to release each Loan Party from its obligations under the Loan Documents, or to enter into any intercreditor agreement and/or subordination agreement, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents and this SECTION 8.15.

SECTION 8.16 <u>Intercreditor Acknowledgment.</u>

The Agents are hereby authorized to enter into the Intercreditor Acknowledgment or any intercreditor agreement to the extent contemplated by the terms hereof, and the parties hereto acknowledge that the Intercreditor Agreement, as supplemented by the Intercreditor Acknowledgment or such other intercreditor agreement is binding upon them. Each Lender (a) hereby agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement or any other intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence and (b) hereby authorizes and instructs the Agents to enter into the Intercreditor Agreement, the Intercreditor Acknowledgment and any other intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence and, in each case, to subject

the Liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations to the provisions thereof. In addition, each Lender hereby authorizes the Agents to enter into any amendment to the Intercreditor Agreement and any other intercreditor agreement, in each case, to the extent required to give effect to the establishment of intercreditor rights and privileges as contemplated and required by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents. Promptly after execution thereof, the Agents shall provide each Lender with a copy of any other intercreditor agreement, and any amendment to or other modification of the Intercreditor Agreement or any other intercreditor agreement.

SECTION 8.17 Debtors' Advisors.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, none of the Debtors' Advisors shall have any powers, rights, duties, responsibilities or liabilities with respect to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

SECTION 8.18 Reserves.

- Upon the written request of the ABL Term Loan Agent, the Administrative (a) Agent shall establish an Availability Reserve with respect to Bank Products which are provided by any Revolving Lender or its Affiliates, at any time that (i) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or (ii) Availability is less than (A) fifteen percent (15%) for more than five (5) Business Days or (B) twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) at any time, in each case of the Line Cap. The amount of the applicable Reserve shall be determined by the Administrative Agent in good faith consistent with past practices for similarly situated borrowers and shall be reviewed and adjusted by the Administrative Agent periodically (but no less frequently than with the delivery of a Borrowing Base Certificate) to reflect any material changes in the credit exposure with respect to such Bank Products for which the Reserve has been established. Any Reserve established pursuant to this SECTION 8.18(a) shall automatically be released and no longer required from and including the date of which such Event of Default is no longer continuing or, if such Reserve has been imposed pursuant to clause (ii) above, the date of which the Borrower has delivered a Borrowing Base Certificate evidencing Availability equal to or in excess of the level indicated in this SECTION 8.18(a)(i)(A). The foregoing provisions are intended solely to establish circumstances in which the Administrative Agent must establish such Availability Reserve with respect to Bank Products. The provisions of this SECTION 8.18(a) shall not limit the right of the Administrative Agent to establish additional Reserves at such time and in such amounts as the Administrative Agent determines in its reasonable discretion to the extent otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement. The Administrative Agent hereby agrees, promptly upon the reasonable written request of the ABL Term Loan Agent, to provide to the ABL Term Loan Agent the aggregate amount of Obligations in respect of Bank Products outstanding at such time; provided, that no right or benefit of the Administrative Agent hereunder shall at any time in any way be prejudiced or impaired by any failure of the Administrative Agent to provide such information.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, as long as the ABL Term Loan remains outstanding, the Administrative Agent shall maintain Reserves of the type existing on the Closing Date, which Reserves shall be calculated using the same methodology used as of the Closing Date; <u>provided that</u> (x) the Administrative Agent may eliminate any Reserve (other than any reserves described in SECTION 8.18(a) (which shall be

implemented and/or removed in accordance with the terms of <u>clause (a)</u> above) concurrent with, or after elimination of, the event or circumstance that gave rise to the establishment of such Reserve and (y) the Administrative Agent may in its reasonable discretion change the methodology used to calculate any Reserve if the effect of such change is to increase the amount of such Reserve. For clarity, the foregoing shall not limit the right of the Administrative Agent (i) to modify the amount of any of the Reserves based upon mathematical calculations (e.g., based on an increase or reduction in Customer Credit Liabilities at the time of calculation), including reducing the amount of any such Reserves to an amount less than those Reserves in effect on the Closing Date, or (ii) without regard to clause (i) hereof, to increase any Reserve from the level in effect at the time of the Closing Date and thereafter to reduce the amount of such Reserve to an amount not less than the amount thereof in effect on the Closing Date, in the case of each of clauses (i) and (ii), in a manner otherwise permitted by this Agreement.

SECTION 8.19 <u>ABL Term Loan Agent.</u>

- (a) Each ABL Term Lender hereby irrevocably designates Pathlight Capital LP as ABL Term Loan Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The ABL Term Lenders each hereby irrevocably authorizes the ABL Term Loan Agent (x) to enter into the Loan Documents to which it is a party, and (y) at its discretion, to take or refrain from taking such actions as agent on its behalf and to exercise or refrain from exercising such powers under the Loan Documents as are delegated by the terms hereof or thereof, as appropriate, together with all powers reasonably incidental thereto. The ABL Term Loan Agent shall act on behalf of the ABL Term Secured Parties with respect to the ABL Term Loans and the ABL Term Obligations associated therewith, and the ABL Term Loan Agent shall have all of the benefits and immunities provided to the Administrative Agent in this Article VIII with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by ABL Term Loan Agent in connection with the ABL Term Obligations as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" as used in this Article VIII included the ABL Term Loan Agent with respect to such acts or omissions.
- The ABL Term Loan Agent may resign at any time by giving thirty (30) Business Days' written notice thereof to the other ABL Term Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation of the ABL Term Loan Agent, the Required Term Lenders shall have the right to appoint a successor ABL Term Loan Agent, which, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and, so long as there is no Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a), (b) or (t), shall be reasonably satisfactory to Borrower. If no successor ABL Term Loan Agent shall have been so appointed by the Required Term Lenders, and/or none shall have accepted such appointment within thirty (30) days after the retiring ABL Term Loan Agent's giving of notice of resignation, the retiring ABL Loan Term Agent may, on behalf of the other ABL Term Secured Parties, appoint a successor ABL Term Loan Agent which shall either be a commercial bank (or an affiliate thereof) or a commercial finance company specializing in providing financings comparable to the ABL Term Loan, in either such case, organized under the laws of the United States of America or of any State thereof which, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and, so long as there is no Event of Default under SECTION 7.01(a), (b) or (t), shall be reasonably satisfactory to Borrower. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as ABL Term Loan Agent by a successor ABL Term Loan Agent, such successor ABL Term Loan Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring ABL Term Loan Agent and the

retiring ABL Term Loan Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement. After any retiring ABL Term Loan Agent's resignation hereunder as ABL Term Loan Agent, the provisions of this Article VIII shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it (i) while it was ABL Term Loan Agent under this Agreement and (ii) after such resignation for so long as it continues to act in any capacity hereunder or under the other Loan Documents.

ARTICLE IX

Miscellaneous

SECTION 9.01 Notices.

Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone, all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopy or e-mail, as follows:

- (a) if to any Loan Party, to it at 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, Attention: Bob Riesbeck, Chief Financial Officer (Telecopy No. (___) [____], E-Mail: RJRIESBECK@pier1.com), with a copy to Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654, Attention: Michelle Kilkenney, P.C., Esquire (Telecopy No. (312) 862-2200, E-Mail: michelle.kilkenney@kirkland.com);
- (b) if to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or the Swingline Lender to Bank of America, N.A., 100 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Andrew Cerussi (Telecopy No. (617) 310-2686, E-Mail Andrew.cerussi@baml.com), with a copy to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Marjorie S. Crider, Esquire (Telecopy No. (617) 341-7701, E-Mail Marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com);
- (c) if to the ABL Term Loan Agent to Pathlight Capital LP, 18 Shipyard Drive, Suite 2C, Hingham, Massachusetts 02043, Attention: Katie Hendricks (E-Mail khendricks@pathlightcapital.com), with a copy to Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP, Two International Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Mark Silva, Esquire (Telecopy No. (617) 502-5127, E-Mail msilva@choate.com); and
- (d) if to any other Credit Party, to it at its address (or telecopy number or electronic mail address) set forth on the signature pages hereto or on any Assignment and Acceptance.

Any party hereto may change its address or telecopy number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. All notices and other communications given to any party hereto in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been given three (3) days after mailing or otherwise upon delivery.

SECTION 9.02 <u>Waivers; Amendments.</u>

- (a) No failure or delay by any Credit Party in exercising any right or power hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right or power, or any abandonment or discontinuance of steps to enforce such a right or power, preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right or power. The rights and remedies of the Credit Parties hereunder and under the other Loan Documents are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of any Loan Document or consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by SECTION 9.02(b), and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the making of a Loan or issuance of a Letter of Credit shall not be construed as a waiver of any Default or Event of Default, regardless of whether any Credit Party may have had notice or knowledge of such Default or Event of Default at the time.
- (b) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Section 9.02(b), neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document nor any provision hereof or thereof may be waived, amended or modified except, in the case of this Agreement, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Loan Parties and the Required Lenders or, in the case of any other Loan Document, pursuant to an agreement or agreements in writing entered into by the Administrative Agent and the Loan Parties that are parties thereto, in each case with the consent of the Required Lenders; provided, however, that no such waiver, amendment, modification or other agreement shall:
- (i) Increase the Commitment of any Lender without the prior written consent of such Lender;
- Reduce the principal amount of any Obligation or reduce the rate of (ii) interest thereon, or reduce any fees payable under the Loan Documents without the consent of the Lenders affected thereby, provided that the foregoing shall not limit the rights of the Administrative Agent and/or the Required Revolving Lenders to impose or waive the imposition of any Default Rate, increased fees pursuant to SECTION 2.19(c)(iii) or similar increase arising as a result of the occurrence of an Event of Default, or limit the rights of the Required ABL Term Lenders to impose or waive the imposition of the ABL Term Default Rate; provided, further that (A) only the consent of the Required Revolving Lenders and the Borrower shall be necessary to amend the definition of "Default Rate" to increase the Default Rate up to an additional two percent (2.0%) and any amount over two percent (2.0%) shall require the consent of the Required Revolving Lenders, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Borrower and (B) only the consent of the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Borrower shall be necessary to amend the definition of "ABL Term Default Rate" to increase the ABL Term Default Rate up to an additional two percent (2.0%) and any amount over two percent (2.0%) shall require the prior written consent of the Required Revolving Lenders, the ABL Term Loan Agent and the Borrower;
 - (iii) (x) Without prior written Unanimous Consent of all Lenders:
 - (A) except for dispositions permitted by SECTION 6.05, and subject to the Specified Release Paragraph, release any material portion of the Collateral from the Liens of the Security Documents;

- (B) increase the Revolving Commitments;
- (C) change the definition of the terms "Appraisal Percentage", "Availability", "Availability Block", "Borrowing Base", "Carve-Out", "FILO Borrowing Base", "ABL Term Borrowing Base", "Permitted Overadvance", "Inadvertent Overadvance", "Line Cap", or any component definition thereof if, as a result thereof, the amounts available to be borrowed by the Borrower would be increased, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not limit the discretion of the Administrative Agent to change, establish or eliminate any Reserves;
- (D) except in accordance with SECTION 6.05 and SECTION 8.15, and subject to the Specified Release Paragraph, release any Loan Party from its obligations under any Loan Document, or limit its liability in respect of such Loan Document;
- (E) change or modify SECTION 2.17(d), SECTION 7.03 or SECTION 8.03;
- (F) subordinate the Obligations hereunder or, other than as set forth in the Intercreditor Agreement, the Liens, granted hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, to any other Indebtedness or, except as provided in the Intercreditor Agreement, any Lien, as the case may be; or
- (G) change or modify any of the provisions of this SECTION 9.02 or the definition of the terms "Required Lenders", "Required ABL Term Lenders", "Required Revolving Lenders", "Unanimous Consent", or any other provision of any Loan Document specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to waive, amend or modify any rights thereunder or make any determination or grant any consent thereunder.
- (y) without prior written consent of all affected Lenders, postpone the scheduled date of payment of the principal amount of any Obligation, or any interest thereon, or any fees payable under the Loan Documents, or reduce the amount of, waive or excuse any such payment, or postpone the expiration of the Commitments or postpone the Maturity Date (except as expressly contemplated in the definition of "Maturity Date"); or
- (z) without the prior written consent of the Revolving Lenders, increase the Swingline Loan Ceiling.
- (iv) Without prior written consent of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent, or the Issuing Banks, as the case may be, affect, modify or limit the rights or duties of the Agents, the ABL Term Loan Agent, or the Issuing Banks, as applicable;
- (v) without the prior written consent of the Required Revolving Lenders and the ABL Term Loan Agent, (x) amend, modify or waive the definition of "ABL Term Loan Event of Default", "ABL Term Obligations", "ABL Term Loan Standstill Period", "Borrowing

Base Certificate", "Cash Management Services", "Carve-Out Reserve", "Lease Reserve", "Canadian Claims Reserves", "FILO Reserve", or "ABL Term Loan Reserve" or fail to maintain the full amount of the Carve-Out Reserve, Lease Reserve, Canadian Claims Reserves, FILO Reserve, or ABL Term Loan Reserve, as and when required pursuant to the terms hereof;

- (vi) without the prior written consent of the Required Revolving Lenders and the ABL Term Loan Agent, amend, modify or waive (A) SECTION 2.03, SECTION 2.18, SECTION 5.01(d), SECTION 5.08(b), SECTION 5.16, SECTION 5.17, SECTION 5.18, SECTION 5.19, SECTION 5.20, SECTION 6.10(b), SECTION 7.02(b), or SECTION 7.05, or (B) the definitions of "Other Liabilities" or "Revolving Credit Ceiling",
- (vii) without the prior written consent of the Required Revolving Lenders amend, modify or waive (A) Article II (solely to the extent such amendment, modification or waiver being proposed would directly affect the Revolving Credit Loans, Swingline Loans or Overadvances, as applicable, made thereunder, or the Letters of Credit issued, extended or renewed thereunder), or (B) the definitions of "Overadvance", "Swingline Loan Ceiling", and the sublimit for Letters of Credit set forth in SECTION 2.13(a)(i);
- (viii) without the prior written consent of the ABL Term Lenders, change the definition of "Required ABL Term Lenders";
- (ix) without the prior written consent of the ABL Term Loan Agent and each Lender directly affected thereby, amend or modify the ratable requirement of SECTION 2.21(b); or
- (x) without the prior written consent of the ABL Term Loan Agent (and, for certainty, the Required Lenders), (A) amend, modify or waive SECTION 2.19(f) or SECTION 8.18, or (B) amend or modify the terms of SECTION 7.01 (which restriction shall not extend to any waiver of compliance with SECTION 7.01, unless such waiver would also constitute a waiver of any ABL Term Loan Event of Default).
- Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this SECTION 9.02, in the event that the Borrower shall request that this Agreement or any other Loan Document be modified, amended or waived in a manner which would require the consent of the Lenders pursuant to SECTION 9.02(b) and such amendment is approved by the Required Lenders, but not by the requisite percentage of all the Lenders or any class of Lenders, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent shall be permitted to amend this Agreement without the consent of the Lender or Lenders which did not agree to the modification, amendment or waiver requested by the Borrower (such Lender or Lenders, collectively the "Minority Lenders") subject to their providing for (i) the termination of the Commitment (if applicable) of each of the Minority Lenders, (ii) the addition to this Agreement of one or more other financial institutions which would qualify as an Eligible Assignee, subject to the reasonable approval of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Borrower, or an increase in the Commitment of one or more of the Required Lenders, so that the Revolving Commitments (if applicable) after giving effect to such amendment shall be in the same amount as the aggregate Commitments immediately before giving effect to such amendment, (iii) if any Loans are outstanding at the time of such amendment, the making of such additional Loans by such new or

increasing Lender or Lenders, as the case may be, as may be necessary to repay in full the outstanding Loans (including principal, interest, and fees and other amounts due and owing under the Loan Documents) of the Minority Lenders immediately before giving effect to such amendment and (iv) such other modifications to this Agreement or the Loan Documents as may be appropriate and incidental to the foregoing; *provided that*, in the event that, in connection with any such amendment contemplated under this clause (c), the ABL Term Obligations are not repaid in full or assigned to such Lender(s) supporting such amendment, then the provisions of such amendment shall be subject to any applicable consent rights of the ABL Term Loan Agent and the ABL Term Loan Lenders set forth in this SECTION 9.02.

- (d) No notice to or demand on any Loan Party shall entitle any Loan Party to any other or further notice or demand in the same, similar or other circumstances. Each holder of a Note shall be bound by any amendment, modification, waiver or consent authorized as provided herein, whether or not a Note shall have been marked to indicate such amendment, modification, waiver or consent and any consent by a Lender, or any holder of a Note, shall bind any Person subsequently acquiring a Note, whether or not a Note is so marked. No amendment or modification to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be effective against the Borrower unless signed by the Borrower or other applicable Loan Party.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender.
- (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend, modify or supplement this Agreement or any other Loan Document to cure any ambiguity, error, omission, defect or inconsistency without any further action or consent of any other party to any Loan Document, so long as such amendment, modification or supplement does not materially and adversely affect the rights of any Lender, (ii) the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may make such amendments, modifications or supplements to this Agreement or any other Loan Document as may be reasonably necessary to conform to the Term Loan Documents so long as such amendment, modification or supplement does not materially and adversely affect the rights of the ABL Term Loan Agent or any Lender, and (iii) except as expressly provided in the Intercreditor Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement may be amended without the consent of any Loan Party.
- Agreement or any other Loan Document, the ABL Term Loan Agent and each ABL Term Secured Party, agrees that neither it nor they will raise any objection to, or oppose, and shall be deemed to have consented to the release of any Loan Party from its obligations under any Loan Document or to any private or public sale or other disposition of all or any portion of the Collateral (and any post-petition or post-filing assets subject to adequate protection Liens or comparable Liens under the Bankruptcy Code, BIA, WURA, CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law in favor of the Administrative Agent) free and clear of any Liens and other claims at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default under this Agreement and with the consent of the Administrative Agent or under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code (or other similar provision of any BIA, WURA, CCAA or any state,

federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law) if (x) the ABL Term Loan Agent has received at least five (5) Business Days prior written notice of such sale or disposition and the terms and conditions thereof, and (y) the Administrative Agent has consented to such release or such sale or other disposition of such Collateral, and in connection with any of the foregoing, each ABL Term Secured Party hereby irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent to release any Lien on any of the Collateral; *provided* that any Lien of the Administrative Agent on such Collateral attaches to the net proceeds of such sale or other disposition and all proceeds received by the Administrative Agent from such sale or disposition are applied in accordance with SECTION 7.03 hereof. This paragraph shall be referred to herein as the "Specified Release Paragraph".

(h) Purchase Option.

- (i) If Administrative Agent shall notify the ABL Term Loan Agent of its intention to (by itself or at the direction of the Required Lenders) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the Collateral whether by private or public sale in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph; provided that any notice from Administrative Agent to the ABL Term Loan Agent of the Administrative Agent's intention to conduct such a sale shall be delivered by the Administrative Agent to the ABL Term Loan Agent not less than five (5) Business Days prior to the commencement of any such sale (the foregoing event is referred to herein as a, "Purchase Option Event"), the ABL Term Lenders shall have the opportunity to purchase all (but not less than all) of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations); provided that such option shall expire if the applicable ABL Term Lenders fail to deliver a written notice (a "Revolving Purchase Notice") to the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days following the first date the ABL Term Loan Agent obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Purchase Option Event, which Revolving Purchase Notice shall (A) be signed by the applicable ABL Term Lenders committing to such purchase (the "Revolving Purchasing Creditors") and indicate the percentage of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) to be purchased by each Revolving Purchasing Creditor (which aggregate commitments must add up to one hundred percent (100%) of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations)) and (B) confirm that the offer contained therein is irrevocable. Upon receipt of such Revolving Purchase Notice by the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Purchasing Creditors shall have from the date of delivery thereof to and including the date that is five (5) Business Days after the Revolving Purchase Notice was received by the Administrative Agent to purchase all (but not less than all) of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) (the date of such purchase, the "Revolving Purchase Date").
- (ii) On the Revolving Purchase Date, the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Lenders shall, subject to any required approval of any Governmental Authority, if any, sell to the Revolving Purchasing Creditors all (but not less than all) of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations). On such Revolving Purchase Date, the Revolving Purchasing Creditors shall (i) pay to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties), as directed by the Administrative Agent, in immediately

available funds the full amount (at par) of all Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) together with all accrued and unpaid interest and fees thereon, all in the amounts specified by the Administrative Agent and determined in good faith in accordance with the Loan Documents or other applicable documents, (ii) furnish such amount of cash collateral in immediately available funds as the Administrative Agent determines is reasonably necessary to secure the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) on terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in connection with any (x) asserted indemnification claims, and (y) all Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) in respect of or relating to Letters of Credit but not in any event in an amount greater than 103% thereof, and (iii) agree to reimburse the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) for any loss, cost, damage or expense resulting from the granting of provisional credit for any checks, wire or ACH transfers that are reversed or not final or other payments provisionally credited to the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) and as to which the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) have not yet received final payment as of the Revolving Purchase Date. Such purchase price shall be remitted by wire transfer in immediately available funds to such bank account of the Administrative Agent (for the benefit of the applicable Credit Parties) as the Administrative Agent shall have specified in writing to the ABL Term Loan Agent. Interest and fees shall be calculated to but excluding the Revolving Purchase Date if the amounts so paid by the applicable Revolving Purchasing Creditors to the bank account designated by the Administrative Agent are received in such bank account prior to 11:00 a.m., and interest shall be calculated to and including such Revolving Purchase Date if the amounts so paid by the Revolving Purchasing Creditors to the bank account designated by the Administrative Agent are received in such bank account after 11:00 a.m. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Loan Documents, the Loan Parties hereby consent to and approve the assignment of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) contemplated by this Section.

- (iii) Any purchase pursuant to the purchase option described in this Section shall, except as provided below, be expressly made without representation or warranty of any kind by the Administrative Agent or the other Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) as to the Obligations, the Collateral or otherwise, and without recourse to the Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) as to the Obligations, the Collateral or otherwise, except that the Administrative Agent and each of the other Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties), as to itself only, shall represent and warrant only as to (i) the principal amount of the Obligations being sold by it, (ii) that such Person has not created any Lien on, or sold any participation in, any Obligations being sold by it, and (iii) that such Person has the right to assign the Obligations being assigned by it.
- (iv) In connection with any purchase of Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) pursuant to this Section, each Credit Party (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) agrees to enter into and deliver to the Revolving Purchasing

Creditors on the Revolving Purchase Date, as a condition to closing, an assignment agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A to this Agreement or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent and, at the expense of the Loan Parties, each of the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) shall deliver all possessory Collateral (if any), together with any necessary endorsements and other documents (including any applicable stock powers or note powers), then in such Credit Party's possession or in the possession of its agent or bailee, or turn over control as to any pledged Collateral, deposit accounts or securities accounts of which such Credit Party or its agent or bailee then has control, as the case may be, to the ABL Term Loan Agent to act as the successor Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent and otherwise take such actions as may be reasonably appropriate to effect an orderly transition to the ABL Term Loan Agent to act as the successor Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent. Upon the consummation of the purchase of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) pursuant to this Section, the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have resigned as an "agent" or "administrative agent" or "collateral agent" (or any similar role) for the Credit Parties, under the Loan Documents; provided the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (and all other agents under this Agreement) shall be entitled to all of the rights and benefits of a former "agent" or "administrative agent" or "collateral agent" under this Agreement.

(v) Notwithstanding the foregoing purchase of the Obligations (other than the ABL Term Obligations) by the Revolving Purchasing Creditors, the Credit Parties (other than the ABL Term Credit Parties) shall retain those contingent indemnification obligations and other obligations under the Loan Documents which by their terms would survive any repayment of the Obligations.

SECTION 9.03 Expenses.

The Loan Parties shall pay and reimburse the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent and their respective Affiliates for all Credit Party Expenses incurred by them in connection with (a) negotiation, preparation, due diligence, syndication, execution and delivery of any Loan Documents, the Pre-Petition Loan Documents, the Order, including any amendment, waiver or other modification thereof (whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated); (b) administration of and actions relating to any Collateral, Loan Documents and transactions contemplated thereby, including any actions taken to perfect or maintain priority of the Administrative Agent's Liens on any Collateral, to maintain any insurance required hereunder or to verify Collateral; (c) all reasonable and documented outof-pocket expenses incurred by any Issuing Bank in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit, or any demand for payment thereunder; (d) each field examination, inspection, audit or appraisal with respect to any Loan Party, any Collateral or any assets of any Loan Party, whether prepared by the Administrative Agent's, the Collateral Agent's or the ABL Term Loan Agent's personnel or a third party; and (e) otherwise incurred in connection with the Loan Documents, the Pre-Petition Loan Documents, or the Bankruptcy Cases. The Loan Parties shall also reimburse the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, the Issuing Banks and the Lenders for all reasonable and documented costs, expenses and disbursements incurred by them (whether during a Default, an Event of Default or otherwise) in

connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, including all such amounts expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of any Loans or Letters of Credit. For the avoidance of doubt, such reimbursement obligations may include reasonable and documented costs, expenses and disbursements (including, without limitation, Credit Party Expenses of counsel) incurred by any of the foregoing Credit Parties as a result of:

- (a) any litigation, contest, dispute, suit, proceeding or action (whether instituted by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, any Lender, the Borrower or any other Person and whether as a party, witness or otherwise) in any way relating to the Collateral, any of the Loan Documents, the Pre-Petition Loan Documents, the Plan Support Agreement or any other agreement to be executed or delivered in connection herewith or therewith, including any litigation, contest, dispute, suit, case, proceeding or action, and any appeal or review thereof, in connection with a case or proceeding commenced by or against any Borrower or any other Person that may be obligated to Agent by virtue of the Loan Documents; including any such litigation, contest, dispute, suit, proceeding or action arising in connection with any work-out or restructuring of the Loans during the pendency of one or more Events of Default; *provided* that no Person shall be entitled to reimbursement under this clause (b) in respect of any litigation, contest, dispute, suit, proceeding or action to the extent any of the foregoing results from such Person's gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction);
- (b) any attempt to enforce or prosecute any rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, against any or all of the Loan Parties or any other Person that may be obligated to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, or any Lender by virtue of any of the Loan Documents, including any such attempt to enforce any such remedies in the course of any work-out or restructuring of the Loans prior to or during the pendency of one or more Events of Default;
- (c) any work-out or restructuring of the Obligations prior to or during the pendency of one or more Events of Default;
- (d) the preparation and review of pleadings, documents and reports related to the Bankruptcy Cases and any Successor Cases, attendance at meetings, court hearings or conferences related to the Bankruptcy Cases and any Successor Cases, and general monitoring of the Bankruptcy Cases and any Successor Cases and any action, arbitration or other proceeding (whether instituted by or against the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the ABL Term Loan Agent, any Lender, any Loan Party, any representative of creditors of an Loan Party or any other Person) in any way relating to any Collateral (including the validity, perfection, priority or avoidability of any Agent's Liens with respect to any Collateral), the Pre-Petition Loan Documents, Loan Documents or Obligations, including any lender liability or other claims;
- (e) efforts to (i) monitor the Loans or any of the other Obligations, (ii) evaluate, observe or assess any of the Loan Parties or their respective affairs, (iii) verify, protect, evaluate, assess, appraise, collect, sell, liquidate or otherwise dispose of any of the Collateral or any other assets of the Loan Parties or (iv) settle or otherwise satisfy any taxes, charges or Liens with respect to any Collateral; and

(f) any lien searches or request for information listing financing statements or liens filed or searches conducted to confirm receipt and due filing of financing statements and security interests in all or a portion of the Collateral.

SECTION 9.04 Indemnity; Damage Waiver.

- The Loan Parties shall, jointly and severally, indemnify the Credit Parties (a) and each of their Subsidiaries and Affiliates, and each of their respective stockholders, directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, and advisors of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all damages, actual out-of-pocket losses, claims, actions, causes of action, settlement payments, obligations, liabilities and related expenses, including the reasonable and documented fees, disbursements and other charges of domestic counsel and Canadian counsel to the Indemnitees (and, if necessary, of local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to the Indemnitees), taken as a whole, and, solely in the case of a conflict of interest, one additional counsel to all affected Indemnitees similarly situated and, if necessary, of one local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction to all such Indemnitees (in each case, as selected by the Indemnitees), incurred, suffered, sustained or required to be paid by, or asserted against, any Indemnitee arising out of, in any way connected with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of any Loan Document or any other agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the performance by the parties to the Loan Documents of their respective obligations thereunder or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents or any other transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) any Credit Extension or the use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by an Issuing Bank to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to any Loan Party or any Subsidiary, (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation or proceeding relating to or arising from any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto or (v) any Indemnified Taxes, Other Taxes, documentary taxes, assessments or similar charges made by any Governmental Authority by reason of the execution and delivery of this Agreement or any other Loan Document and making of and repayment of principal, interest and fees on the Credit Extensions hereunder; provided, however, that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses (x) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct or material breach of this Agreement of such Indemnitee or any Affiliate of such Indemnitee (or any officer, director, employee, advisor or agent of such Indemnitee or any such Indemnitee's Affiliates), or (y) arise from a dispute solely among the Indemnitees.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Indemnitee shall be obligated to refund or return any and all amounts paid by any Loan Party under SECTION 9.04(a) to such Indemnitee for any such fees, expenses or damages to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment that any claim, damage, loss, liability or expense asserted

by such Indemnitee resulted from such Indemnitee's gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith or material breach of this Agreement by such Indemnitee.

- (c) No Loan Party shall assert and, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the transactions contemplated by the Loan Documents, any Credit Extension or the use of the proceeds thereof.
- (d) The provisions of SECTION 9.03 and this SECTION 9.04 shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of the termination of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, Payment in Full, the invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of any Loan Document, or any investigation made by or on behalf of any Credit Party. All amounts due under this SECTION 9.04 (including, without limitation, any attorneys' fees and expenses pursuant to SECTION 9.04(a)) shall be payable within fifteen (15) Business Days of written demand therefor, which written demand shall set forth such amounts in reasonable detail.

SECTION 9.05 Successors and Assigns.

- (a) The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of any Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit), except that no Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Administrative Agent and the Lenders (and any such attempted assignment or transfer without such consent shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby (including any Affiliate of an Issuing Bank that issues any Letter of Credit) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, Indemnitees, any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.
- Any Lender may, with the consent of the Administrative Agent and, so long (b) as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), assign to one or more Eligible Assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and the Loans at the time owing to it); provided, however, that no such consent shall be required in connection with any assignment to another Lender or to an Affiliate of a Lender; provided further, 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 five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof; provided further that, each assignment shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to an assignment (determined as of the date the Assignment and Acceptance with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent) shall not be less than \$10,000,000 (or, in the case of FILO Loans or ABL Term Loans, \$1,000,000), or, if less, the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's

Commitment or Loans or such lesser amount as the Administrative Agent may agree in its reasonable discretion; (ii) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations; and (iii) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance, together with a processing and recordation fee of \$3,500. Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to SECTION 9.05(d), from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Acceptance the assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Lender thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Acceptance, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all of the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a party hereto but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of SECTION 9.04 and subject to the obligations of SECTION 9.16; provided, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this SECTION 9.05(b) shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with SECTION 9.05€ The Loan Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that any assignment made in compliance with this SECTION 9.05(b) shall give rise to a direct obligation of the Loan Parties to the assignee and that the assignee shall be considered to be a "Credit Party" for all purposes under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.

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 sub-participations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent, the Issuing Bank or any Revolving Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Revolving Credit Loans and participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans in accordance with its Revolving Commitment Percentage; provided that in connection with such payments, any cash collateral previously provided by the Borrower hereunder with respect to such Defaulting Lender that has not been applied to the Obligations shall be released and refunded to the Borrower. 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.

(c) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as an agent of the Loan Parties, shall maintain at one of its offices in Boston, Massachusetts, a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register (the "Register") for the recordation of the names and

addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitment of, and principal amount (and stated interest) of the Loans and Letter of Credit Disbursements owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time. The entries in the Register made in compliance with SECTION 9.05(d) shall be conclusive and the Loan Parties and Credit Parties may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Issuing Banks and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

- (d) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the processing and recordation fee referred to in SECTION 9.05(b) and any written consent to such assignment required by SECTION 9.05(a), the Administrative Agent shall accept such Assignment and Acceptance and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this SECTION 9.05(d).
- (e) Any Lender may, without the consent of or notice to the Loan Parties or any other Person, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment, and the Loans owing to it), subject to the following:
- (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations;
- (iii) the Loan Parties and other Credit Parties shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement;
- (iv) any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells a participation in the Commitments, the Loans and the Letter of Credit Outstandings shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce the Loan Documents and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of the Loan Documents; <u>provided</u>, however, that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, modification or waiver described in the proviso to SECTION 9.02(b)(i) or (ii) that affects such Participant;
- (v) subject to clauses (viii) and (ix) of this SECTION 9.05(e), the Loan Parties agree that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of (and subject to the obligations set forth in) SECTION 2.14 and SECTION 2.23 to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to SECTION 9.05(b);
- (vi) to the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of SECTION 9.09 as though it were a Lender so long as such Participant agrees to be subject to SECTION 8.03 as though it were a Lender;

- (vii) each Lender, acting for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Loan Parties, shall maintain at its offices a record of each agreement or instrument effecting any participation and a register (each a "Participant Register") meeting the requirements of 26 CFR §5f.103 1(c) for the recordation of the names and addresses of its Participants and their rights with respect to principal amounts (including stated interest) and other Obligations from time to time. The entries in each Participant Register shall be conclusive and the Loan Parties and the Credit Parties may treat each Person whose name is recorded in a Participant Register as a Participant for all purposes of this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of entitlement to benefits under SECTION 2.14, SECTION 2.23, and SECTION 9.09). The Participant Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Credit Party at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice;
- (viii) a Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under SECTION 2.14 or SECTION 2.23 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent; and
- (ix) a Participant that would be a Foreign Lender if it were a Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of SECTION 2.23 unless the Borrower is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Loan Parties, to comply with SECTION 2.23(e) as though it were a Lender and such Participant is eligible for exemption from the withholding Tax referred to therein, following compliance with SECTION 2.23(e).
- (f) Any Credit Party may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement to secure obligations of such Credit Party, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to any of the twelve (12) Federal Reserve Banks organized under Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 341, and this SECTION 9.05 shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; provided, however, that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Credit Party from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Credit Party as a party hereto.
- (g) The Loan Parties authorize each Credit Party to disclose to any Participant or assignee and any prospective Participant or assignee, subject to the provisions of SECTION 9.16, any and all financial information in such Credit Party's possession concerning the Loan Parties which has been delivered to such Credit Party by or on behalf of the Loan Parties pursuant to this Agreement or which has been delivered to such Credit Party by or on behalf of the Loan Parties in connection with such Credit Party's credit evaluation of the Loan Parties prior to becoming a party to this Agreement.

SECTION 9.06 Survival.

All covenants, agreements, indemnities, representations and warranties made by the Loan Parties in the Loan Documents and in the certificates or other instruments delivered in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents and the making of any Loans and issuance of any Letters of Credit, regardless of any

investigation made by any such other party or on its behalf and notwithstanding that any Credit Party may have had notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default or incorrect representation or warranty at the time any credit is extended hereunder, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as the principal of or any accrued interest on any Loan or any fee or any other Obligation is outstanding and unpaid or any Letter of Credit is outstanding and so long as the Commitments have not expired or been irrevocably terminated. The provisions of SECTION 2.14, SECTION 2.23, SECTION 9.03, SECTION 9.04, Article VIII and, with respect to any Lender, for a period of only eighteen (18) months after such Lender is no longer a Lender hereunder (including, without limitation, as a result of the Obligations having been Paid in Full), SECTION 9.16, shall survive and remain in full force and effect regardless of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, the repayment of the Obligations, the expiration or termination of the Letters of Credit and the Commitments or the termination of this Agreement or any provision hereof. In connection with the termination of this Agreement and the release and termination of the security interests in the Collateral, the Agents may require such indemnities and collateral security as shall be reasonably necessary or appropriate under the then circumstances to protect the Credit Parties against (x) loss on account of checks or other amounts received prior to the date of Payment in Full that were previously applied to the Obligations that may subsequently be reversed, returned or revoked, (y) any obligations that may thereafter arise with respect to the Other Liabilities, and (z) any indemnification Obligation under Section 9.04 for which a claim has then been asserted.

SECTION 9.07 <u>Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness.</u>

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto on different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all contemporaneous or previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in SECTION 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the applicable Credit Parties and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto, and thereafter shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy or e-mail shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.08 Severability.

Any provision of this Agreement held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability without affecting the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof, and the invalidity of a particular provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 9.09 Right of Setoff.

Subject to the Order and the terms thereof, if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Credit Party, each Participant, and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized (notwithstanding the provisions of Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, without any application, motion or notice to, hearing before, or order from any Bankruptcy Court), at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to setoff and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) at any time held and other obligations at any time owing by such Credit Party, Participant, or Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Loan Parties against any of and all the obligations of the Loan Parties now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or other Loan Document held by a Credit Party, irrespective of whether or not such Credit Party shall have made any demand under this Agreement or other Loan Document and although such obligations may be matured or unmatured or otherwise fully secured; provided that such Credit Party shall provide the Borrower with written notice promptly after its exercise of such right of setoff. The rights of each Credit Party under this SECTION 9.09 are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Credit Party may have. No Credit Party will, or will permit its Participant to, exercise its rights under this SECTION 9.09 without the consent of the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders. ANY AND ALL RIGHTS TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT OR THE COLLATERAL AGENT TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS OR REMEDIES WITH RESPECT TO ANY OTHER COLLATERAL WHICH SECURES ANY OF THE OBLIGATIONS PRIOR TO THE EXERCISE BY ANY CREDIT PARTY OF ITS RIGHT OF SETOFF UNDER THIS SECTION ARE HEREBY KNOWINGLY, VOLUNTARILY AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVED.

SECTION 9.10 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Service of Process.

- (a) THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND, TO THE EXTENT APPLICABLE, THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.
- Each party hereto agrees that any suit, action or proceeding for the enforcement of this Agreement or any other Loan Document may be brought in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia sitting in the County of Henrico or in any federal court sitting in such County and consents to the jurisdiction of such courts. Each party to this Agreement hereby waives any objection which it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding or any such court or that such suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum and agrees that a final judgment in any such suit, action or proceeding shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit, action or proceeding on the judgment or in any other manner provided by law. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT ANY AGENT, THE ABL TERM LOAN AGENT OR ANY LENDER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST ANY LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION (I) FOR PURPOSES OF ENFORCING A JUDGMENT, (II) IN CONNECTION WITH EXERCISING REMEDIES AGAINST THE COLLATERAL IN A JURISDICTION IN WHICH SUCH COLLATERAL IS LOCATED, (III) IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PENDING BANKRUPTCY, INSOLVENCY OR SIMILAR PROCEEDING IN SUCH JURISDICTION.

(c) Each party hereto irrevocably consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in SECTION 9.01. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any party hereto to serve process in any other manner permitted by Applicable Law.

SECTION 9.11 WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.

EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY); AND WAIVES DUE DILIGENCE, DEMAND, PRESENTMENT AND PROTEST AND ANY NOTICES THEREOF AS WELL AS NOTICE OF NONPAYMENT. EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVERS, AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.11.

SECTION 9.12 Press Releases and Related Matters.

Each Credit Party executing this Agreement agrees that, except for usual tombstones and league table reporting, neither it nor its Affiliates will in the future issue any press releases or other public disclosure using the name of Administrative Agent or its Affiliates or referring to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents without at least two (2) Business Days' prior notice to Administrative Agent and without the prior written consent of Administrative Agent unless (and only to the extent that) such Credit Party or Affiliate is required to do so under law and then, in any event, such Credit Party or Affiliate will consult with Administrative Agent before issuing such press release or other public disclosure. Subject to notice and approval by the Parent, each Borrower consents to the publication by Administrative Agent or any Lender of advertising material relating to the financing transactions contemplated by this Agreement using any Loan Party's name, product photographs, logo or trademark. The Administrative Agent reserves the right to provide to industry trade organizations information necessary and customary for inclusion in league table measurements.

SECTION 9.13 Headings.

Article and Section headings and the Table of Contents used herein are for convenience of reference only, are not part of this Agreement and shall not affect the construction of, or be taken into consideration in interpreting, this Agreement.

SECTION 9.14 <u>Interest Rate Limitation.</u>

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time the interest rate applicable to any Revolving Credit Loan, together with all fees, charges and other amounts that are treated as interest on such Revolving Credit Loan under Applicable Law (collectively, the "Charges"), shall

be found by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final order to exceed the maximum lawful rate (the "Maximum Rate") that may be contracted for, charged, taken, received or reserved by the Lender holding such Revolving Credit Loan in accordance with Applicable Law, the rate of interest payable in respect of such Revolving Credit Loan hereunder, together with all Charges payable in respect thereof, shall be limited to the Maximum Rate and, to the extent lawful, the interest and Charges that would have been payable in respect of such Revolving Credit Loan but were not payable as a result of the operation of this SECTION 9.14 shall be cumulated and the interest and Charges payable to such Lender in respect of other Revolving Credit Loans or periods shall be increased (but not above the Maximum Rate therefor) until such cumulated amount, together with interest thereon at the Federal Funds Effective Rate to the date of repayment, shall have been received by such Lender.

SECTION 9.15 Additional Waivers.

- (a) The Obligations are the joint and several obligation of each Loan Party. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, the obligations of each Loan Party hereunder shall not be affected by (i) the failure of any Credit Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce or exercise any right or remedy against any other Loan Party under the provisions of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or otherwise, (ii) any rescission, waiver, amendment or modification of, or any release of any other Loan Party from, any of the terms or provisions of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document, or (iii) the failure to perfect any security interest in, or the release of, any of the Collateral or other security held by or on behalf of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, or any other Credit Party.
- shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment or termination for any reason (other than Payment in Full), including any claim of waiver, release, surrender, alteration or compromise of any of the Obligations, and shall not be subject to any defense or setoff, counterclaim, recoupment or termination whatsoever by reason of the invalidity, illegality or unenforceability of any of the Obligations, or otherwise. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the obligations of each Loan Party hereunder shall not be discharged or impaired or otherwise affected by the failure of the Administrative Agent or any other Credit Party to assert any claim or demand or to enforce any remedy under this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, by any waiver or modification of any provision of any thereof, any default, failure or delay, willful or otherwise, in the performance of any of the Obligations, or by any other act or omission that may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of any Loan Party or that would otherwise operate as a discharge of any Loan Party as a matter of law or equity (other than Payment in Full).
- (c) To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Loan Party waives any defense based on or arising out of any defense of any other Loan Party or the unenforceability of the Obligations or any part thereof from any cause, or the cessation from any cause of the liability of any other Loan Party, other than Payment in Full. The Administrative Agent and the other Credit Parties may, at their election, foreclose on any security held by one or more of them by one or more judicial or nonjudicial sales, accept an assignment of any such security in lieu of foreclosure, compromise or adjust any part of the Obligations, make any other accommodation with any other Loan Party, or exercise any other right or remedy available to them against any

other Loan Party, without affecting or impairing in any way the liability of any Loan Party hereunder except to the extent that Payment in Full has occurred. Pursuant to Applicable Law, each Loan Party waives any defense arising out of any such election even though such election operates, pursuant to Applicable Law, to impair or to extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy of such Loan Party against any other Loan Party, as the case may be, or any security.

- Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, each Loan Party is (d) obligated to repay the Obligations as joint and several obligors under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Upon payment by any Loan Party of any Obligations, all rights of such Loan Party against any other Loan Party arising as a result thereof by way of right of subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or otherwise shall in all respects be subordinate and junior in right of payment to the prior Payment in Full. In addition, any indebtedness of any Loan Party now or hereafter held by any other Loan Party is hereby subordinated in right of payment to the prior Payment in Full and no Loan Party will demand, sue for or otherwise attempt to collect any such indebtedness. If any amount shall erroneously be paid to any Loan Party on account of (i) such subrogation, contribution, reimbursement, indemnity or similar right or (ii) any such indebtedness of any Loan Party, such amount shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Credit Parties and shall forthwith be paid to the Administrative Agent to be credited against the payment of the Obligations, whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Subject to the foregoing, to the extent that any Loan Party (other than the Borrower) shall, under this Agreement as a joint and several obligor, repay any of the Obligations constituting Revolving Credit Loans made to the Borrower hereunder or other Obligations (an "Accommodation Payment"), then the Loan Party making such Accommodation Payment shall be entitled to contribution and indemnification from, and be reimbursed by, each of the other Loan Parties in an amount, for each of such other Loan Party, equal to a fraction of such Accommodation Payment, the numerator of which fraction is such other Loan Party's Allocable Amount and the denominator of which is the sum of the Allocable Amounts of all of the Loan Parties. As of any date of determination, the "Allocable Amount" of each Loan Party shall be equal to the maximum amount of liability for Accommodation Payments which could be asserted against the Borrower hereunder without (a) rendering such Loan Party "insolvent" within the meaning of Section 101 (31) of the Bankruptcy Code, Section 2 of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act ("UFTA") or Section 2 of the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act ("UFCA") or an "insolvent person" within the meaning of the BIA, (b) leaving such Loan Party with unreasonably small capital or assets, within the meaning of Section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code, Section 4 of the UFTA, or Section 5 of the UFCA, or (c) leaving such Loan Party unable to pay its debts as they become due within the meaning of Section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code or Section 4 of the UFTA, or Section 5 of the UFCA.
- (e) Each Loan Party hereby agrees to keep each other Loan Party fully apprised at all times as to the status of its business, affairs, finances, and financial condition, and its ability to perform its Obligations, and in particular as to any adverse developments with respect thereto. Each Loan Party hereby agrees to undertake to keep itself apprised at all times as to the status of the business, affairs, finances, and financial condition of each other Loan Party, and of the ability of each other Loan Party to perform its Obligations, and in particular as to any adverse developments with respect to any thereof. Each Loan Party hereby agrees, in light of the foregoing mutual covenants to inform each other, and to keep themselves and each other informed as to such

matters, that the Credit Parties shall have no duty to inform any Loan Party of any information pertaining to the business, affairs, finances, or financial condition of any other Loan Party, or pertaining to the ability of any other Loan Party to perform its Obligations, even if such information is adverse, and even if such information might influence the decision of one or more of the Loan Parties to continue to be jointly and severally liable for, or to provide Collateral for, Obligations of one or more of the other Loan Parties. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, each Loan Party hereby expressly waives any duty of the Credit Parties to inform any Loan Party of any such information.

SECTION 9.16 Confidentiality.

Each of the Credit Parties agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to their and their Affiliates' directors, officers, employees, investors, partners and credit providers, and agents, including accountants, legal counsel and other advisors in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby or by any of the other Loan Documents (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority, (c) to the extent required by Applicable Laws or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party to this Agreement, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or any suit, action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this SECTION 9.16, to any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement and any actual or prospective counterparty or advisors to any swap or derivative transactions relating to the Loan Parties and the Obligations, (g) with the consent of the Loan Parties or (h) to the extent such Information (i) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this SECTION 9.16 or (ii) becomes available to any Credit Party on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Loan Parties. For the purposes of this SECTION 9.16, the term "Information" means all information received from or on behalf of the Loan Parties and relating to their business, other than any such information that is available to the Credit Parties on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by the Loan Parties. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this SECTION 9.16 shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information. The Administrative Agent hereby acknowledges that it is aware, and that it will advise each Person who receives the Information, that the United States securities laws generally prohibit any person who has material, non-public information concerning the matters which are the subject of this Agreement from purchasing or selling securities of the Parent (and options, warrants and rights relating thereto) from communicating such information to any other person under circumstances in which it is reasonably foreseeable that such person (including, without limitation, any of your representatives) is likely to purchase or sell such securities.

SECTION 9.17 Patriot Act.

Each Lender hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct

Terrorism Act of 2001 (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Patriot Act") and other domestic or foreign "know your customer" rules, regulations, laws (including, without limitation, the Proceeds of Crime Act) and policies, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of each Loan Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Loan Party in accordance with the Patriot Act and the Proceeds of Crime Act. Each Loan Party is in compliance, in all material respects, with the Patriot Act. No part of the proceeds of the Loans will be used, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended.

SECTION 9.18 Foreign Asset Control Regulations.

Neither of the advance of the Revolving Credit Loans nor the use of the proceeds of any thereof will violate the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., as amended) (the "Trading With the Enemy Act") or any of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) (the "Foreign Assets Control Regulations") or any enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto (which for the avoidance of doubt shall include, but shall not be limited to (a) Executive Order 13224 of September 21, 2001 Blocking Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Persons Who Commit, Threaten to Commit, or Support Terrorism (66 Fed. Reg. 49079 (2001)) (the "Executive Order") and (b) the Patriot Act. Furthermore, none of the Borrower or their Affiliates (a) is or will become a "blocked person" as described in the Executive Order, the Trading With the Enemy Act or the Foreign Assets Control Regulations or (b) engages or will engage in any dealings or transactions, or be otherwise associated, with any such "blocked person" or in any manner violative of any such order.

SECTION 9.19 Judgment Currency.

If for the purpose of obtaining judgment in any court it is necessary to convert an amount due hereunder in the currency in which it is due (the "Original Currency") into any other currency (the "Second Currency"), the rate of exchange applied shall be that at which, in accordance with normal banking procedures, the Administrative Agent could purchase in the New York foreign exchange market, the Original Currency with the Second Currency on the date two (2) Business Days preceding that on which judgment is given. Each Loan Party agrees that its obligation in respect of any Original Currency due from it hereunder shall, notwithstanding any judgment or payment in such other currency, be discharged only to the extent that, on the Business Day following the date the Administrative Agent receives payment of any sum so adjudged to be due hereunder in the Second Currency, the Administrative Agent may, in accordance with normal banking procedures, purchase, in the New York foreign exchange market, the Original Currency with the amount of the Second Currency so paid; and if the amount of the Original Currency so purchased or could have been so purchased is less than the amount originally due in the Original Currency, each Loan Party agrees as a separate obligation and notwithstanding any such payment or judgment to indemnify the Administrative Agent against such loss. The terms "rate of exchange" in this SECTION 9.19 means the spot rate at which the Administrative Agent, in accordance with normal practices, is able on the relevant date to purchase the Original Currency

with the Second Currency, and includes any premium and costs of exchange payable in connection with such purchase.

SECTION 9.20 <u>No Strict Construction</u>.

The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties hereto and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.21 Payments Set Aside.

To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Loan Parties is made to any Credit Party, or any Credit Party exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such Credit Party in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver, interim receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code, the BIA, WURA, CCAA or any state, federal or provincial bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender and each Issuing Bank severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent upon demand its Revolving Commitment Percentage, FILO Percentage or ABL Term Loan Percentage, as applicable (in each case, without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders and the Issuing Banks under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 9.22 No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility.

In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby, the Loan Parties each acknowledge and agree that: (i) the credit facility provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Loan Parties, on the one hand, and the Credit Parties, on the other hand, and each of the Loan Parties is capable of evaluating and understanding and understands and accepts the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof); (ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, each Credit Party is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary, for the Loan Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees or any other Person; (iii) none of the Credit Parties has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Loan Parties with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document (irrespective of whether any of the Credit

Parties has advised or is currently advising any Loan Party or any of its Affiliates on other matters) and none of the Credit Parties has any obligation to any Loan Party or any of its Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; (iv) the Credit Parties and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Loan Parties and their respective Affiliates, and none of the Credit Parties has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and (v) the Credit Parties have not provided and will not provide any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document) and each of the Loan Parties has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of the Loan Parties hereby waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against each of the Credit Parties with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in respect of any of the foregoing.

SECTION 9.23 Acknowledgement Regarding Any Supported QFCs.

the extent that the Loan Documents provide support, through a guarantee or otherwise, for any Swap Contract or any other agreement or instrument that is a QFC (such support, "QFC Credit Support", and each such QFC, a "Supported QFC"), the parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the resolution power of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (together with the regulations promulgated thereunder, the "U.S. Special Resolution Regimes") in respect of such Supported QFC and QFC Credit Support (with the provisions below applicable notwithstanding that the Loan Documents and any Supported QFC may in fact be stated to be governed by the laws of the State of New York and/or of the United States or any other state of the United States):

In the event a Covered Entity that is party to a Supported QFC (each, a (a) "Covered Party") becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of such Supported QFC and the benefit of such QFC Credit Support (and any interest and obligation in or under such Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support, and any rights in property securing such Supported QFC or such QFC Credit Support) from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and such QFC Credit Support (and any such interest, obligation and rights in property) were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. In the event a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under the Loan Documents that might otherwise apply to such Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if the Supported QFC and the Loan Documents were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States. Without limitation of the foregoing, it is understood and agreed that rights and remedies of the parties with respect to a Defaulting Lender shall in no event affect the rights of any Covered Party with respect to a Supported QFC or any QFC Credit Support.

(b) As used in this SECTION 9.23, the following terms have the following meanings:

"BHC Act Affiliate" of a party means an "affiliate" (as such term is defined under, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 1841(k)) of such party.

"<u>Default Right</u>" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"QFC" has the meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

SECTION 9.24 <u>Keepwell</u>.

Each Loan Party that is a Qualified ECP Guarantor at the time the Facility Guarantee or the grant of a security interest under the Loan Documents, in each case, by any Specified Loan Party becomes effective with respect to any Swap Obligation, hereby jointly and severally, absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support to each Specified Loan Party with respect to such Swap Obligation as may be needed by such Specified Loan Party from time to time to honor all of its obligations under the Loan Documents in respect of such Swap Obligation (but, in each case, only up to the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering such Qualified ECP Guarantor's obligations and undertakings under the Facility Guarantee voidable under Applicable Law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations and undertakings of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this Section shall remain in full force and effect until Payment in Full. Each Loan Party intends this Section to constitute, and this Section shall be deemed to constitute, a guarantee of the obligations of, and a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of, each Specified Loan Party for all purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

SECTION 9.25 <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>.

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES.

SECTION 9.26 <u>Intercreditor Agreement.</u>

The Loan Parties, the Agents, the Lenders and the other Credit Parties acknowledge that the exercise of certain of the Agents' rights and remedies hereunder are subject to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement. As between the Loan Parties and the Credit Parties, nothing contained in the Intercreditor Agreement shall be deemed to modify any of the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, which, as among the Loan Parties, the Agents, the Lenders and the other Credit Parties, shall remain in full force and effect (it being understood that in the case of any obligation of the Loan Parties which is contained in both the Loan Documents

and the Pre-Petition Term Loan Documents (such as the delivery of possession of pledged collateral or insurance proceeds), the Loan Parties' compliance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall be deemed to satisfy their obligations under the Loan Documents).

SECTION 9.27 Conflicts.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in any other Loan Document (other than the Orders) (including, without limitation, any Letter of Credit application but excluding the Intercreditor Agreement), in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Agreement and any other Loan Document (other than the Orders) (including, without limitation, any Letter of Credit application but excluding the Intercreditor Agreement), the terms of this Agreement shall govern and control. For the avoidance of the doubt, the terms of the Orders shall govern and control in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the Orders and this Agreement or any other Loan Document. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control.

SECTION 9.28 <u>Acknowledgement and Consent to Bail-In of EEA Financial</u> Institutions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Loan Document or in any other agreement, arrangement or understanding among any such parties, each party hereto acknowledges that any liability of any Lender that is an EEA Financial Institution arising under any Loan Document, to the extent such liability is unsecured, may be subject to the write-down and conversion powers of an EEA Resolution Authority and agrees and consents to, and acknowledges and agrees to be bound by:

- (a) the application of any Write-Down and Conversion Powers by an EEA Resolution Authority to any such liabilities arising hereunder which may be payable to it by any Lender that is an EEA Financial Institution; and
- (b) the effects of any Bail-in Action on any such liability, including, if applicable:
 - (i) a reduction in full or in part or cancellation of any such liability;
- (ii) a conversion of all, or a portion of, such liability into shares or other instruments of ownership in such EEA Financial Institution, its parent undertaking, or a bridge institution that may be issued to it or otherwise conferred on it, and that such shares or other instruments of ownership will be accepted by it in lieu of any rights with respect to any such liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; or
- (iii) the variation of the terms of such liability in connection with the exercise of the write-down and conversion powers of any EEA Resolution Authority.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as a sealed instrument as of the day and year first above written.

PIER 1 IMPORTS (U.S.), INC., as Borrower
By:
Name:
Title:
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., as a Facility Guarantor
By:
Name:
Title:
PIER 1 ASSETS, INC., as a Facility Guarantor
By:
Name:
Title:
PIER 1 LICENSING, INC. , as a Facility Guarantor
By:
Name:
Title:
PIER 1 HOLDINGS, INC., as a Facility Guaranto
By:
Name:
Title:
PIR TRADING, INC., as a Facility Guarantor
By:
Name:
Title:

PIER 1 SERVICES COMPANY , as a Facility Guarantor
By: Pier 1 Holdings, Inc., Managing Trustee
By: Name: Title:
PIER 1 VALUE SERVICES, LLC, as a Facility Guarantor
By: Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc., its sole member and manager
By:
Name:
Title:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. , as Administrative Agent, as Collateral Agent, as Swingline Lender, and as Lender
By:Name:
Title:

PATHLIGHT CAPITAL LP, as ABL Term Loan	ı Agent
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By:	Pathlight Partners GP LLC, its General Partner
	By:
	Name:
	Title:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Lender

By:		 	_
Name:			
Title:			

PATHLIGHT CAPITAL 1	FUND I LP,	as an ABL	Term
Lender			

Ву:	Pathlight Partners GP LLC, its General Partner
	By:
	Name: Title:

Exhibit 2

Budget

Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

Weekly Liquidity Forecast

Cash Flow Forecast

Fiscal Week Number	FY Wk 51	FY Wk 52	FY Wk 1	FY Wk 2	FY Wk 3	FY Wk 4	FY Wk 5	FY Wk 6	FY Wk 7	FY Wk 8	FY Wk 9	FY Wk 10	FY Wk 11	Total
Actual / Forecast	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Fcst	Through
Week Ending (Saturday)	Feb-22	Feb-29	Mar-07	Mar-14	Mar-21	Mar-28	Apr-04	Apr-11	Apr-18	Apr-25	May-02	May-09	May-16	May-16
I. Cash Flows														
Receipts														
Total Cash Receipts	30,410	29,701	26,679	26,166	29,052	26,513	25,566	21,319	23,254	17,157	(7),319	20,451	20,487	314,075
Operating Disbursements											as			
Total Operating Disbursements	(18,275	(28,275)	(21,251)	(13,497)	(15,962)	(23,180)	(18,964)	(15,388)	(15,786)	(21,690)	(13 8,353)	(23,280)	(14,358)	(258,259)
Operating Cash Flow	12,135	1,427	5,428	12,670	13,089	3,333	6,602	5,931	7,468	(4,534)	(34)	(2,829)	6,129	\$ 55,816
Total Debt Service / Professionals	(6,365	(1,631)	(52)	(230)	-	(310)	(2,744)	-	-	-	(W),634)	-	-	(28,965)
Net Cash Flow	\$ 5,770	\$ (204) \$	5,376 \$	12,440 \$	13,089 \$	3,023 \$	3,858 \$	5,931 \$	7,468 \$	(4,534) \$		(2,829) \$	6,129	\$ 26,850
II. Liquidity											- Ģi			
TOTAL LIQUIDITY	\$ 66,070	\$ 69,005 \$	68,488 \$	63,557 \$	67,546 \$	54,472 \$	46,325 \$	43,250 \$	44,448 \$	36,261 \$	<u>4</u> 5,416 \$	44,492 \$	53,367	
TOTAL EIGOIDITT	ŷ 00,070	05,005 \$	00,400 \$	03,337 7	07,540 \$	34,472 9	40,323 \$	43,230 7	44,440 9	30,201 9		44,432 \$	33,307	
Memo: ABL Revolver Balance	\$ 86,000	\$ 80,000 \$	81,000 \$	68,000 \$	45,000 \$	39,000 \$	38,000 \$	32,000 \$	25,000 \$	29,000 \$	 8,000 \$	61,000 \$	55,000	

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TAB AA

THIS IS EXHIBIT "AA" REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF GRAEME ROTRAND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS $18^{\rm TH}$ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)
)

DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER
(I) ESTABLISHING BIDDING PROCEDURES, (II) SCHEDULING
BID DEADLINES AND AN AUCTION, (III) APPROVING THE FORM
AND MANNER OF NOTICE THEREOF, (IV) APPROVING THE FORM OF
ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT, (V) AUTHORIZING THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT, AND (VI) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>")² respectfully state as follows in support of this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>"):³

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer of Pier 1 Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously with the Debtors' voluntary petitions for relief filed under chapter 11 of title 11 of the

Relief Requested

- 1. The Debtors respectfully seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Order"):
 - a. **Bidding Procedures.** Approving the proposed auction and bid procedures, attached to the Order as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (the "<u>Bidding Procedures</u>"), including the form asset purchase agreement attached to the Bidding Procedures as <u>Exhibit 1</u> (the "<u>Form Purchase Agreement</u>"), by which the Debtors will solicit and select the highest or otherwise best offer(s) for the sale, or sales, (the "<u>Sales</u>") of all, substantially all, or any portion of the Debtors' assets (the "Assets");
 - b. *Indication of Interest Deadline*. Establishing the deadline by which all Potential Bidders must provide the Debtors and their advisors with a non-binding indication of interest (i) identifying whether the party is interested in acquiring some or all of the Assets (and which Assets with reasonable specificity) and (ii) setting forth a proposed purchase price, including identifying separately any cash and non-cash components of the proposed consideration (the "Indications of Interest Deadline");
 - c. **Bid Deadline.** Establishing the deadline by which all bids must be actually received pursuant to the Bidding Procedures (the "Bid Deadline") and the date and time by which the Debtors shall notify the bidders whether their bids are Qualified Bids (as defined in the Bidding Procedures) (the "Notice of Qualified Bidder Deadline");

United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration, the Bidding Procedures, the Plan Support Agreement, or as later defined herein, as applicable.

The Debtors also submit the Declaration of Durc Savini in Support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing the Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief (the "Savini Declaration"), the Declaration of Elise S. Frejka, CIPP/US in Support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing the Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief (the "Frejka Declaration"), and the Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer of Pier 1 Imports, Inc, in Support of the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing the Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief (the "PSA Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith in further support of the relief requested herein.

- d. *Auction*. Scheduling an auction or auctions to sell the Assets detailed in the Bidding Procedures (the "Auction");
- e. *Auction Notice*. Approving the form and manner of notice of the Auction attached to the Order as <u>Exhibit 2</u> (the "<u>Auction Notice</u>");
- f. *Notice of Successful Bidder*. Approving the form and manner of notice of the Successful Bidder (as defined in the Bidding Procedures) at the Auction attached to the Order as Exhibit 3 (the "Notice of Successful Bidder");
- g. **Plan Support Agreement.** Authorizing the Debtors to assume that certain plan support agreement, dated as of February 16, 2020, a copy of which is attached to the Order as Exhibit 4 (together with all exhibits and schedules attached thereto, as each may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Plan Support Agreement"); and
- h. granting related relief.
- 2. In connection with the foregoing and subject to this Court's availability, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court approve the following schedule of proposed dates to govern the sale of the Assets (the "Sale Dates and Deadlines"):

Event	Date
Indication of Interest Deadline	Friday, February 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time)
Bid Deadline	Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time)
Notice of Qualified Bidder Deadline	No later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on the date that is four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline
Auction	Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern time), or as may be adjourned to such later date by the Debtors
Notice of Successful Bidder	As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction

Sale/Confirmation Hearing	Thursday, April 23, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. ⁴ (prevailing Eastern time), or such other date
	and time that the Court may later direct and as agreed upon by the Debtors

Jurisdiction and Venue

- 3. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated August 15, 1984. The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to Rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 5. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105, 365, 503, and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6003, 6004, 6006, and rules 6004-1, 9013-1, and 9022-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules").

Background

6. The Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases to facilitate a timely and efficient process that will maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. As set forth in the First Day Declaration filed on the first day of these cases, the Debtors have the

This hearing will be subject to the Debtors' Plan solicitation process. In accordance with the Milestones (as defined herein) set forth in the Plan Support Agreement, no later than Monday, February 24, 2020, the Debtors intend to file a Plan, disclosure statement, and motion to approve the disclosure statement and establish dates and deadlines concerning confirmation of the Plan.

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support of the Consenting Term Lenders to simultaneously pursue a sale of any portion, all, or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets or any portion thereof, either as a going-concern or as a liquidation (whichever is most value maximizing to the estate) to third-party buyers while maintaining a commitment with the Consenting Term Lenders to potentially toggle to a standalone going-concern reorganization. Ultimately, recovery to the Consenting Term Lenders under the Plan will be either the proceeds of any Sales or other disposition of the Debtors' Assets, and/or equity in a reorganized Pier 1.

- 7. On February 16, 2020, holders of approximately 63.8 percent of the principal amount of the Term Loan Claims (the "Consenting Term Lenders") executed the Plan Support Agreement memorializing these terms. Significantly, the Consenting Term Lenders are supportive of the Debtors' sale process and its formulation to maximize value. Pursuant to the Plan Support Agreement, the Consenting Term Lenders and Debtors will negotiate and the Debtors will file a chapter 11 plan by Monday, February 24, 2020, which Plan will be reasonably acceptable in form and substance to the Required Consenting Term Lenders. The Bidding Procedures provide, and the plan will provide, substantial flexibility with respect to the structure of any transaction, which provides the Debtors the latitude necessary to negotiate the precise terms of any deal to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for all stakeholders in any scenario.
- 8. The proposed Bidding Procedures are part-and-parcel of a robust marketing process that the Debtors have been pursuing since December 2019 to maximize the value of the Assets being sold. The Debtors engaged Guggenheim Securities, LLC ("Guggenheim Securities") in August 2019 to serve as investment banker to explore various strategic alternatives, including the sale of all or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets. Significantly, as discussed below, the Debtors have been engaging prospective purchasers and marketing their Assets for several weeks and the

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proposed Indication of Interest Deadline is on Friday, February 28, 2020. The Debtors file this Motion seeking approval of Bidding Procedures to continue these efforts already commenced.

- 9. The Debtors believe that the proposed Bidding Procedures, including the related timeline and Auction, will allow the Debtors to maximize value for their stakeholders by capitalizing on the value of the Debtors' well-established brand and its optimized store footprint, as more fully described in the First Day Declaration. The Debtors will consider all viable options before determining if selling Assets will, in their business judgment, maximize value for the estate. Indeed, not making every effort to obtain the highest and best offer for the Debtors' Assets would abdicate the Debtors' responsibility to maximize value for all stakeholders.
- 10. Moreover, the compromises and settlements embodied in the Plan Support Agreement, to be implemented pursuant to the Plan, preserve value by enabling the Debtors to avoid protracted, value-destructive litigation that would delay their emergence from chapter 11. Instead of litigating with the Consenting Term Lenders over the sale and potential recoveries, the Consenting Term Lenders have agreed to become parties to the Plan Support Agreement and support the Debtors' sale efforts and Plan—each of which provides significant value to the Debtors and their estates.
- Agreement, however, the Debtors must move efficiently through chapter 11. The Consenting Term Lenders' various commitments are contingent upon the Debtors executing the Plan Support Agreement's initiatives in accordance with certain milestones (the "Milestones"), including conducting the Auction no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020 prior to plan confirmation and seeking approval of any Sale in conjunction with confirmation. Failure to adhere to the milestones would have severe consequences and threaten the Debtors' ability to continue along the best path for the Debtors and maximize the value of their estates. In light of the Consenting Term Lenders'

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various concessions and their commitment to support the Debtors' Plan, including the proposed Sale(s), the Milestones are reasonable and the Debtors are prepared to implement these chapter 11 cases on that timeline.

- 12. Preserving value for the benefit of the Debtors' estates depends in large part on the Debtors proceeding swiftly to confirmation of the Plan and minimizing the effects of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases on the value of the Debtors' "brand"—a critical component of the value of the Debtors' businesses. After a thorough, comparative analysis of their alternatives, the Debtors concluded that the consensual path contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement maximizes value for all stakeholders. Accordingly, assumption of the Plan Support Agreement is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.
- attached as Exhibit 1 to the Order, are designed to—and the Debtors believe the Bidding Procedures will—maximize the likelihood of generating value for the benefit of enterprise-wide stakeholders as expeditiously as possible. Given the nature of the market and the Debtors' advisors' experience conducting auctions similar to the Auction contemplated herein, the Debtors are confident that they have contacted a substantial number of the most likely interested bidders and will continue to make every effort to generate a competitive bidding process. Based on the nature of the Assets being sold, the nature of general communications between potential bidders, and general public awareness and media coverage of these chapter 11 cases and the store closings, the Debtors believe that the marketing process will result in a competitive, value-maximizing Auction that will inure to the benefit of all stakeholders and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates.

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The Marketing Process

- 14. Throughout the months leading up to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors have worked with Guggenheim Securities and the Debtors' other advisors to explore and develop various strategic alternatives to maximize the value of the Debtors' assets, including a potential conversion of the existing Term Loan Lenders' debt to equity and the potential sale of the Debtors' assets. To ensure that these chapter 11 cases proceed as expeditiously as possible, the Debtors have dual-tracked these potential alternatives, and will implement the best path for the benefit of all stakeholders. Indeed, the Debtors, with the assistance of Guggenheim Securities, have already contacted numerous potential bidders and intend to continue this process during these chapter 11 cases.
- Guggenheim Securities, contacted approximately 22 strategic buyers and investors. These strategic buyers and investors were selected based on their business model, historical acquisition activity and financial capabilities, among other factors. Also, approximately 69 financial buyers and investors were contacted. These financial buyers and investors were selected based on their historical interest in retail, consumer and branding opportunities, existing and past investment and financial capabilities and other factors. Finally, approximately four brand/inventory buyers, who were selected based on their historical interest in individual retail assets, were also contacted. Thus, in total, approximately 95 strategic, financial and brand/inventory buyers were contacted and received introductory materials and non-disclosure agreements ("NDAs"), of which 35 parties have executed or are in the process of executing NDAs and 25 parties have received a Confidential Information Memorandum and other information containing business and brand overviews, product positioning, management team information, channel overviews, customer demographics, strategic plans, growth opportunities, and historical and projected financial information.

16. The Proposed Indication of Interest Deadline is on Friday, February 28, 2020.

Approval of the Bidding Procedures

- 17. To efficiently solicit, receive, and evaluate bids in a fair and accessible manner, the Debtors have developed and proposed the Bidding Procedures to govern the Sales. The Bidding Procedures are designed to encourage all entities to put their best bids forward and to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates. The key provisions of the Bidding Procedures are summarized below:⁵
 - (a) Qualified Bidders: Only Qualified Bidders are eligible to participate in the Auction, subject to other limitations as may be reasonably imposed by the Debtors in accordance with these Bidding Procedures. Bidding Procedures § VII(A)(2). A Qualified Bid is any proposal, solicitation, or offer to purchase any portion, all, or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets or a portion thereof (each, a "Bid") and will be considered a Qualified Bid only if the Bid is submitted in writing by an Acceptable Bidder, by the Bid Deadline, and is deemed to comply with all of the requirements set forth in the Bidding Procedures (including, but not limited to, the requirements set forth below) in the Debtors' business judgment. Bidding Procedures § V(A).
 - (b) Assets: A Bid must clearly identify the following: (a) the Assets, or the portion thereof, to be purchased and/or liquidated or otherwise disposed of; (b) the liabilities and obligations to be assumed, including any debt to be assumed; and (c) whether the Acceptable Bidder intends to operate the Debtors' business as a going concern, or to liquidate the business. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(1).
 - (c) Purchase Price: The Bid must (a) clearly set forth the purchase price to be paid (the "Purchase Price"), (b) identify separately the cash and non-cash components of the Purchase Price, (c) use commercially reasonable efforts to indicate the allocation of the Purchase Price between ABL Priority Collateral and Term Priority Collateral (each as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), and (d) with respect to the Purchase Price attributable to the sale of the ABL Priority Collateral, include a cash component in an amount sufficient to pay in full in cash all outstanding obligations owed by the Debtors under the DIP Documents (as defined in the DIP Orders) and all obligations under the Prepetition ABL Documents (as defined in the DIP Order), to the extent that any Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Order) are still outstanding. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(2).

This summary is qualified in its entirety by the Bidding Procedures attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u> to the Bidding Procedures Order. To the extent there are any conflicts between this summary and the Bidding Procedures, the terms of the Bidding Procedures shall govern.

- (d) Committed Financing: To the extent that a Bid is not accompanied by evidence of the Acceptable Bidder's capacity to consummate the proposed transactions set forth in its Bid with cash on hand, each Bid must include committed financing documented to the satisfaction of the Debtors (upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders) that demonstrates that the Acceptable Bidder has received sufficient unconditional debt and/or equity funding commitments to satisfy the Acceptable Bidder's Purchase Price and other obligations under its Bid, including providing adequate assurance of future performance under all contracts proposed to be Assumed Contracts by such Bid. Such funding commitments or other financing must be unconditional and must not be subject to any internal approvals, syndication requirements, diligence, or credit committee approvals, and shall have covenants and conditions acceptable to the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(6).
- (e) **Deposit**: A Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the aggregate proposed purchase price. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(3).
- (f) Markup of Purchase Agreement: A Bid must include duly executed, non-contingent transaction documents necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the Bid (the "Bid Documents"), including but not limited to (a) a clearly marked version of the form purchase agreement attached to the Bidding Procedures as Exhibit 1 showing all changes requested by the Acceptable Bidder and (b) a schedule of Assumed Contracts to the extent applicable to the Bid. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(4).
- (g) **Authorization**: The Bid must include evidence that the Acceptable Bidder has obtained authorization or approval from its board of directors (or comparable governing body) acceptable to the Debtors with respect to the submission, execution, and delivery of its Bid, participation in the Auction, and closing of the proposed transaction(s) contemplated in such Bid. The Bid shall further state that any necessary filings under applicable regulatory, antitrust, and other laws will be made in a timely manner and that payment of the fees associated therewith shall be made by the Acceptable Bidder. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(12).
- (h) **Due Diligence**: Any Acceptable Bidder may request diligence from the Debtors, and the Debtors may grant or deny any such request that they deem to be unreasonable. The Debtors may require such Acceptable Bidder to execute a non-disclosure agreement prior to providing diligence to such Qualified Bidder. Bidding Procedures § IV(A), (B).
- (i) **No Contingencies**: The offer must not contain any contingencies as to the validity, effectiveness, and/or binding nature of the bid, including, without limitation, contingencies for due diligence and inspection or financing of any kind (including any conditions pertaining to financial performance, conditions, or prospects) and all diligence must be completed before the Bid Deadline. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(7).

- (j) Irrevocability: ALL BIDS SHALL BE DEEMED IRREVOCABLE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ACCEPTABLE BIDDER SEEKS TO REVOKE SUCH BID, THE DEBTORS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO KEEP SUCH BIDDER'S DEPOSIT AND PURSUE ALL OTHER CONTRACTUAL REMEDIES UNDER LAW OR EQUITY. Bidding Procedures § V(A)(9).
- (k) **As-Is, Where-Is**: The Bid must include the following representations and warranties (or the Acceptable Bidder otherwise agrees that such representations and warranties may be incorporated into the applicable Bid Documents should the Bid be selected as the Successful Bid) that upon closing the Debtors shall sell and transfer the Assets to the Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder shall accept the Assets "AS IS, WHERE IS, WITH ALL FAULTS." Bidding Procedures § V(A)(11).
- (l) **Initial Overbid**: Qualified Bidders may submit successive Bids higher than the previous Bid, based on and increased from the Baseline Bid for the relevant Assets (each such Bid, an "Overbid"). Any Qualified Bidder's initial Overbid and each subsequent Overbid shall be at least a 2% increase in cash, cash equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent, over the previous price (a "Minimum Overbid"). Bidding Procedures § IX(B)(2).
- (m) **Overbid Alterations**: An Overbid may contain alterations, modifications, additions, or deletions of any terms of the Bid no less favorable to the Debtors' estates than any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid, as determined in the Debtors' business judgment, but shall otherwise comply with the terms of these Bidding Procedures. Bidding Procedures § IX(B)(4).
- (n) **Backup Bidder**: The Qualified Bidder with the next-highest or otherwise second-best Qualified Bid at the Auction for the Assets, as determined by the Debtors in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (the "Backup Bid"), shall be required to serve as a backup bidder (the "Backup Bidder"), and each Qualified Bidder shall agree and be deemed to agree to be the Backup Bidder if so designated. The identity of the Backup Bidder and the amount and material terms of the Qualified Bid of the Backup Bidder shall be announced by the Debtors, at the conclusion of the Auction at the same time the Debtors announce the identity of the Successful Bidder If a Successful Bidder fails to consummate the approved transactions contemplated by its Successful Bid, the Debtors may select the Backup Bidder as the Successful Bidder, and such Backup Bidder shall be deemed a Successful Bidder for all purposes. Bidding Procedures § IX(E).
- (o) **Stalking Horse and Bid Protections**: Upon entry of the Order, at any time until two (2) business days prior to the Auction, the Debtors shall be authorized, but not obligated, in an exercise of their business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents to (a) select one or more Acceptable Bidders to act as a stalking horse bidder (the "<u>Stalking Horse Bidder</u>") in connection with the Auction and (b) in connection with any staking horse

- agreement with a stalking horse bidder, provide Bid Protections.⁶ Any such stalking horse Bid Protections are authorized pursuant to the Order. Bidding Procedures § VIII.
- (p) Fiduciary Out: Nothing in these Bidding Procedures shall require the Debtors' (or any other debtors') management or board of directors to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to these Bidding Procedures when the Debtors' management or board of directors (or other debtors' management or board of directors) determine, based on the advice of their counsel, that taking such action or refraining from taking such action, as applicable, is required to comply with applicable law or their fiduciary obligations under applicable law. Bidding Procedures § XVII.
- 18. Most importantly, the Bidding Procedures recognize the Debtors' fiduciary obligations to maximize value for the benefit of their estates, and, as such, do not impair the Debtors' ability to consider all potential bids, and preserve the Debtors' right to modify the Bidding Procedures as necessary or appropriate to maximize value for the Debtors' estates.

Summary of the Auction Notice Procedures⁷

19. The Debtors propose the following notice procedures to be implemented in connection with the Sale process.

A. Auction Notice.

20. Within three (3) business days of the entry of the Order, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Debtors shall cause the Auction Notice to be served upon the Notice Parties (as defined herein). The Auction Notice will indicate that copies of this Motion and any future sale

⁶ Prior to giving Bid Protections to Stalking Horse Bidder, the Debtors shall consult with the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, as well as counsel for an official committee of unsecured creditors should one be appointed in these chapter 11 cases, one (1) day prior to providing Bid Protections pursuant to this Order.

Approval of the Sale of the Debtors' Assets to the Successful Bidder(s), and any objections thereto, will be heard in connection with of confirmation of the Debtors' Plan, for which the Debtors will seek approval of notice in the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement, (II) Approving the Solicitation and Notice Procedures With Respect to Confirmation of the Debtors' Proposed Joint Plan of Reorganization, (III) Approving the Forms of Ballots and Notices In Connection Therewith, (IV) Scheduling Certain Dates With Respect Thereto, and (V) Granting Related Relief.

documents, if applicable, can be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC ("Epiq"), http://dm.epiq11.com/pier1 (the "Case Website").

- 21. Similarly, within three (3) business days after entry of the Order, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Debtors will place a publication version of the Auction Notice for one day in *The New York Times (National Edition)* and *USA Today (National Edition)* and post it onto the Case Website.
- 22. The Auction Notice will include, among other things, the proposed date, time, and place of the Auction and the deadline for filing any objections to the relief requested in this motion, and, will therefore, comply with Bankruptcy Rule 2002(c). The Debtors submit that the methods of notice described herein comply fully with Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and constitute good and adequate notice of the proposed sale of the Assets.
- 23. The Debtors request that such notice be deemed sufficient and proper notice of the Sales with respect to known interested parties.

B. Sale and Auction Dates and Deadlines.

24. The Bidding Procedures contemplate the following Sale Dates and Deadlines:

Event	Date
Indication of Interest Deadline	Friday, February 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)
Bid Deadline	Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)
Notice of Qualified Bidder Deadline	No later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on the date that is four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline
Auction	Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), or as may be adjourned to such later date by the Debtors

Notice of Successful Bidder	As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction
Sale/Confirmation Hearing	Thursday, April 23, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), or such other date and time that the Court may later direct and as agreed upon by the Debtors

25. The Sale/Confirmation Hearing shall be an evidentiary hearing on matters relating to the Sales and confirmation of a chapter 11 plan, and there will be no further bidding at the Sale/Confirmation Hearing. In the event that the Successful Bidder cannot or refuses to consummate the Sales, the Debtors may, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures, designate the Backup Bid to be the new Successful Bid and the Backup Bidder to be the new Successful Bidder, and the Debtors shall be authorized, but not required, to consummate the transaction with the Backup Bidder without further order of the Court.

C. Notice of Successful Bidder.

26. As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors will file on the docket, but not serve, a notice identifying the Successful Bidder(s) (the "Notice of Successful Bidder"), identifying the applicable Successful Bidder(s), Asset(s), and key terms of the agreement, substantially in the form attached to the Order as Exhibit 3.

Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement

27. The Plan Support Agreement is the Debtors' roadmap to facilitate a timely and efficient process that will maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. The Plan Support Agreement also contains provisions that are integral to the bidding and auction process, including the Reserve Price and Lender Election (each, as described below).

A. Key Provisions of the Plan Support Agreement.

28. The Plan Support Agreement contains the Milestones which tee up an approximately 2 month timeline to confirmation, thereby minimizing administrative expenses and

maximizing recoveries for the Debtors' stakeholders. Accordingly, assumption of the Plan Support Agreement will provide important structure and stability to the chapter 11 process and establish a framework for the Debtors to negotiate and consummate the Plan with their key constituencies. The Milestones provide that the Debtors shall implement the Restructuring Transactions on the following timeline:⁸

- (a) no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on February 17, 2020, the Company Parties shall have commenced the Chapter 11 Cases in the Bankruptcy Court and shall have filed a motion for approval of the Bidding Procedures and assumption of this Agreement, consistent in all respects with this Agreement;
- (b) no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on February 18, 2020, the Debtors will have sought first day relief and the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order (i) providing interim approval of the applicable DIP Documents, (ii) approving the Bidding Procedure and (iii) approving assumption of this Agreement;
- (c) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than seven (7) days after the Petition Date, the Company Parties shall have filed the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Disclosure Statement Motion, each in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Term Lenders;
- (d) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 13, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the final order approving the applicable DIP Documents;
- (e) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than three (3) Business Days prior to the first scheduled hearing on the Disclosure Statement Motion, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall agree to the Administrative Claims Cap;
- (f) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 20, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Disclosure Statement Order;
- (g) the Bid Deadline in the Bidding Procedures shall be no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on March 23, 2020;
- (h) in the event that the Company Parties do not receive a Qualified Bid greater than or equal in value to the Reserve Price, then no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on the date that is four (4) Business Days following the Bid Deadline,

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Milestones shall prevent the Debtors from exercising their respective fiduciary duties under applicable law.

- the Consenting Term Lenders shall notify the Company Parties (via electronic mail through applicable counsel) of their Lender Election;
- (i) if applicable, as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 31, 2020, the Auction shall have occurred;
- (j) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than five (5) Business Days following selection of a Successful Bidder, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall agree to a Wind-Down Budget reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Term Lenders;
- (k) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than April 23, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order; and
- (1) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than May 30, 2020, the Plan Effective Date shall have occurred.⁹

Failure to meet a Milestone, subject to a cure period, results in a termination right for either the Debtors or the Consenting Term Lenders, as applicable.¹⁰ The Debtors may extend a Milestone with the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Term Lenders. The Plan Support Agreement sets forth additional events that may trigger termination of the Plan Support Agreement. Such termination events generally mandate that the Debtors comply with the terms of the Plan Support Agreement, diligently pursue confirmation and consummation of the Plan and the documentation necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement using commercially reasonable efforts, and that the Debtors' chapter 11 cases are not converted or dismissed.¹¹

29. Importantly, the Consenting Term Lenders support confirmation of a chapter 11 process that includes an Auction and potential sale of some, all, or substantially all of the Debtors'

⁹ Plan Support Agreement § 4.

For the avoidance of doubt, no Party may terminate the Plan Support Agreement on account of failure to satisfy a Milestone to the extent that such failure is caused by or resulting from such Party's own action (or failure to act). Plan Support Agreement §§ 13.01(c), 13.02(b).

Plan Support Agreement § 13.01–02.

assets and provides for the possibility of an Equitization Restructuring¹² by the Consenting Term Lenders under certain conditions.¹³ The Consenting Term Lenders have agreed to a "Reserve Price" for the auction. This means that should the Debtors receive a Qualified Bid greater than or equal to the Reserve Price,¹⁴ the Consenting Term Lenders will automatically consent to and support the sale of the Debtors' Assets (including a release and discharge of liens, encumbrances, and interests, subject to receipt of proceeds).¹⁵ If no Qualified Bid exceeds the Reserve Price, then the Consenting Term Lenders will inform the Debtors as to whether they wish to either: (a) pursue an Equitization Restructuring pursuant to the Plan; or (b) proceed with an auction at which the Consenting Term Lenders may only credit bid up to the Reserve Price.¹⁶ If the Lenders are the Successful Bidder, they will inform the Debtors whether they wish to equitize their term loan debt claims or direct an orderly wind-down of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates, in either case pursuant to the Plan.¹⁷

30. Additionally, pursuant to the Plan Support Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to reimburse all reasonable and documented fees incurred after the Petition Date for Brown Rudnick LLP as primary counsel, one local counsel, and FTI Consulting as financial advisor for all Consenting Term Lenders, in addition to the fees and expenses of the Term Loan Agent, as provided for in the Term Loan Credit Agreement (collectively, the "Professional Fees"). By

[&]quot;Equitization Restructuring" means any Transaction whereby the New Pier 1 Interests are distributed to holders of existing Term Loan Claims pursuant to the Plan. Plan Support Agreement § 1.01.

Plan Support Agreement §§ XXX, 5.02(a), (e).

[&]quot;Reserve Price" means the value, taking into account the Claims Estimation, at which the Term Loan Lenders would receive a cash recovery of \$104.7 million2 (*i.e.* 55 cents on the dollar) on account of the Term Loan Claims. Plan Support Agreement § 1.01.

Plan Support Agreement § 5.02(e)(i).

Plan Support Agreement §§ 1.01 "Lender Election" 5.02(e)(ii)–(iv).

¹⁷ Plan Support Agreement § 5.02(e)(iii).

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securing the support and cooperation of the Consenting Term Lenders, the Debtors have significantly reduced the potential cost and duration of their chapter 11 cases. Payment of the Professional Fees pursuant to the Plan Support Agreement was a negotiated component of the agreements and a material inducement for the Consenting Term Lenders' various concessions and commitments thereunder. Accordingly, the payment of the Professional Fees is reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

B. Board Consideration

- 31. The Board of Directors (the "Board") has been kept apprised of the negotiations throughout the process leading to entry into the Plan Support Agreement. The Board met regularly and consistently over the course of multiple months to receive updates, discuss, and authorize various actions. Prior to entry into the Plan Support Agreement, the Board met to receive a comprehensive presentation from the Debtors' advisors regarding the final terms of the Plan Support Agreement, the relative benefits of the transactions contemplated thereby, the legal and financial ramifications of entry therein, and the chapter 11 process generally.
- 32. Importantly, the Plan Support Agreement provides that the Debtors may terminate the Plan Support Agreement in the event that the Debtors determine that proceeding with any transaction contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement would be inconsistent with the exercise of their fiduciary duties (the "Fiduciary Out"). The Plan Support Agreement expressly clarifies that:

Any Company Party may terminate this Agreement as to all Parties upon prior written notice to all Parties in accordance with Section 15.10 hereof upon the occurrence of any of the following events . . . the board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body of any Company Party determines, after consulting with counsel, (i) that proceeding with any of the Transactions would be

inconsistent with the exercise of its fiduciary duties or applicable Law or (ii) in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, to pursue an alternative proposal . . . ¹⁸

Upon significant deliberation and considered analysis of the material terms of the Plan Support Agreement, and upon rigorous review of the Plan Support Agreement, Plan, and Bidding Procedures by the Board—including the Disinterested Directors as members of the Restructuring Committee—and in consultation with its advisors, the Board determined that entry into the Plan Support Agreement was in the best interests of Pier 1. Ultimately, on February 16, 2020, the Board unanimously authorized the Debtors' entry into the Plan Support Agreement and commencement of these chapter 11 cases.

Basis for Relief

- I. The Bidding Procedures are Fair, Designed to Maximize the Value Received for the Assets, and an Exercise of the Debtors' Reasonable Business Judgment.
- 33. Courts have made clear that a debtor's business judgment is entitled to substantial deference with respect to the procedures to be used in disposing of an estate's assets. *See, e.g., In re Trilogy Dev. Co., LLC*, 2010 Bankr. LEXIS 5636, at *3–4 (Bankr. W.D. Mo. 2010) (holding that section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code permits the debtor to sell their assets if a sound business purpose exists); *In re Channel One Commc'ns, Inc.*, 117 BR 493 (Bankr. E.D. Mo. 1990) (same); *In re Schipper*, 933 F.2d 513, 515 (7th Cir. 1991) ("Under Section 363, the debtor in possession can sell property of the estate . . . if he has an 'articulated business justification.'") (citations omitted); *see also In re Farmland Indus., Inc.*, 294 B.R 855, 881 (Bankr. W.D. Mo. 2003) (holding that courts in this district are reluctant to interfere with corporate decisions unless "it is made clear that those decisions are, inter alia, clearly erroneous, made arbitrarily, are in breach of the officers' and directors' fiduciary duty to the corporation, are made on the basis of inadequate information

Plan Support Agreement § 13.02(c).

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or study, are made in bad faith, or are in violation of the Bankruptcy Code"); *In re Integrated Res.*, *Inc.*, 147 B.R. 650, 656–57 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (noting that bidding procedures that have been negotiated by a trustee are to be reviewed according to the deferential "business judgment" standard, under which such procedures and arrangements are "presumptively valid").

- 34. The paramount goal in any proposed disposition of property of the estate is to maximize the proceeds received by the estate. *See In re Edwards*, 228 B.R. 552, 561 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1998) ("The purpose of procedural bidding orders is to facilitate an open and fair public sale designed to maximize value for the estate."); *In re Food Barn Stores, Inc.*, 107 F.3d 558, 564–65 (8th Cir. 1997) (in bankruptcy sales, "a primary objective of the Code [is] to enhance the value of the estate at hand"); *In re Integrated Res., Inc.*, 147 B.R. at 659 ("[I]t is a well-established principle of bankruptcy law that the objective of the bankruptcy rules and the trustee's duty with respect to such sales is to obtain the highest price or greatest overall benefit possible for the estate.") (citations omitted).
- 35. To that end, courts uniformly recognize that procedures intended to enhance competitive bidding are consistent with the goal of maximizing the value received by the estate and therefore are appropriate in the context of bankruptcy transactions. *See, e.g., In re Integrated Res., Inc.*, 147 B.R. at 659 (bidding procedures "are important tools to encourage bidding and to maximize the value of the debtor's assets"); *In re Fin. News Network, Inc.*, 126 B.R. 152, 156 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1991) ("court-imposed rules for the disposition of assets . . . [should] provide an adequate basis for comparison of offers, and [should] provide for a fair and efficient resolution of bankrupt estates").
- 36. The Debtors believe that the Bidding Procedures will promote active bidding from seriously interested parties and will elicit the highest or otherwise best offer available for the Assets offered for sale. The Bidding Procedures will allow the Debtors to conduct the Sales in a

controlled, fair, and open fashion that will encourage participation by financially capable bidders who will offer the best package for the Assets and who can demonstrate the ability to close the transaction. In particular, the Bidding Procedures contemplate an open auction process with minimum barriers to entry and provide potential bidding parties with sufficient time to perform due diligence and acquire the information necessary to submit a timely and well-informed bid.

- 37. At the same time, the Bidding Procedures provide the Debtors with a robust, final opportunity to consider competing bids and select the highest or otherwise best offer related to the Sales, while preserving the Debtors' right to not sell any particular Asset if the Debtors do not believe that such a sale on the terms received at Auction would maximize the value of such Asset. As such, creditors of the Debtors' estates can be assured that the consideration obtained will be fair and reasonable in light of the circumstances and at or above market-value.
- 38. The Debtors submit that the Bidding Procedures will encourage competitive bidding, are appropriate under the relevant standards governing auction proceedings and bidding incentives in bankruptcy proceedings, and are consistent with other procedures previously approved by this Court. Moreover, similar procedures in complex chapter 11 cases have been previously approved by the Court. *See, e.g., In re Toys "R" Us, Inc.*, No. 17–34665 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Mar. 23, 2018); *In re Alpha Nat. Res., Inc.*, No. 15–33896 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Nov. 6, 2015); *In re Patriot Coal Corp.*, No. 15–32450 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 25, 2015); *In re James River Coal Co.*, No. 14–31848 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. May 8, 2014); *In re RoomStore, Inc.*, No. 11–37790 (DOT) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Jan. 3, 2012). 19
- 39. The Debtors also seek authority, but not direction, pursuant to the Bidding Procedures to offer Bid Protections to a Stalking Horse Bidder in the event that the Debtors elect

Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

to enter into a stalking horse arrangement with a non-insider third-party bidder. The Debtors seek to utilize such authority only in their discretion if the Debtors determine in their business judgment that any such Bid Protection will facilitate a competitive bidding and Auction process. Payment of expense reimbursements and work fees, like those proposed here, in a bidding process for sales is appropriate so long as such payment is a valid exercise of the Debtors' business judgment. Under section 363(b), the Debtors may use, sell, or lease estate property outside of the ordinary court of business so long as they articulate a sound business reason for doing so. See, e.g., In re Culp, 550 B.R. 683, 697 (D. Del. 2015); In re Network Access Corp., 330 B.R. 67, 74-75 (Bankr. D. Del. 2005). Further, "[b]reak-up fees are important tools to encourage bidding and to maximize the value of the debtor's assets [i]n fact, because the . . . corporation has a duty to encourage bidding, break-up fees can be necessary to discharge [such] duties to maximize value." In re Integrated Res., Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 659–60 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1992) (emphasis added). Specifically, bid protections like a breakup fee "may be legitimately necessary to convince a 'white knight' bidder to enter the bidding by providing some form of compensation for the risks it is undertaking." In re 995 Fifth Ave. Assocs., L.P., 96 B.R. 24, 28 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989) (quotations omitted); see also Integrated Res., 147 B.R. at 660-61 (bid protections can prompt bidders to commence negotiations and "ensure that a bidder does not retract its bid").

40. Under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, "[t]he court may issue any order . . . that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). In essence, the Court may enter any order safeguarding the value of the debtor's estate if doing so is consistent with the Bankruptcy Code. *See, e.g., Chinichian v. Campolongo (In re Chinichian)*, 784 F.2d 1440, 1443 (9th Cir. 1986) ("Section 105 sets out the power of the bankruptcy court to fashion orders as necessary pursuant to the purposes of the Bankruptcy Code."); *In re Cooper Props. Liquidating Tr., Inc.*, 61 B.R. 531, 537 (Bankr. W.D. Tenn. 1986) (acknowledging that "the

[b]ankruptcy [c]ourt is one of equity and as such it has a duty to protect whatever equities a debtor may have in property for the benefit of its creditors as long as that protection is implemented in a manner consistent with the bankruptcy laws"). To the extent that approval of the Bid Protections are necessary to effectuate consummation of a chapter 11 plan—which, in the Debtor's view, represents the best means of maximizing the value of its estate—the Debtor believes that the Court's application of section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code here is appropriate. See, e.g., In re Patriot Coal Corporation, No. 15-32450 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 25, 2015) (authorizing designation of one or more stalking horse bidders, including the provision of bid protections); In re High Ridge Brands Co., No. 19-12689 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 7, 2020) (authorizing selection of a stalking horse bidder and approving bid procedures for such stalking horse bidder, subject to approval by the bankruptcy court); In re Forever 21, Inc., No. 19-12122 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 4, 2020) (approving bid protections in connection with approval of bidding procedures); In re Bumble Bee Parent, Inc., No. 19-12502 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 19, 2019) (approving a breakup fee and expense reimbursement in conjunction with approval of a stalking horse bidder); In re Ditech Holding Corporation, No. 19-10412 (JLG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 23, 2019) (authorizing designation of one or more stalking horse bidders, including the provision of bid protections).²⁰

41. Accordingly, for all of the foregoing reasons, the Debtors believe that the Bidding Procedures: (a) will encourage robust bidding for the Assets; (b) are consistent with other procedures previously approved by courts in this district; and (c) are appropriate under the relevant standards governing auction proceedings and bidding incentives in bankruptcy proceedings and should be approved.

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II. Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement Should Be Approved as an Exercise of Sound Business Judgment.

- Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor in possession, 42. "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject an executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). "Unlike many other sections of the Bankruptcy Code, § 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code does not require a showing of 'cause' to support a Debtors decision to assume or reject an executory contract." In re Circuit City Stores, Inc., No. 08-35653, 2010 WL 2425957, at *3 (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 9, 2010). "Rather, the debtor's determination to [assume or] reject an executory contract is governed by the 'business judgment' standard." *Id.* (citing Lubrizol Enterprises, Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers, Inc., 756 F.2d 1043, 1046-47 (4th Cir.1985)); see also NLRB v. Bildisco & Bildisco, 465 U.S. 513, 523 (1984) (business judgment is the "traditional" standard); In re US Airways Grp., Inc., 287 B.R. 643, 645 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2002) ("The standard in [the Fourth] Circuit for approving a request to [assume or reject an executory contract] is whether the trustee or debtor in possession has exercised sound business judgment."). In addition, courts outside this district have specifically held that decisions to assume restructuring support agreements are governed by the business judgment standard. See, e.g., In re Genco Shipping & Trading Ltd., 509 B.R. 455, 462-63 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2014); In re Caribbean Petroleum Corp., 444 B.R. 263, 268 (Bankr. D. Del. 2010).
- 43. The business judgment standard is exceedingly deferential—"[o]nce the Debtors articulate a valid business justification, '[t]he business judgment rule becomes a presumption that in making a business decision the directors of a corporation acted on an informed basis, in good faith and in honest belief that the action taken was in the best interests of the company." *Circuit City*, 2010 WL 2425957, at *3 (quoting *Integrated Res.*, 147 B.R. at 656). "The Court should defer to the business judgment of the Debtors, unless 'the decision of the [Debtors] that [assumption or] rejection will be advantageous is so manifestly unreasonable that it could not be

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based on sound business judgment, but only on bad faith, or whim or caprice." *Id.* (quoting *Lubrizol*, 756 F.3d at 1047).

- 44. The Debtors' assumption of the Plan Support Agreement is a reasonable exercise of their business judgment. The Transactions contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement position the Debtors to negotiate the precise terms of any deal to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for all stakeholders. As set forth in the PSA Declaration, the Plan Support Agreement is the product of good-faith, arm's length negotiations among the Debtors and the Consenting Term Lenders, who had separate, sophisticated legal counsel and financial advisors and who, collectively, represent sixty-three point eight (63.8) percent of the holders of the Debtors' prepetition Term Loan, and are committed to reach sixty-six and two thirds (66 2/3) precent.²¹
- 45. Without the benefits and protections provided by the Plan Support Agreement, the Debtors could potentially face a prolonged stay in bankruptcy or struggle to develop a path out of chapter 11. In light of the Debtors' liquidity concerns, and based on all of the Debtors' prepetition negotiations, the Debtors likely could not have navigated a soft landing in chapter 11 absent the Consenting Term Lenders' support. The swift, consensual process contemplated by the Plan Support Agreement presents far less execution risk than any available alternative, accomplishes a critical deleveraging, and better preserves estate Assets for the benefit of the Debtors' stakeholders.
- 46. Preserving value for the benefit of the Debtors' estates depends in large part on the Debtors proceeding swiftly to confirmation of the Plan and minimizing the effects of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases on the value of the Debtors' "brand"—a critical component of the value of the Debtors' businesses. Based on the Debtors' intensive prepetition negotiations and in consultation with their advisors, the Debtors believe that the swift, consensual process contemplated by the

²¹ Plan Support Agreement § 5.01(a)(ix).

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Plan Support Agreement presents far less execution risk than any available alternative and better preserves estate Assets for the benefit of the Debtors' stakeholders.

- 47. As discussed above and in the PSA Declaration, the Debtors entered into the Plan Support Agreement only after a robust review process by the Board, including the Disinterested Directors as members of the Restructuring Committee in consultation with their advisors. The Debtors engaged in a thorough analysis of the Plan Support Agreement and determined that the Plan Support Agreement represents a value-maximizing transaction. Further, as set forth above, the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan Support Agreement are subject to a full fiduciary out, thus preserving the Debtors' flexibility to pursue an alternative value-maximizing transaction, should one arise.
- 48. Courts in this and other districts have approved similar relief specifically with respect to prepetition restructuring support agreements, including approval of the payment of Professional Fees under the plan support agreement as a market-based term. *See, e.g., In re Penn Virginia Corporation*, No. 16-32395 (KLP) (Bankr. E.D. Va. June 16, 2016) (approving assumption of a Restructuring Support Agreement); *In re Dex Media, Inc.*, No. 16-11200 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. June 8, 2016) (same); *In re Magnum Hunter Resources Corp., et al.*, No. 15-12533 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 9, 2016) (same); *In re New Gulf Resources, LLC, et al.*, No. 15-12566 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 4, 2016) (same); *In re Hercules Offshore, Inc., et al.*, No. 15-11685 (KJC) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 24, 2015) (same).²²
- 49. Further, courts have approved assumption of prepetition plan support agreements on an expedited basis. *See, e.g., In re Roust Corporation*, No. 16-23786 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 10, 2017) (authorizing assumption of a restructuring support agreement at the first day

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hearing); In re Eastgate Tower Hotel Associates, L.P., No. 12-13539 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Aug. 21, 2012) (same); In re Satelites Mexicanos, S.A. de C.V., No. 11-11035 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 13, 2011) (same). Courts have also granted similar relief on an expedited basis of other contracts. See In re LeClairRyan, No. 19-34574 (KRH) (Bankr. E.D. Va. Sept. 6, 2019) (granting first day motion to assume executory contracts on an interim basis); In re Magnum construction Management LLC f/k/a Munilla Construction Management, LLC, No. 19-12821 (AJC) (Bankr. S.D. Fla. Mar. 8, 2019) (authorizing assumption of an auctioneer contract on the first day); In re All American Oil & Gas Incorporated, No. 18-52693 (RBK) (Bankr. W.D. Tex. Nov. 19, 2018) (authorizing assumption of a purchase and installation agreement for a generator stator on the first day).²³

50. The Debtors therefore respectfully submit, as set forth above, that they have satisfied the deferential business judgment standard applicable to assumption of executory contracts such as the Plan Support Agreement. Accordingly, the Debtors request the Court enter the Plan Support Agreement Assumption Order authorizing the Debtors to assume the Plan Support Agreement.

III. The Form and Manner of the Auction Notice Should Be Approved.

51. As noted above, within three days of entry of the Order or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors will serve the Auction and Hearing Notice upon the Notice Parties, and also publish an abbreviated version of the Auction and Hearing Notice in *The New York Times (National Edition)* and *USA Today (National Edition)* and post it onto the Case Website.

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52. The Debtors submit that notice of this Motion and the related hearing to consider entry of the Order, coupled with service of the Auction Notice constitutes good and adequate notice of the Auction. Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Court approve the form and manner of the Auction Notice.

IV. The Sale of Personally Identifiable Information Should be Allowed Without Appointment of a Consumer Privacy Ombudsman.

- 53. Section 101(41A) of the Bankruptcy Code defines "personally identifiable information" ("Personally Identifiable Information") as an individual's name, residence address, email address, telephone number, social security number, or credit card number, as well as an individual's birth date or other information that, if associated with the information described previously, would permit the identification or contacting of the individual. 11 U.S.C. \$ 101(41A). Section 332 of the Bankruptcy Code requires the appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman (an "Ombudsman") when a debtor seeks to sell or transfer Personally Identifiable Information notwithstanding restrictions in the debtor's privacy policy with respect to the transfer of such Personally Identifiable Information. See 11 U.S.C. § 363 (b)(1)(A).
- 54. As set forth in the Frejka Declaration, the Debtors' privacy policy—available on the Company's website—in effect on the Petition Date provides for the sale of Personally Identifiable Information:²⁴

We may share your information with our parent, subsidiaries and affiliates. We also reserve the right to disclose and transfer all such information: (i) to a subsequent owner, co-owner or operator of the Site and/or our Stores; or (ii) in connection with a merger, consolidation, restructuring, the sale of substantially all of our interests and/or assets or other corporate change, including during the course of any due diligence process.²⁵

²⁴ See Frejka Decl. ¶ 9.

See https://www.pierl.com/privacy_policy.html.

Further, the Debtors, with the consent of the consumer, has maintained optionality with respect to the permitted disclosure of customer records and Personally Identifiable Information to third parties pursuant to its privacy policy since 2007.²⁶

55. As set forth in the Freika Declaration, the Debtors' data collection and processing is transparent and consumers are required to affirmatively consent or opt-in to receive marketing and other promotional materials from the Debtors. For example, in front of each cash register in a Pier 1 store there is a placard that not only describes the Debtors' return and exchange policy but contains a section entitled "Why We Ask for Customer Information" that explains that providing the information is voluntary, the information is used for, among other things, marketing purposes, and there is a reference to the privacy policy for consumers wanting additional information. Importantly, if a consumer decides to provide Personally Identifiable Information at the point of sale, the mechanism for signup is automated and confirms consumer consent with an additional reference to the Privacy Policy. Likewise, any consumer opting into the SMS Program must affirmatively enroll and then confirm the enrollment via return text message. Finally, before joining the Rewards Program, consumers are advised that by clicking "sign up" they have agreed to receive offers and other materials and there is a hyperlink to the Privacy Policy.²⁷ Further, consumer consent to receive marketing or other materials can be revoked at any time, and all emails and text messages provide a clear road map for consumers to opt-out of communications from the Debtors or limit marketing offers. The Debtors processes opt-out requests upon receipt of either an email requesting to unsubscribe or following the opt-out instructions contained in any marketing material.²⁸

²⁶ *See* Frejka Decl. ¶¶ 9–10.

²⁷ *Id.* at ¶ 11.

²⁸ *Id.* at ¶ 12.

56. Finally, consistent with the Privacy Policy and the Motion, the Debtors do not intend to transfer the Personally Identifiable Information of any consumer who opted-out of receiving communications and such information will be transferred only to the extent it can be aggregated or anonymized.²⁹ Accordingly, as set forth in the Frejka Declaration, the Debtors submit that a sale of Personally Identifiable Information is consistent with the Debtors' privacy policy and the appointment of an Ombudsman is not required.³⁰

Waiver of Memorandum of Law

57. The Debtors respectfully request that this Court treat this Motion as a written memorandum of law or waive any requirement that this Motion be accompanied by a written memorandum of law as described in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(b).

The Requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 Are Satisfied

58. Bankruptcy Rule 6003 empowers a court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the Petition Date "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." For the reasons discussed above, authorizing the Debtors to proceed expeditiously in pursuing a sale of the Debtors' Assets is necessary to prevent deterioration in the value of the Debtors' Assets and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. Moreover, pursuant to the DIP Facility, the DIP Credit Agreement, and the proposed final order approving the DIP Facility, the Debtors must satisfy certain milestones with respect to these chapter 11 cases. These Milestones are satisfied by the proposed Bidding Procedures. Access to the DIP Facility is critical to the Debtors' ability to operate throughout these chapter 11 cases. Failure to adhere to the Milestones would have severe consequences and threaten the Debtors' ability to continue along

²⁹ *Id*.

 $^{^{30}}$ *Id.* at ¶ 14.

the best path for the Debtors and maximize the value of their estates. The relief requested herein is necessary in order for the Debtors to maximize the value of their estates for the benefit of all stakeholders. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the "immediate and irreparable harm" standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 to support granting the relief requested herein.

Reservation of Rights

59. Nothing contained herein is intended or shall be construed as: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code, any foreign bankruptcy or insolvency law, or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds, (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Motion; (e) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (f) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

Notice

60. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion via first class mail, facsimile or email (where available) to: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, Attn: Kenneth N. Whitehurst III and Shannon F. Pecoraro; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition secured facilities and counsel thereto; (d) the DIP Agents and their respective counsel thereto; (e) the indenture trustee to the Debtors' industrial revenue bonds; (f) counsel to the ad hoc group of term loan lenders; (g) the lenders under certain Company-owned life insurance policies; (h) the Debtors' Canadian counsel; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern

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District of Virginia; (j) the Internal Revenue Service; (k) the office of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (l) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) any party that asserts a lien on the Debtors' assets; and (n) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

No Prior Request

61. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11	
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., ¹) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)	
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Reques	ted)
)	

ORDER (I) ESTABLISHING BIDDING
PROCEDURES, (II) SCHEDULING BID DEADLINES AND
AN AUCTION, (III) APPROVING THE FORM AND MANNER
OF NOTICE THEREOF, (IV) APPROVING THE FORM OF ASSET
PURCHASE AGREEMENT, (V) AUTHORIZING ASSUMPTION OF THE
PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT AND (VI) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures,
(II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice
Thereof, (IV) Approving the Form of Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing Assumption of

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief (the "Motion")² of the abovecaptioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Order"):, (a) authorizing and approving the proposed auction and bid procedures, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Bidding Procedures"), including the form asset purchase agreement attached to the Bidding Procedures as Exhibit 1 (the "Form Purchase Agreement"), by which the Debtors will solicit and select the highest or otherwise best offer(s) for the sale, or sales (the "Sales"), of any portion, all, or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets; (b) establishing an indication of interest deadline by which all potential bidders must provide the Debtors and their advisors with a non-binding indication of interest (the "Indication of Interest Deadline"); (c) scheduling an auction or auctions to sell the Assets detailed in the Bidding Procedures (the "Auction") and hearing the Sale Plan confirmation to approve at (the "Sale/Confirmation Hearing"); (d) approving the form and manner of notice of the Auction attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (the "Auction Notice"); (e) approving the form and manner of notice of the successful bidder at the Auction attached hereto as Exhibit 3 (the "Notice of Successful Bidder"); (f) authorizing the Debtors to assume that certain plan support agreement, dated as of February 16, 2020, a copy of which is attached to the Order as **Exhibit 4** (together with all exhibits and schedules attached thereto, as each may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Plan Support Agreement"); and (g) granting related relief; it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the EDVA District Court Order Granting Original Jurisdiction to EDVA Bankruptcy Judges dated

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² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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August 15, 1984; consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; notice of the Motion having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and upon consideration of the Savini Declaration, the Frejka Declaration, and the PSA Declaration in support of the Motion, and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, **THE COURT FINDS THAT:**

- A. The findings and conclusions set forth herein constitute the Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7052, made applicable to this proceeding pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9014. To the extent that any of the following findings of fact constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the following conclusions of law constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.
- B. This Court has jurisdiction over the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper in this district and in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- C. The bases for the relief requested in the Motion are: (i) sections 105, 363, 365, 503, and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"); (ii) Rules 2002(a)(2), 6006, 9007, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"); and (iii) rule 9013-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Local Bankruptcy Rules").
- D. Notice of the Motion has been given to: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, Attn: Kenneth N. Whitehurst III and Shannon F. Pecoraro; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis);

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(c) the agents under the Debtors' prepetition secured facilities and counsel thereto; (d) the DIP Agents and counsel thereto; (e) the indenture trustee to the Debtors' industrial revenue bonds; (f) counsel to the ad hoc group of term loan lenders; (g) the lenders under certain Company-owned life insurance policies; (h) the Debtors' Canadian counsel; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia; (j) the Internal Revenue Service; (k) the office of the attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors operate; (l) the Securities and Exchange Commission; (m) any party that asserts a lien on the Debtors' Assets; and (n) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (collectively, the "Notice Parties").

E. The Debtors have articulated good and sufficient reasons for this Court to: (i) approve the Bidding Procedures, and (ii) schedule the Auction and Sale/Confirmation Hearing and approve the manner of notice of the Auction and Sale/Confirmation Hearing.

F. The Auction Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**, is reasonably calculated to provide interested parties with timely and proper notice of the proposed sale, including, without limitation: (i) the date, time, and place of the Auction (if one is held); (ii) the Bidding Procedures; (iii) reasonably specific identification of the Assets to be sold; and (v) a description of the Sale as being free and clear of liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests (except as set forth in the applicable Purchase Agreement), with all such liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests attaching with the same validity and priority to the Sale proceeds, and no other or further notice of the sale shall be required.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as provided herein.

2. All objections to the relief requested in the Motion that have not been withdrawn, waived, or settled as announced to this Court at the hearing on the Motion or by stipulation filed with this Court, are overruled.

I. Important Dates and Deadlines.

3. The following dates and deadlines are hereby approved (and may be adjourned from time to time by the Debtors):

Event	Date
Indication of Interest Deadline	Friday, February 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)
Bid Deadline	Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)
Notice of Qualified Bidder Deadline	No later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline
Auction	Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), or as may be adjourned to such later date by the Debtors
Notice of Successful Bidder	As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction
Sale/Confirmation Hearing	Thursday, April 23, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), or such other date and time that the Court may later direct and as agreed upon by the Debtors

- 4. <u>Indication of Interest Deadline</u>: Friday, February 28, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, as the deadline by which all Potential Bidders must provide the Debtors and their advisors with a non-binding indication of interest.
- 5. <u>Bid Deadline</u>: Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, is the deadline by which all bids must be actually received pursuant to the Bidding Procedures.

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- 6. <u>Notice of Qualified Bidder Deadline</u>: The date that is no later than four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline, at 11:59 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, is the date and time by which the Debtors shall notify the Bidders whether their Bids are Qualified Bids.
- Auction: Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at [•]:00 a/p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, is the date and time by which the Auction, if needed, will be held at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, located at: 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10022. The Debtors shall send written notice of the date, time, and place of the Auction to the Qualified Bidders no later than one (1) business day before such Auction, and file a notice of the date, time, and place of the Auction with the Court no later than two business days before such Auction and post such notice on the Debtors' Case Website: http://dm.epiq11.com/pier1. The Debtors may modify the date, time, and place of the Auction by providing written notice to Qualified Bidders and filing a notice with the Court so long as such notice is no later than one (1) business day before the Auction.
- 8. **Notice of Successful Bidder**: if applicable, as soon as reasonably practicable after the Auction, the Debtors shall file the Notice of Successful Bidder.
- 9. <u>Sale/Confirmation Hearing</u>: Thursday, April 23, 2020, at [●] a/p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, as the date by which the Debtors shall seek confirmation of the Debtors' plan, including approval of the Sale(s) of the Debtors' Assets to the designated Successful Bidders in connection with the Auction. The Sale/Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned by announcement in open Court or on the Court's calendar without any further notice required.
- 10. <u>Transaction Fee</u>. Any Restructuring Transaction Fee³ due to Guggenheim Securities as a result of the closing of any Sale Transaction shall be segregated and escrowed

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³ Capitalized terms used in this paragraph shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in that certain engagement letter between Guggenheim Securities, LLC ("Guggenheim Securities") and the Debtors, dated as of August 21,

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(for the exclusive benefit of Guggenheim Securities) from the proceeds of such Sale Transaction (including, without limitation, from the proceeds of any liquidation or other disposition of the Debtors' Assets), as an express carve-out from the collateral of the Debtors' pre- and postpetition secured lenders, prior to any other use or distribution of such proceeds. If any Sale Transaction is the result of a successful credit bid without a cash component sufficient to pay any Restructuring Transaction Fee due to Guggenheim Securities in full, then any resulting unpaid portion of the Restructuring Transaction Fee due to Guggenheim Securities shall be segregated and escrowed (for the exclusive benefit of Guggenheim Securities) at the closing of such Sale Transaction from the available cash of the Debtors, as an express carve-out from the collateral of the Debtors' preand postpetition secured lenders; provided that if the Debtors do not have sufficient cash to pay the unpaid portion of such Restructuring Transaction Fee in full, or any portion thereof, then the successful bidder shall immediately segregate and escrow (for the exclusive benefit of Guggenheim Securities) such unpaid portion of the Restructuring Transaction Fee at the closing of such Sale Transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Order shall prohibit or be construed to prohibit the use of any unencumbered Assets of the Debtors or the proceeds thereof to pay any fees and expenses of Guggenheim Securities or the assertion or allowance of an administrative priority claim under sections 503(b)(1)(A) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, if applicable, on account of any fees or expenses of Guggenheim Securities. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, any Restructuring Transaction Fee payable by the Debtors to Guggenheim Securities is hereby approved and allowed on an interim basis, provided that Guggenheim Securities shall seek retention as the Debtors' investment banker pursuant to sections

^{2019,} as amended, a copy of which is being filed in connection with the Debtors' application to retain Guggenheim Securities, LLC.

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327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and file a fee application for approval of its fees on a final basis; *provided*, that any such fee application shall be subject to the U.S. Trustee's rights to object to Guggenheim Securities' monthly, interim and final fee applications on all grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any such objection by the U.S. Trustee to the interim and final applications pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

II. Auction and Bidding Procedures.

- 11. The Bidding Procedures and any exhibits attached thereto, attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto, are incorporated herein and are hereby approved in their entirety, and the Bidding Procedures shall govern the submission, receipt, and analysis of all bids related to any Sales. Any party desiring to submit a bid shall comply with the Bidding Procedures and this Order. The Debtors are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement the Bidding Procedures.
- 12. If the Debtors do not receive any Qualified Bids as to the Debtors' Assets, the Auction shall be cancelled. If the Debtors receive one or more Qualified Bids, the Debtors will conduct the Auction in accordance with the Bidding Procedures and the Plan Support Agreement.
- 13. At the Auction, each Qualified Bidder will be entitled, but will not be obligated, to submit overbids and will be entitled in any such overbids to credit bid all or a portion of the value of the secured portion of its claims, if any, within the meaning of section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. At or following the Auction, the Debtors may: (a) select, in its business judgment, pursuant to the Bidding Procedures, (i) the highest or otherwise best bid as the Successful Bidder and (ii) the second highest or otherwise second-best bid as the Backup Bidder; and (b) reject any bid (regardless of whether such bid is a Qualified Bid) that, in such Debtor's business judgment,

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is (i) inadequate, insufficient, or not the highest or best bid, (ii) not in conformity with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the Bidding Procedures, or (iii) contrary to, or otherwise not in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, affected stakeholders, or other parties in interest, in each case subject to and in accordance with the Bidding Procedures. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors are not required to name a Successful Bidder for any given Asset or group thereof and may elect to not sell such asset to the highest or otherwise best bidder.

- 15. The Debtors shall be authorized, but not obligated, in an exercise of their business judgment, to select one or more Acceptable Bidders to act as a Stalking Horse Bidder for all or any portion of the Assets and may agree to provide such Stalking Horse Bidder(s) certain bid protections, including an expense reimbursement, work fee, and/or a break-up fee (the "Bid Protections"); provided that Bid Protections for any Stalking Horse Bidder(s) that may be selected shall not exceed three percent of any cash amount of any proposed purchase price; provided further that such Stalking Horse Bidder shall not be an insider. Prior to giving Bid Protections to a Stalking Horse Bidder, the Debtors shall consult with the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, as well as counsel for an official committee of unsecured creditors should one be appointed in these chapter 11 cases, one (1) day prior to providing Bid Protections pursuant to this Order.
- 16. No person or entity, subject to further order from this Court (other than a Stalking Horse Bidder selected pursuant to the Bidding Procedures and this Order), shall be entitled to any expense reimbursement, break-up fees, "topping," termination, or other similar fee or payment, and by submitting a bid, such person or entity is deemed to have waived their right to request or to file with this court any request for expense reimbursement or any fee of any nature, whether by virtue of section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise.

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III. Auction Notice.

- 17. The Auction Notice, substantially in the form attached to this Order **Exhibit 3**, is approved. Within three (3) business days of the entry of the Order or as soon thereafter as reasonably practicable, the Debtors shall cause the Auction Notice to be served upon the Notice Parties. The Auction Notice will indicate that copies of this Motion and any future sale documents, if applicable, can be obtained on the Debtors' case website: http://dm.epiq11.com/pier1.
- 18. Within three (3) business days after entry of the Order, or as soon as practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall place a publication version of the Auction Notice for one day in the *The New York Times (National Edition)* and *USA Today (National Edition)* and post it onto the Case Website. Such notice shall be deemed sufficient and proper notice of the Sales with respect to known interested parties.
- 19. As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors will file on the docket, but not serve on any party other than the parties listed in Paragraph 21, a notice identifying the Successful Bidder(s), Asset to be sold, and the key terms of the agreement (the "Notice of Successful Bidder") substantially in the form attached to this Order as **Exhibit 3**.

IV. Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement.

- 20. The Debtors are authorized to (a) assume the Plan Support Agreement in its entirety and any exhibits attached thereto, attached as **Exhibit 4** hereto, (b) comply with the terms of the Plan Support Agreement, (c) effect the relief granted herein, and (d) take any and all actions necessary to implement the terms of the Plan Support Agreement, except for actions that require further orders of the Court.
- 21. Effective as of the date of entry of this Order, the Plan Support Agreement is hereby assumed pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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22. The Plan Support Agreement shall be binding and specifically enforceable against the parties thereto in accordance with its terms.

23. The failure to describe specifically or include any particular provision of the Plan

Support Agreement in the Motion or this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of

such provision, it being the intent of the Court that the Plan Support Agreement be assumed by the

Debtors in its entirety.

24. So long as the Plan Support Agreement is in effect and has not been terminated in

accordance with its terms, the Debtors are authorized to pay all of the Professional Fees in

accordance with the terms of the Plan Support Agreement. Under no circumstances shall such

fees and expenses be subject to any otherwise applicable setoff, counterclaim or recoupment. None

of such fees and expenses shall be subject to further approval of the Court and no recipient of any

such fees and expenses shall be required to file any interim or final application with the Court as

a condition precedent to the Debtors' obligation to pay such fees and expenses. None of such fees

and expenses shall be subject to avoidance under sections 542, 547, or 548 of the Bankruptcy

Code.

25. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to enter into amendments to the Plan

Support Agreement from time to time as necessary, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in

the Plan Support Agreement and without further order of the Court. Within two (2) business days

of the effective date of each such amendment, the Debtors will file a notice attaching a copy of

any such amendments with the Court.

26. Notice of the Motion as provided therein is good and sufficient notice of such

Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Bankruptcy Rules are

satisfied by such notice.

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- 27. The Plan Support Agreement shall be solely for the benefit of the parties thereto and no other person or entity shall be a third-party beneficiary thereof. No entity, other than the parties to the Plan Support Agreement shall have any right to seek or enforce specific performance of the Plan Support Agreement.
- 28. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent the automatic stay provisions of section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code would otherwise apply, such provisions are vacated and modified to effectuate all of the terms and provisions of the Plan Support Agreement and this Order, including permitting the parties to the Plan Support Agreement to exercise all rights and remedies under the Plan Support Agreement in accordance with each of their respective terms, and deliver any notice contemplated thereunder, in each case, without further order of the Court.
- 29. The failure of any party to seek relief or otherwise exercise its rights and remedies under this Order, the Plan Support Agreement, or applicable law, as the case may be, shall not constitute a waiver of any of the rights hereunder, thereunder, or otherwise of any of the Parties.

V. Miscellaneous.

- 30. The failure to include or reference a particular provision of the Bidding Procedures in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness or enforceability of such a provision in the Bidding Procedures.
- 31. The Debtors shall properly file reports of sale for all Sales, regardless of whether the Sale is pursuant to the Bidding Procedures or the Subsequent Sale Procedures.
- 32. The Debtors are authorized to establish an escrow account to accept deposits from Qualified Bidders and may pay any reasonable fees related to such account. Any deposits made by Qualified Bidders into the Escrow Account shall not be property of the Debtors.

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33. In the event of any inconsistencies between this Order and the Motion, this Order

shall govern. In the event of any inconsistencies between this Order and the Bidding Procedures,

the Bidding Procedures shall govern.

34. The requirement under Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(b) to file a memorandum of

law in connection with the Motion is waived.

35. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice

as to such Motion and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules

for the Eastern District of Virginia are satisfied by such notice, including with respect to any Sale

entered pursuant to the Subsequent Sale Procedures.

36. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order

shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

37. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief

granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

38. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or

related to the implementation of this Order.

Dated:	
Richmond, Virginia	United States Bankruptcy Judge

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<u>CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT</u> UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Jeremy) S.	Williams	
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Exhibit 1

Bidding Procedures

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re:) Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., ¹) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)
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BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

On [•], the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia entered the Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. [•]] (the "Order"),² by which the Court approved procedures setting forth the process by which the Debtors are authorized to solicit bids for and conduct an auction (the "Auction") for a sale or disposition (collectively, the "Sale," and each, a "Sale Transaction") of all or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets (as defined herein) or any portion thereof, either as a going-concern or as a liquidation (the "Bidding Procedures").

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSETS.

The Debtors are seeking to sell all of their assets, or any portion thereof, either as a going-concern or as a liquidation. These assets include, but are not limited to, the Debtors' going-concern business, unexpired leases, executory contracts, equipment, inventory, supplies, intellectual property, insurance proceeds, receivables, prepaid expenses and deposits, and books and records, in each case, free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, or other encumbrances (collectively, the "Assets").

II. SOLICITATION PROCESS; DISTRIBUTION OF BIDDING PROCEDURES

For any sale of the Assets in these chapter 11 cases (the "Bankruptcy Case"), the Debtors and/or any agent of the Debtors shall, at the Debtors' direction, distribute these Bidding Procedures to any potential interested bidders. The Debtors, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment may elect to exclude any Assets from these Bidding Procedures and sell such

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures Order.

Assets at either a private or public sale, subject to Court approval of any alternative sale method. Furthermore, the Debtors may determine in their discretion (upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement, defined below) and the DIP Agents (as defined in the *Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer, of Pier I Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions*, the "First Day Declaration")), whether to proceed with a sale of any Asset pursuant to these Bidding Procedures.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all consultation, notification, or other rights of the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents are subject to, and expressly qualified by, any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders (as defined herein).

III. PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

In connection with approval of these Bidding Procedures, the Debtors are also seeking Court approval of that certain plan support agreement (the "Plan Support Agreement") entered into on February 16, 2020 by and between the Debtors and Consenting Term Lenders. The Plan Support Agreement provides, among other items, that the Consenting Term Lenders have consented to the sale of Assets as outlined herein.

IV. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. Potential Bidders.

To participate in the bidding process or otherwise be considered for any purpose hereunder, a person or entity interested in the Assets or part of the Assets (a "<u>Potential Bidder</u>") must deliver to each of the Debtors' advisors the following documents and information (unless the Debtors, in their business judgment, choose to waive any of the following requirements for any Potential Bidder):

- 1. an executed confidentiality agreement to the extent the Potential Bidder has not already executed a confidentiality agreement on terms acceptable to the Debtors (a "Confidentiality Agreement");
- 2. identification of the Potential Bidder and any principals and representatives thereof who are authorized to appear and act on its behalf for all purposes regarding the contemplated Sale Transaction(s); and
- 3. proof by the Potential Bidder of its financial capacity to close a proposed Sale Transaction(s), which may include financial statements of, or verified financial commitments obtained by, the Potential Bidder (or, if the Potential Bidder is an entity formed for the purpose of acquiring the desired Assets, the party that will bear liability for a breach), the adequacy of which will be assessed by the Debtors (including in consultation with their advisors).

The Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, will determine and notify each Potential Bidder whether such Potential Bidder has submitted adequate documents so that such Potential Bidder may proceed to conduct due diligence and submit a bid (such Potential Bidder, an "<u>Acceptable Bidder</u>"). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors, reserve the right to work with a Potential Bidders to aggregate bids into a consolidated Qualified Bid prior to the Bid Deadline (each as defined below).

B. Obtaining Due Diligence.

The Debtors, with their advisors, shall establish an electronic data room (the "<u>Data Room</u>") that provides standard and customary diligence materials, including the necessary information to allow Acceptable Bidders to submit a Qualified Bid (as defined below) and to seek and obtain commitments for debt financing.

Only Acceptable Bidders shall be eligible to receive diligence materials and access to the Debtors' Data Room and to additional non-public information regarding the Debtors and the Assets. The Debtors (with the assistance of their advisors) shall coordinate all reasonable requests from Acceptable Bidders for additional information and due diligence access; *provided* that (i) the Debtors shall have the right to reasonably limit the information and due diligence provided to competitors and (ii) the Debtors may decline to provide such information to Acceptable Bidders who, at such time and in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment, have not established, or who have raised doubt, that such Acceptable Bidder intends in good faith to, or has the capacity to, consummate a proposed Sale Transaction. The due diligence period will end on the Bid Deadline and subsequent to the Bid Deadline the Debtors shall have no obligation to furnish any due diligence information. Additional due diligence will not be provided after the Bid Deadline, unless otherwise deemed reasonably appropriate by the Debtors. The Debtors, their representatives and advisors are not responsible for, and will bear no liability with respect to, any information obtained by any Acceptable Bidder in connection with any Sale or Sale Transaction.

C. Non-Binding Indications of Interest.

Any Potential Bidder interested in a Transaction (regardless of whether such party has been determined to be an Acceptable Bidder) shall submit a non-binding indication of interest (an "Indication of Interest") by [February 28], 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (as may be extended without notice or hearing by the Debtors, the "Indication of Interest Deadline"). The indication of interest should (i) identify whether the party is interested in acquiring some or all of the Assets (and which Assets with reasonable specificity), (ii) set forth a proposed purchase price for the proposed Transaction, including by identifying separately any cash and non-cash components of the proposed Transaction consideration, including, for example, certain liabilities to be assumed, and (iii) identify any proposed conditions to closing the Transaction.

Indications of Interest should be submitted to the Debtors' advisors by the Indication of Interest Deadline:

- (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Joshua Sussberg Attn: (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and AnnElvse Scarlett Gains (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com);
- proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite (ii) 1000, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, Attn: Michael Condyles Barrett (michael.condyles@kutakrock.com), Peter (peter.barrett@kutakrock.com), Williams Jeremy (jeremy.williams@kutakrock.com), Richardson and Brian (brian.richardson@kutakrock.com); and
- (iii) the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com), Adam Rifkin (adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com), and Hend Abdallah (hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com).

The Debtors will provide copies of all Indications of Interest via electronic mail as soon as reasonably practicable to counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders and to counsel for the DIP Agents subject to any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders.

Note that submitting an indication of interest by the Indication of Interest Deadline does not obligate the Potential Bidder to submit a formal bid or to participate in the sale process and does not exempt the Potential Bidder from also having to submit a Qualified Bid by the Bid Deadline to participate in the Auction (each as defined below). For the avoidance of doubt, the submission of an Indication of Interest by the Indication of Interest Deadline is not a prerequisite for Potential Bidders to submit a Qualified Bid.

D. Bid Deadline.

An Acceptable Bidder that desires to make a bid must transmit via email (in .pdf or similar format) <u>or</u> deliver written copies of its bid to the following parties so as to be received not later than <u>5:00 p.m.</u> (prevailing Eastern Time) on [Monday, March 23], 2020 (the "<u>Bid Deadline</u>"):

- proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, (i) New Joshua New York, York 10022, Attn: Sussberg (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and AnnElyse (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) Scarlett Gains Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com); and
- (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1000, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, Attn: Michael Condyles

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the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com), Adam Rifkin (adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com), and Hend Abdallah (hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com).

The Debtors will provide copies of all Bids via electronic mail as soon as reasonably practicable to the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") and to counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders and to counsel for the DIP Agents subject to any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders.

V. QUALIFIED BIDS.

A. Requirements for Qualified Bids.

Any proposal, solicitation, or offer (each, a "Bid") will be considered a qualified bid only if the Bid is submitted in writing by an Acceptable Bidder, by the Bid Deadline, and is deemed to comply with all of the following in the Debtors' business judgment (a "Qualified Bid" and such bidder a "Qualified Bidder"):

- 1. Assets. The Bid must clearly identify the following: (a) the particular Assets, or the portion thereof identified with reasonable specificity, to be purchased and/or liquidated or otherwise disposed of; (b) the liabilities and obligations to be assumed, including any debt to be assumed; and (c) whether the Acceptable Bidder intends to operate the Debtors' business as a going concern, or to liquidate the business.
- 2. Purchase Price. The Bid must (a) clearly set forth the purchase price to be paid (the "Purchase Price"), (b) identify separately the cash and non-cash components of the Purchase Price, (c) use commercially reasonable efforts to indicate the allocation of the Purchase Price between ABL Priority Collateral and Term Priority Collateral (each as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), and (d) with respect to the Purchase Price attributable to the sale of the ABL Priority Collateral, include a cash component in an amount sufficient to pay in full in cash all outstanding obligations owed by the Debtors under the DIP Documents (as defined in the DIP Orders) and all obligations under the Prepetition ABL Documents (as defined in the DIP Order), to the extent that any Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Order) are still outstanding.
- 3. **Deposit.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit in the amount equal to 10 percent of the aggregate Purchase Price of the Bid to be held in an interest-bearing escrow account to be identified and established by the

Debtors (the "<u>Deposit</u>"), *provided* that if a Qualified Bidder increases its Bid at the Auction and is the Successful Bidder or Backup Bidder (each as defined herein), such bidder must increase its Qualified Bidder Deposit to match the proposed Purchase Price submitted at the Auction within three (3) business days after the Auction.

- 4. Bid Documents. Each Bid must include duly executed, non-contingent effectuate the transactions documents necessary to contemplated in the Bid (the "Bid Documents"). The Bid Documents (a) a clearly marked version of the form purchase shall include: agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Form Purchase Agreement") showing all changes requested by the Acceptable Bidder, (b) a schedule of Assumed Contracts to the extent applicable to the Bid, (c) any other material documents integral to such Bid, and (d) a statement from the Acceptable Bidder that: (y) it is prepared to enter into and consummate the Transactions contemplated in the Form Purchase Agreement no later than fifteen (15) business days after the conclusion of the Auction (or, if no Auction is held, the Bid Deadline) and (z) the Qualified Bid will be irrevocable (whether or not such Qualified Bid is selected as the Successful Bid or the Backup Bid) until the consummation of the Sale Transaction.
- 5. *Legal Capacity*. Each Bid must demonstrate to the Debtors' satisfaction that the Acceptable Bidder has the legal capacity to consummate the transaction it is proposing.
- 6. Committed Financing. To the extent that a Bid is not accompanied by evidence of the Acceptable Bidder's capacity to consummate the proposed transactions set forth in its Bid with cash on hand, each Bid must include committed financing documented to the satisfaction of the Debtors (upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) that demonstrates that the Acceptable Bidder has received sufficient unconditional debt and/or equity funding commitments to satisfy the Acceptable Bidder's Purchase Price and other obligations under its Bid, including providing adequate assurance of future performance under all contracts proposed to be Assumed Contracts by such Bid. Such funding commitments or other financing must be unconditional and must not be subject to any internal approvals, syndication requirements, diligence, or credit committee approvals, and shall have covenants and conditions acceptable to the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents.
- 7. **Contingencies.** The Bid must not contain any contingencies as to the validity, effectiveness, and/or binding nature of the Bid, including, without limitation, contingencies for due diligence and inspection or financing of any kind (including any conditions pertaining to financial performance,

- conditions, or prospects) and all diligence must be completed before the Bid Deadline.
- 8. *Identity*. The Bid must fully disclose the legal identity of each person or entity bidding or otherwise participating in connection with such Bid (including each equity holder or financial backer of the Acceptable Bidder if such Acceptable Bidder is an entity formed for the purpose of consummating the proposed transaction(s) contemplated by such Bid), and the complete terms of any such participation, and must also disclose any connections or agreements with the Debtors, any other known Potential Bidder, Acceptable Bidder, or Qualified Bidder, and/or any officer or director of the foregoing. Under no circumstances will any undisclosed principals, equity holders, or financial backers be associated with any Bid.
- 9. Irrevocable. ALL BIDS SHALL BE DEEMED IRREVOCABLE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ACCEPTABLE BIDDER SEEKS TO REVOKE SUCH BID, THE DEBTORS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO KEEP SUCH BIDDER'S DEPOSIT AND PURSUE ALL OTHER CONTRACTUAL REMEDIES UNDER LAW OR EQUITY.
- 10. *Backup Bidder*. By submitting a Bid, each Acceptable Bidder agrees to be a Backup Bidder, should the Bid be so selected.
- 11. As-Is, Where-Is. The Bid must include the following representations and warranties (or the Acceptable Bidder otherwise agrees that such representations and warranties may be incorporated into the applicable Bid Documents should the Bid be selected as the Successful Bid): (a) expressly state that the Acceptable Bidder has had an opportunity to conduct any and all due diligence regarding the Debtors' businesses and the Assets prior to submitting its Bid; and (b) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation, and/or inspection of any relevant documents and the Assets in making its Bid and did not rely on any of the Debtors' or any of their advisors' written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties, or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, by operation of law or otherwise, regarding the Debtors' businesses or the Assets or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except (with respect to the Debtors only) as expressly stated in the representations and warranties contained in the Acceptable Bidder's Form Purchase Agreement ultimately accepted and executed by the Debtors.
- 12. *Authorization*. The Bid must include evidence that the Acceptable Bidder has obtained authorization or approval from its board of directors (or comparable governing body) acceptable to the Debtors with respect to the submission, execution, and delivery of its Bid, participation in the

Auction, and closing of the proposed transaction(s) contemplated in such Bid. The Bid shall further state that any necessary filings under applicable regulatory, antitrust, and other laws will be made in a timely manner and that payment of the fees associated therewith shall be made by the Acceptable Bidder.

- 13. **Disclaimer of Fees.** Each Bid must disclaim any right to receive a fee analogous to a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation. For the avoidance of doubt, no Qualified Bidder will be permitted to request, nor be granted by the Debtors, at any time, whether as part of the Auction or otherwise, a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation, and by submitting its Bid is agreeing to refrain from and waive any assertion or request for reimbursement on any basis, including under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Adherence to Bid Procedures. Each Bid must include (a) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has acted in good faith consistent with section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) that the Bid constitutes a bona fide offer to consummate the proposed transactions, and agrees to be bound by these Bidding Procedures.
- 15. No Collusion. The Acceptable Bidder must acknowledge in writing that (a) in connection with submitting its Bid, it has not engaged in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids or the Sale, specifying that it did not agree with any Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders or Qualified Bidders to control price; and (b) it agrees not to engage in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids, the Auction, or the Sale.
- 16. *Other Information*. The Bid contains such other information as may be reasonably requested by the Debtors.

B. Rejection of "Qualified Bid" Status for Non-Conforming Bids.

The Debtors shall determine in their discretion (including in consultation with their advisors and with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) which bids qualify as Qualified Bids and which bids shall be rejected as non-confirming bids. In addition, the Debtors shall have the right to negotiate with any Acceptable Bidder with respect to clarification of any Bid.

C. No Representation; Qualified Bidder's Duty to Review.

Neither the Debtors nor any of their advisors are making or have at any time made any warranties or representations of any kind or character, express or implied, with respect to the Assets, including, but not limited to, any warranties or representations as to operating history or projections, valuation, governmental approvals, the compliance of the Assets with governmental

laws, the truth, accuracy, or completeness of any documents related to the Assets, or any other information provided by or on behalf of the Debtors to a bidder, or any other matter or thing regarding the Assets. All bidders must acknowledge and agree that upon closing the Debtors shall sell and transfer to the Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder shall accept the Assets, except to the extent expressly provided in the Bankruptcy Court's order approving the Sale. Neither the Debtors nor any of their advisors will be liable for or bound by any express or implied warranties, guaranties, statements, representations, or information pertaining to the Assets or relating thereto that the Debtors, any advisor, or agent representing or purporting to represent the Debtors to whomever might have made or furnished, directly or indirectly, orally or in writing, unless (with respect to the Debtors only) specifically set forth in the Bankruptcy Court's order approving the Sale.

VI. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.

No later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline, the Debtors shall notify each Acceptable Bidder whether such party is a Qualified Bidder.

If any Bid is determined by the Debtors (after consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) not to be a Qualified Bid, the Debtors will refund such Acceptable Bidder's Deposit on or before the date that is five (5) business days after the Bid Deadline.

The Debtors may, in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, accept as a single Qualified Bid, multiple Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets such that, when taken together in the aggregate, such Bids would otherwise meet the standards for a single Qualified Bid. The Debtors may permit otherwise Qualified Bidders who submitted Bids by the Bid Deadline for less than a substantial (but nevertheless a material) portion of the Assets but who were not identified as a component of a single Qualified Bid consisting of such multiple Bids, to participate in the Auction and to submit higher or otherwise better Bids that in subsequent rounds of bidding may be considered, together with other Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets, as part of such a single Qualified Bid for Overbid (as defined herein) purposes.

Between the date that the Debtors notify an Acceptable Bidder that it is a Qualified Bidder and the Auction, the Debtors may discuss, negotiate, or seek clarification of any Qualified Bid from a Qualified Bidder. Without the prior written consent of the Debtors (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents), a Qualified Bidder may not modify, amend, or withdraw its Qualified Bid, except for proposed amendments to increase the consideration contemplated by, or otherwise improve the terms of, the Qualified Bid, during the period that such Qualified Bid remains binding as specified in these Bidding Procedures; provided that any Qualified Bid may be improved at the Auction as set forth herein. Any improved Qualified Bid must continue to comply with the requirements for Qualified Bids set forth in these Bidding Procedures.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors reserve the right (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) to work with (a) Acceptable Bidders to aggregate two or more Bids into a single consolidated Qualified Bid prior to the Bid

Deadline or (b) Qualified Bidders to aggregate two or more Qualified Bids into a single Qualifying Bid prior to the conclusion of the Auction. The Debtors reserve the right to cooperate with any Acceptable Bidder in advance of the Auction to cure any deficiencies in a Bid that is not initially deemed to be a Qualified Bid. The Debtors may accept a single Qualified Bid or multiple Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets such that, if the multiple Bids were taken together in the aggregate, they would otherwise meet the standards for a single Qualified Bid (in which event those multiple Acceptable Bidders shall be treated as a single Qualified Bidder for purposes of the Auction).

Each Qualified Bidder shall comply with all reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access requested by the Debtors or their advisors regarding the ability of such Qualified Bidder to consummate its contemplated transaction. Failure by a Qualified Bidder to comply with such reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access may be a basis for the Debtors to determine that such Acceptable Bidder is no longer a Qualified Bidder or that a Bid made by such Acceptable Bidder is not a Qualified Bid.

VII. RIGHT TO CREDIT BID.

Any Qualified Bidder who has a valid and perfected lien on any Assets of the Debtors' estates (a "Secured Creditor") shall have the right to credit bid all or a portion of the value of such Secured Creditor's claims within the meaning of section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that a Secured Creditor shall have the right to credit bid its claim only with respect to the collateral by which such Secured Creditor is secured.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Term Agent or its designee, the DIP Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (each as defined in the First Day Declaration), on behalf of those Term Loan Lenders, DIP Lenders, and Prepetition ABL Lenders (each as defined in the First Day Declaration), shall be deemed to be a Qualified Bidder and, subject to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, may submit a credit bid of all or any portion of the aggregate amount of such Term Loan Lenders', DIP Lenders', or Prepetition ABL Lenders' secured claims pursuant to section 363(k) at any time during the Auction and any such credit bid will be considered a Qualified Bid, unless otherwise ordered by the Court for cause; *provided* that in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement, the Consenting Term Lenders shall not submit a bid that exceeds the value of the Reserve Price (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement) in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement.

Any credit bid submitted by a Secured Creditor shall be subject in each case to the rights and duties of the parties under the Intercreditor Agreement and Prepetition Documents (as defined in the DIP Orders) and to the provision of consideration sufficient to pay in full in cash all claims for which there are any senior liens on the collateral Assets included in such Bid that are senior in priority to those of the party seeking to credit bid (unless such senior lien holder consents to alternative treatment)that is subject to the credit bid.

VIII. STALKING HORSE BID AND BID PROTECTIONS.

Upon entry of the Order, at any time until two (2) business days prior to the Auction, the Debtors shall be authorized, but not obligated, in an exercise of their business judgment, and in

consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, to (a) select one or more Acceptable Bidders to act as a stalking horse bidder in connection with the Auction (the "<u>Stalking Horse Bidder</u>") and (b) in connection with any stalking horse agreement with a Stalking Horse Bidder, (x) provide a breakup fee, (y) agree to reimburse the reasonable and documented out of pocket fees and expenses and/or (z) agree to pay a "work fee" or other similar cash fee ((x)-(z) collectively, the "<u>Bid Protections</u>"); *provided*, however, that any Bid Protections are reasonably acceptable to the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents.³ Any such stalking horse Bid Protections are authorized pursuant to the Order.

IX. THE AUCTION.

If the Debtors receive more than one Qualified Bid for any particular Asset or portion of Assets, the Debtors shall conduct the Auction to determine the Successful Bidder with respect to such Assets or portion of Assets. If the Debtors do not receive a Qualified Bid for any particular Asset, the Debtors will not conduct the Auction with respect to such Asset in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement.

Absent the Debtors selection of a stalking horse bid pursuant to Section VIII above, no later than two days prior to the Auction, the Debtors will notify all Qualified Bidders of the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid, as determined in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents (the "Baseline Bid"), and provide copies of the Bid Documents supporting the Baseline Bid to all Qualified Bidders. The determination of which Qualified Bid constitutes the Baseline Bid shall take into account any factors the Debtors reasonably deem relevant to the value of the Qualified Bid to the Debtors' estates, including, but not limited to, among other things: (a) the number, type, and nature of any changes to the Form Purchase Agreement requested by the Qualified Bidder, including the type and portion of the Assets sought and Assumed Obligations to be assumed in the Qualified Bid; (b) the amount and nature of the total consideration; (c) the net economic effect of any changes to the value to be received by the Debtors' estates from the transactions contemplated by the Bid Documents; (d) the tax consequences of such Qualified Bid; and (e) the ability and likelihood to close the transaction contemplated by the Qualified Bid (collectively, the "Bid Assessment Criteria").

D. Auction Participation

1. Time, Date and Location of Auction; Adjournment of Auction; Appearance of Qualified Bidders at Auction. The Auction shall take place at [●] a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on [Tuesday, March 31], 2020, at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or such later date, time, and location as designated by the Debtors, after providing notice to the Notice Parties and Qualified Bidders and posting notice of such change on the Debtors' case website: https://dm.epiq11.com/pier1. The Debtors shall have the right to conduct

Prior to giving Bid Protections to Stalking Horse Bidder, the Debtors shall consult with the U.S. Trustee, as well as counsel for an official committee of unsecured creditors should one be appointed in these chapter 11 cases, one (1) day prior to providing Bid Protections pursuant to the Order.

any number of Auctions on that date to accommodate multiple bids that comprise a single Qualified Bid, if the Debtors determine, in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, that conducting such auctions would be in the best interests of the Debtors' estates.

2. Participants and Attendees.⁴ Only Qualified Bidders are eligible to participate in the Auction, subject to other limitations as may be reasonably imposed by the Debtors in accordance with these Bidding Procedures. Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction must appear in person at the Auction, or through a duly authorized representative. The Auction will be conducted openly and all creditors may be permitted to attend; provided that the Debtors may, in their sole and exclusive discretion, establish a reasonable limit on the number of representatives and/or professional advisors that may appear on behalf of or accompany each Qualified Bidder or creditor at the Auction. Any creditor wishing to attend the Auction may do so by contacting, no later than three (3) business days prior to the start of the Auction, the Debtors' advisors.

E. Auction Procedures.

The Debtors (in consultation with their advisors) shall direct and preside over the Auction. At the start of the Auction, the Debtors shall describe the terms of the Baseline Bid. All incremental Bids made thereafter shall be Overbids (as defined below) and shall be made and received on an open basis in the presence of all other Qualified Bidders, and all material terms of each Overbid shall be fully disclosed to all other Qualified Bidders. All Qualified Bidders shall have the right to submit additional bids and make modifications to any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid at the Auction to improve their bids; *provided* that any Overbid made by a Qualified Bidder (including with respect to any Backup Bid (as defined below) must remain open and binding on the Qualified Bidder until and unless the Debtors accept a higher or otherwise better Qualified Bid as the Leading Bid. The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment, negotiate with any and all Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction. The Debtors shall maintain a written transcript of the Auction and of all Bids made and announced at the Auction, including the Baseline Bid, all Overbids, and the Successful Bid (as defined below).

The Auction shall be governed by the following procedures, subject to the Debtors' right to modify such procedures in their reasonable business judgment:

Permitted Attendees. Unless the Bankruptcy Court orders or directs otherwise, only the Debtors' representatives, any other parties that the Debtors have invited specifically, and any Qualified Bidders and the professionals for each of the foregoing shall be entitled to attend the Auction; *provided* that only Qualified Bidders shall be entitled to bid at the Auction. Any permitted attendee may attend the Auction telephonically; provided, further, that such permitted attendee must provide actual notice to Guggenheim, in its capacity as the Debtors' proposed investment banker, that it will make a telephonic appearance at least three (3) business day prior to the Auction. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Consenting Term Lenders, the DIP Agents, and their professionals shall be entitled to attend the Auction.

- 1. **Baseline Bid as Price Floor**. Bidding shall commence at the amount of the Baseline Bid.
- 2. *Minimum Overbid*. Qualified Bidders may submit successive Bids higher than the previous Bid, based on and increased from the Baseline Bid for the relevant Assets (each such Bid, an "Overbid"). Any Qualified Bidder's initial Overbid and each subsequent Overbid shall be at least a 2% increase in cash, cash equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent, over the previous price (the "Minimum Overbid"). The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment, announce increases or reductions to the Minimum Overbid at any time during the Auction. For the avoidance of doubt, each successive Bid that a Qualified Bidder may submit at the Auction must contain a Purchase Price in cash, cash equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent that exceeds the then existing highest Bid by at least the Minimum Overbid Amount.
- 3. Announcement of Rules. At commencement of the Auction, the Debtors may announce procedural and related rules governing the Auction, including time periods available to all Qualified Bidders to submit successive bid(s).
- 4. *Overbid Alterations*. An Overbid may contain alterations, modifications, additions, or deletions of any terms of the Bid no less favorable to the Debtors' estates than any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid, as determined in the Debtors' business judgment, but shall otherwise comply with the terms of these Bidding Procedures.
- 5. *Highest or Best Offer*. After the first round of bidding and between each subsequent round of bidding, the Debtors shall announce the Bid that they believe in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with their advisors and the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents to be the highest or otherwise best offer for the relevant Assets (the "Leading Bid"). Each round of bidding will conclude after each participating Qualified Bidder has had the opportunity to submit a subsequent Bid with full knowledge of the Leading Bid.
- 6. **Rejection of Bids**. The Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment may reject, at any time before entry of an order of the Court approving a Successful Bid, any Bid that the Debtors determine is (i) inadequate or insufficient, (ii) not in conformity with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bidding Procedures, or the terms and conditions of the Sale, or (iii) contrary to the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other stakeholders.
- 7. Additional Information. The Debtors have the right to request any additional information that will allow the Debtors to make a reasonable

determination as to a Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transactions contemplated by their proposal and any further information that the Debtors believe is reasonably necessary to clarify and evaluate any Bid made by a Qualified Bidder during the Auction.

- 8. *Modification of Procedures*. The Debtors may (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) announce at the Auction modified or additional procedures for conducting the Auction or otherwise modify these Bidding Procedures.
- 9. *No Collusion*. Each Qualified Bidder participating at the Auction will be required to confirm on the record at the Auction that (i) it has not engaged in any collusion with respect to the bidding and (ii) its Qualified Bid is a good-faith *bona fide* offer and it intends to consummate the proposed transaction if selected as the Successful Bidder.

F. Adjournment of the Auction.

The Debtors reserve the right, in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, to adjourn the Auction one or more times to, among other things (i) facilitate discussions between the Debtors and Qualified Bidders, (ii) allow Qualified Bidders to consider how they wish to proceed, and (iii) provide Qualified Bidders the opportunity to provide the Debtors with such additional evidence as the Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment, may require, that the Qualified Bidder has sufficient internal resources or has received sufficient non-contingent debt or equity funding commitments to consummate the proposed Sale Transaction(s) at the prevailing Bid amount.

G. Successful Bidder.

Immediately prior to the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors shall (i) determine, consistent with these Bidding Procedures and upon consultation with their advisors and the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, which Bid constitutes the highest or otherwise best bid(s) for the applicable Assets (each such Bid, a "Successful Bid") using the Bid Assessment Criteria; and (ii) notify all Qualified Bidders at the Auction for the applicable Assets of the identity of the Qualified Bidder that submitted the Successful Bid (each such Qualified Bidder, the "Successful Bidder") and the amount of the Purchase Price and other material terms of the Successful Bid. The terms of the Successful Bid shall be acceptable to the DIP Agents and shall, among other things, provide for cash proceeds in an amount sufficient to repay in full in cash the outstanding DIP Obligations under the DIP Documents (each as defined in the DIP Orders) and all of the Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Orders), to the extent any Prepetition ABL Obligations are still outstanding; provided that if more than one Bid provides for payment in full in cash of the outstanding DIP Obligations, then the Debtors shall not be required to consult with the DIP Agents in selecting the Successful Bid.

The Debtors shall file a notice identifying the Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder (if selected) by 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is one business day following the date the Auction is closed.

H. Backup Bidder.

Notwithstanding anything in these Bidding Procedures to the contrary, if an Auction is conducted, the Qualified Bidder with the next-highest or otherwise second-best Qualified Bid at the Auction for the Assets, as determined by the Debtors in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (the "Backup Bid"), shall be required to serve as a backup bidder and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents (the "Backup Bidder"), and each Qualified Bidder shall agree and be deemed to agree to be the Backup Bidder if so designated. The terms of the Backup Bid shall be acceptable to the DIP Agents and shall, among other things, provide for cash proceeds in an amount sufficient to repay in full in cash the outstanding DIP Obligations under the DIP Documents (each as defined in the DIP Orders) and all of the Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Orders), to the extent any Prepetition ABL Obligations are still outstanding.

The identity of the Backup Bidder and the amount and material terms of the Qualified Bid of the Backup Bidder shall be announced by the Debtors at the conclusion of the Auction at the same time the Debtors announce the identity of the Successful Bidder.

If a Successful Bidder fails to consummate the approved transactions contemplated by its Successful Bid, the Debtors may select the Backup Bidder as the Successful Bidder, and such Backup Bidder shall be deemed a Successful Bidder for all purposes. The Debtors will be authorized, but not required, to consummate all transactions contemplated by the Bid of such Backup Bidder without further order of the Court or notice to any party.

X. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL BID.

The Debtors' presentation of a particular Successful Bid to the Court for approval does not constitute the Debtors' acceptance of such Qualified Bid. The Debtors will be deemed to have accepted a Bid only when the Bid has been approved by the Court at the Sale/Confirmation Hearing (as defined below) and in accordance with the Plan. The Debtors shall seek approval by the Court to consummate the Backup Bid, solely in the event the Successful Bidder fails to close the transaction as required and with all rights reserved against the Successful Bidder.

XI. FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY AND ALL ENCUMBRANCES.

Except as provided for in a Successful Bidder's Form Purchase Agreement, all rights, titles and interests in and to the Assets subject thereto shall be sold free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances (collectively, the "Encumbrances"), subject only to the Assumed Liabilities (as defined in the Successful Bidder's purchase agreement), if any, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 363(f), with such Encumbrances to attach to the net proceeds (if any) received by the Debtors from the Sale of the Assets in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, applicable non-bankruptcy law and any prior orders of the Court.

XII. DIP ORDERS.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bidding Procedures or otherwise: (i) the right of the DIP Agents to consent to the sale of any portion of their collateral, including, without limitation, any Assets, on terms and conditions acceptable to the DIP Agents, are hereby expressly reserved and not modified, waived or impaired in any way by these Bidding Procedures; (ii) unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all cash proceeds generated from the sale of any Assets shall be paid to the DIP Administrative Agent upon the closing of such sale for permanent application against the obligations owing by the Debtors under the DIP Documents in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP Order and the DIP Documents and thereafter, against the obligations owing by the Debtors under the Prepetition ABL Documents (to the extent any such obligations are still outstanding), in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Prepetition ABL Documents, until such time as all DIP Obligations and Prepetition ABL Obligations have been paid in full in cash in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP Documents, the DIP Order and the Prepetition ABL Documents, as applicable; and (iii) nothing in these Bidding Procedures shall amend, modify, or impair any provision of the DIP Order, or the rights of the Debtors or the DIP Agents or DIP Lenders thereunder.

XIII. COMMISSIONS.

The Debtors shall be under no obligation to pay commission to any agent(s), advisor(s), or broker(s), except, with respect to Guggenheim Securities, LLC ("Guggenheim"), as investment banker. All commissions, fees, or expenses for agents, other than Guggenheim, may be paid by bidders at such bidder's discretion. In no case shall any commissions, fees, or expenses be deducted from any proceeds derived from the Sale of the Assets or the agreed Successful Bid other than to the extent set forth in the Order.

XIV. NOTICE PARTIES.

The term "Notice Parties" as used in these Bidding Procedures shall mean:

- (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, York, New York 10022, Attn: Joshua Sussberg New (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) AnnElyse Scarlett Gains and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com);
- (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite Condyles 1000. Richmond. Virginia, 23219. Attn: Michael (michael.condyles@kutakrock.com), Peter Barrett (peter.barrett@kutakrock.com), Williams Jeremy (jeremy.williams@kutakrock.com), and Brian Richardson (brian.richardson@kutakrock.com);
- (iii) the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini

- (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com),AdamRifkin(adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com),StuartErickson(stuart.erickson@guggenheimpartners.com),and HendAbdallah(hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com);
- (iv) co-counsel to the DIP Agents, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn: Marjorie S. Crider (Marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com);
- (v) co-counsel to the DIP Agents, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attn: Tyler P. Brown (tpbrown@huntonAK.com) and Justin Paget (jpaget@huntonAK.com);
- (vi) co-counsel to the DIP Agents, Choate Hall & Stewart, Two International Place, Boston, MA 02110, Attn: Mark D. Silva (msilva@choate.com), John F. Ventola (jventola@choate.com), and Jonathan D. Marshall (jmarshall@choate.com);
- counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders, Brown Rudnick LLP, Seven Times (vii) Square, York, New York 10036, Robert Stark Attn: (rstark@brownrudnick.com), and Brown Rudnick LLP, One Financial Center, Boston. Massachusetts 02111. Sharon Dwoskin Attn: (sdwoskin@brownrudnick.com); and
- (viii) the U.S. Trustee.

XV. SALE/CONFIRMATION HEARING.

A hearing to consider confirmation of a plan, including approval of the sale of the Debtors' Assets to the Successful Bidder(s), or Backup Bidder(s) (if applicable) (the "Sale/Confirmation Hearing") is currently scheduled to take place on **Thursday**, **April 23**, **2020**, at [●], (prevailing Eastern Time), before the Honorable [●], at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, 701 East Broad Street, Suite 4000, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or such other date and time that the Court may later direct and as agreed upon by the Debtors.

The Sale/Confirmation Hearing may be continued to a later date by the Debtors (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) by sending notice prior to, or making an announcement at, the Sale/Confirmation Hearing. No further notice of any such continuance will be required to be provided to any party.

XVI. RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

The Deposit of the Successful Bidder shall be applied to the Purchase Price of such transaction at closing. The Deposits for each Qualified Bidder shall be held in one or more accounts on terms acceptable to the Debtors in their sole discretion and shall be returned (other than with respect to the Successful Bidder and the Backup Bidder) on or before the date that is five business days after the Auction.

The Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be held in escrow until the closing of the Sale with the Successful Bidder. In the event the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the Sale Transaction(s) set forth in the Successful Bid and the Debtors opt to close on the Sale Transaction(s) set forth in the Backup Bid, the Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be applied to the Purchase Price of such transaction(s) at closing. In the event of a breach or failure to consummate a Sale by the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder, as applicable, the defaulting Successful Bidder's Deposit or Backup Bidder's Deposit, as applicable, shall be forfeited to the Debtors, and the Debtors specifically reserve the right to seek all available remedies against the defaulting Successful Bidder or Backup Bidder, as applicable.

XVII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

The Debtors reserve their rights to modify these Bidding Procedures in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents in any manner that will best promote the goals of the bidding process, or impose, at or prior to the conclusion of the Auction, additional customary terms and conditions on the sale of the Assets, including, without limitation: (a) extending the deadlines set forth in these Bidding Procedures; (b) adjourning the Auction at the Auction and/or adjourning the Sale/Confirmation Hearing without further notice; (c) adding procedural rules that are reasonably necessary or advisable under the circumstances for conducting the Auction; (d) canceling the Auction; and (e) rejecting any or all Bids or Qualified Bids.

XVIII. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.

All Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders, and Qualified Bidders shall be deemed to have consented to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court and waived any right to a jury trial in connection with any disputes relating to the Auction, the construction and enforcement of these Bidding Procedures, and/or the Bid Documents, as applicable.

XIX. FIDUCIARY OUT.

Nothing in these Bidding Procedures shall require the Debtors' (or any other debtors') management or board of directors to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to these Bidding Procedures when the Debtors' management or board of directors (or other debtors' management or board of directors) determine, based on the advice of their counsel, that taking such action or refraining from taking such action, as applicable, is required to comply with applicable law or their fiduciary obligations under applicable law.

Exhibit 1

Form Purchase Agreement

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FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF [•], 2020 BY AND BETWEEN [•], AS PURCHASER,

AND

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., AS THE COMPANY,
AND

THE OTHER SELLERS NAMED HEREIN¹

This is a draft agreement only, and delivery or discussion of this draft agreement is not, and will not be deemed or construed to be, an offer or commitment with respect to the proposed transaction to which this draft agreement relates. Notwithstanding the delivery of this draft agreement or any other past, present or future written or oral indications of assent, or indications of the result of negotiations or agreements, no party to the proposed transaction (and no person or entity related to any such party) will be under any legal obligation whatsoever unless and until the definitive agreement providing for the transaction has been executed and delivered by all parties thereto; provided, however, that any party who submits a marked up version of this draft agreement as part of a binding Qualified Bid pursuant to the Bidding Procedures will be subject to the legal obligation related thereto, as set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order.²

NTD: Seller entities to be confirmed.

² Capitalized terms in this paragraph have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Bidding Procedures Order.

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ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of [●], 2020, by and among [●], a [●] ("<u>Purchaser</u>"),³ Pier 1 Imports, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the Subsidiaries of the Company that are indicated on the signature pages attached hereto (together with the Company, each a "<u>Seller</u>" and collectively "<u>Sellers</u>"). Purchaser and Sellers are referred to herein individually as a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Parties</u>." Capitalized terms used in herein shall have the meanings set forth herein or in <u>Article XI</u>.

WHEREAS, the Company and the other Sellers filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond Division) (the "Bankruptcy Court"), which chapter 11 cases will be jointly administered for procedural purposes (collectively, the "Bankruptcy Case"); and

WHEREAS, Purchaser desires to purchase the Acquired Assets and assume the Assumed Liabilities from Sellers, and Sellers desire to sell, convey, assign, and transfer to Purchaser the Acquired Assets together with the Assumed Liabilities, in a sale authorized by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to, *inter alia*, sections 105, 363, 365, 1129, 1141 and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, in accordance with the other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the local rules for the Bankruptcy Court, all on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Plan and subject to entry of the Confirmation Order and consummation of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements set forth herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Purchaser and Sellers hereby agree as follows.

ARTICLE I

PURCHASE AND SALE OF THE ACQUIRED ASSETS; ASSUMPTION OF ASSUMED LIABILITIES

1.1 Purchase and Sale of the Acquired Assets. Pursuant to sections 105, 363, 365, 1129, 1141 and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Confirmation Order and subject to the consummation of the Plan, at the Closing, Sellers shall sell, transfer, assign, convey, and deliver to Purchaser, and Purchaser shall purchase, acquire, and accept from Sellers, all of Sellers' right, title and interest in and to the Acquired Assets, free and clear of all Encumbrances other than Permitted Encumbrances. "Acquired Assets" means all of the properties, rights, interests and other assets of Sellers, whether tangible or intangible, real, personal, or mixed, wherever located and whether or not required to be reflected on a balance sheet

NTD: In the event that Purchaser is a newly formed or undercapitalized entity, Purchaser will be required to provide a guarantee of its obligations under the Purchase Agreement from a creditworthy Affiliate. In addition, if Purchaser presents enforceability concerns or regulatory risk (including, e.g., regarding ability to deliver cash to the U.S.), the Purchase Agreement will include further provisions mitigating, or compensating Seller for, such Purchaser risks.

prepared in accordance with GAAP, including any such properties, rights, interests, and other assets acquired by Sellers after the date hereof and prior to the Closing, and including the following assets of Sellers (but excluding in all cases the Excluded Assets):

- (a) all Contracts to which any Seller is a party, including the Contracts listed on <u>Schedule 1.1(a)</u> and all purchase orders, to the extent assignable under applicable Law (the "Assigned Contracts");
- (b) all accounts receivable, negotiable instruments and chattel paper owing from Persons that are not Sellers;
 - (c) all Documents;
- (d) the Owned Real Property listed on <u>Schedule 1.1(d)</u> (the "<u>Acquired Owned Real Property</u>");
- (e) the Leased Real Property listed on <u>Schedule 1.1(e)</u> (the "<u>Acquired Leased Real Property</u>"), including any Leasehold Improvements and all permanent fixtures, improvements, and appurtenances thereto;
- (f) all tangible assets (including Equipment and machinery) of Sellers, including the tangible assets of Sellers located at any Acquired Leased Real Property or Acquired Owned Real Property and any tangible assets on order to be delivered to any Seller;
- (g) to the extent transferable under applicable Law, all of the rights, interests and benefits accruing under all Permits, and all pending applications therefor;
- (h) the sponsorship of each Assumed Benefit Plan and all right, title and interest in any assets thereof or relating thereto;
- (i) all Intellectual Property, all rights to collect royalties and proceeds in connection therewith with respect to the period from and after the Closing, all rights to sue and recover for past, present and future infringements, dilutions, misappropriations of, or other conflicts with, such Intellectual Property and any and all corresponding rights that, now or hereafter, may be secured throughout the world;
- (j) all goodwill, payment intangibles and general intangible assets and rights of Sellers; and
 - (k) all Inventory of Sellers.
- 1.2 <u>Excluded Assets</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in no event shall Sellers be deemed to sell, transfer, assign, or convey, and Sellers shall retain all right, title and interest to, in and under the following assets, properties, interests and rights of such Seller (collectively, the "<u>Excluded Assets</u>"):
- (a) all assets expressly excluded from the definition of Acquired Assets pursuant to Section 1.1;

- (b) all Cash and Cash Equivalents, all bank accounts, and all deposits (including maintenance deposits, customer deposits, and security deposits for rent, electricity, telephone or otherwise) or prepaid or deferred charges and expenses, including all lease and rental payments, that have been prepaid by any Seller, and any retainers or similar amounts paid to Advisors or other professional service providers;
- (c) all Contracts of Sellers listed on <u>Schedule 1.2(c)</u> (the "<u>Excluded Contracts</u>");
- (d) all Documents (i) to the extent they relate to any of the Excluded Assets or Excluded Liabilities (including information stored on the computer systems, data networks or servers of any Seller); (ii) that are Sellers' financial accounting Documents, all minute books, organizational documents, stock registers and such other books and records of any Seller as pertaining to ownership, organization or existence of such Seller, Tax Returns (and any related work papers) and any other Tax information or records, corporate seal, checkbooks, and canceled checks; (iii) that any Seller is required by Law to retain; or (iv) constituting personal data or information that are governed under any applicable Canadian Privacy Law, or collected from natural persons with addresses, e-mails, or phone numbers in Canada; provided that, to the extent not prohibited by applicable Law, Purchaser shall have the right to make copies of any portions of such Documents;
- (e) all Documents prepared or received by any Seller or any of its Affiliates in connection with the sale of the Acquired Assets, this Agreement, or the transactions contemplated hereby, including (i) all records and reports prepared or received by Sellers, any of their respective Affiliates or Advisors in connection with the sale of the Acquired Assets and the transactions contemplated hereby, including all analyses relating to the business of Purchaser or its Affiliates so prepared or received, (ii) all bids and expressions of interest received from third parties with respect to the acquisition of any of Sellers' businesses or assets; (iii) all privileged materials, documents and records of a Seller or any of its Affiliates; and (iv) copies of the documents, materials and data to the extent related to the Acquired Assets prior to the Closing Date;
- (f) all current and prior insurance policies of any of Sellers that are not Assumed Benefit Plans or International Seller Plans, including for the avoidance or doubt all director and officer insurance policies, and all rights and benefits of any nature of Sellers with respect thereto, including all insurance recoveries thereunder and rights to assert claims with respect to any such insurance recoveries;
- (g) all membership interests or other equity interests of any Seller or any of their respective Subsidiaries or securities convertible into, exchangeable, or exercisable for any such membership interests or other equity interests;
- (h) the sponsorship of all United States Seller Plans, other than the Assumed Benefit Plans, and any right, title or interest in any of the assets thereof or relating thereto;
- (i) (i) all preference or avoidance claims or actions arising under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable Law, (ii) all other rights, claims, causes of action, rights of recovery, rights of set-off, and rights of recoupment as of the Closing of any Seller, in each case,

arising out of or relating to events occurring on or prior to the Closing Date, and (iii) all claims that any of Sellers may have against any Person with respect to any other Excluded Assets or any Excluded Liabilities;

- (j) Sellers' claims or other rights under this Agreement, including the Purchase Price hereunder, or any agreement, certificate, instrument, or other document executed and delivered between any Seller and Purchaser in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, or any other agreement between any Seller and Purchaser entered into on or after the date hereof;
- (k) all Tax refunds and Tax attributes that are not transferred by the operation of applicable Tax Law;
- (l) all real estate and all interests in real estate other than the Acquired Owned Real Property and the Acquired Leased Real Property, including any Leasehold Improvements thereon;
- (m) all demands, allowances, refunds, rebates (including any vendor or supplier rebates), rights (including under or with respect to express or implied guarantees, warranties, representations, covenants and indemnities), claims, counterclaims, defenses, credits, causes of action, rights of set off, rights of recovery or rights of recoupment relating to or arising against suppliers, vendors, merchants, manufacturers and counterparties to leases, licenses or any Contract, arising out of or relating to events occurring on or prior to the Closing Date; and
 - (n) the properties and assets set forth on Schedule 1.2(n).
- 1.3 <u>Assumption of Certain Liabilities</u>. On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Confirmation Order and subject to the consummation of the Plan, effective as of the Closing, in addition to the payment of the Cash Payment in accordance with <u>Section 2.1</u>, Purchaser shall irrevocably assume from Sellers (and from and after the Closing pay, perform, discharge, or otherwise satisfy in accordance with their respective terms), and Sellers shall irrevocably convey, transfer, and assign to Purchaser, only the following Liabilities, without duplication and only to the extent not paid prior to the Closing (collectively, the "<u>Assumed Liabilities</u>"):
- (a) all Liabilities of Sellers under the Assigned Contracts that become due from and after the Closing;
- (b) all cure costs required to be paid pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with the assumption and assignment of the Assigned Contracts (the "<u>Cure Costs</u>");
- (c) all Liabilities arising out of the conduct of the business or the ownership of the Acquired Assets, in each case, by Purchaser from and after the Closing Date;
- (d) all current Liabilities, including all accounts payable and trade payables existing on the Closing Date (including, for the avoidance of doubt, (i) invoiced accounts payable and (ii) accrued but uninvoiced accounts payable), of Sellers;

- (e) all Liabilities, including, for the avoidance of doubt, Taxes other than income Taxes of Sellers, relating to amounts required to be paid, or actions required to be taken or not to be taken, by Purchaser under this Agreement and all Transfer Taxes;
- (f) all Taxes with respect to which "responsible person" claims may be made against any individual employee, manager, officer, director, or similar person ("Responsible Person Taxes"); provided that such Liabilities shall constitute Assumed Liabilities solely to the extent Sellers are unable to discharge Responsible Person Taxes due to the operation of the Bankruptcy Code or a lack of available funds; provided, further, that (i) Sellers shall take all commercially reasonable steps to discharge Responsible Person Taxes in a way that avoids such Taxes becoming Assumed Liabilities and (ii) Sellers shall promptly notify Purchaser in the event they become aware of a material possibility that any Responsible Person Taxes will become Assumed Liabilities;
- (g) the sponsorship of and all Liabilities at any time arising under, pursuant to or in connection with the United States Seller Plans set forth on Schedule 1.3(g)⁴ (the "Assumed Benefit Plans") and all Liabilities for compliance with the requirements of Section 4980B of the Code and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to all individuals who are "M&A qualified beneficiaries" as such term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 54.4980B-9;
- (h) all Liabilities relating to, arising out of, with respect to, or otherwise resulting from, the employment or engagement of or termination of employment or engagement of any applicant, employee, director, officer, independent contractor, consultant, agent, or other service provider of Sellers at, prior to or in connection with the Closing;
- (i) all Liabilities agreed to be assumed by Purchaser or for which Purchaser has agreed to be responsible in accordance with this Agreement;
- (j) all Liabilities owed to vendors and customers that are providing goods or services to, or purchasing products or services from, the Company or are reasonably expected to, after the Closing, provide goods or services to, or purchase products or services from, the Company;
 - (k) Liabilities arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code; and
 - (l) all Liabilities set forth on Schedule 1.3(l).
- 1.4 <u>Excluded Liabilities</u>. Purchaser shall not assume, be obligated to pay, perform or otherwise discharge or in any other manner be liable or responsible for any Liabilities of, or Action against, Sellers or relating to the Acquired Assets, of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether absolute, accrued, contingent or otherwise, liquidated or unliquidated, due or to become due, known or unknown, currently existing or hereafter arising, matured or unmatured, direct or indirect, and however arising, whether existing on the Closing Date or arising thereafter as a result of any act, omission, or circumstances taking place prior to the Closing, other than the Assumed

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NTD: Purchaser to confirm which plans, if any, will be taken.

Liabilities (all such Liabilities that are not Assumed Liabilities being referred to collectively herein as the "Excluded Liabilities").

1.5 <u>Assumption/Rejection of Certain Contracts.</u>

- Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts. Sellers shall provide timely and proper written notice of the motion seeking entry of the Confirmation Order to all parties to any executory Contracts or unexpired leases to which any Seller is a party that are Assigned Contracts and take all other actions reasonably necessary to cause such Contracts to be assumed by Sellers and assigned to Purchaser pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent that such Contracts are Assigned Contracts at Closing. The Confirmation Order shall provide that as of and conditioned on the occurrence of the Closing, Sellers shall assign or cause to be assigned to Purchaser, as applicable, the Assigned Contracts, each of which shall be identified by the name or appropriate description and date of the Assigned Contract (if available), the other party to the Assigned Contract and the address of such party for notice purposes, all included on an exhibit attached to either the Plan Supplement, a notice filed in connection with the motion for approval of the Confirmation Order or a separate motion for authority to assume and assign such Assigned Contracts. Such exhibit shall also set forth Sellers' good faith estimate of the amounts necessary to cure any defaults under each of the Assigned Contracts as determined by Sellers based on Sellers' books and records or as otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court. At the Closing, Sellers shall, pursuant to the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and the Assignment and Assumption Agreement(s), assume and assign to Purchaser (the consideration for which is included in the Purchase Price), all Assigned Contracts that may be assigned by any such Seller to Purchaser pursuant to sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 1.5(b). At the Closing, Purchaser shall (i) pay all Cure Costs and (ii) assume, and thereafter in due course and in accordance with its respective terms pay, fully satisfy, discharge and perform all of the obligations under each Assigned Contract pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (b) Excluding or Adding Assigned Contracts Prior to Closing. Purchaser shall have the right to notify Sellers in writing of any Assigned Contract (other than any purchase orders) that it does not wish to assume or a Contract to which any Seller is a party that Purchaser wishes to add as an Assigned Contract up to one (1) Business Day prior to the Bid Deadline (as defined in the Bidding Procedures Order), and (i) any such previously considered Assigned Contract that Purchaser no longer wishes to assume shall be automatically deemed removed from the Schedules related to Assigned Contracts and automatically deemed added to the Schedules related to Excluded Contracts, in each case, without any adjustment to the Purchase Price, and (ii) any such previously considered Excluded Contract that Purchaser wishes to assume as an Assigned Contract shall be automatically deemed added to the Schedules related to Assigned Contracts, automatically deemed removed from the Schedules related to Excluded Contracts, and assumed by Sellers to sell and assign to Purchaser, in each case, without any adjustment to the Purchase Price. Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment, performance and discharge when due of the Liabilities under the Assigned Contracts arising or that are otherwise payable from the time of and after the Closing.
- (c) <u>Non-Assignment</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Contract shall not be an Assigned Contract hereunder and shall not be assigned to, or assumed by, Purchaser to the extent

that such Contract (i) is rejected by a Seller or terminated by a Seller or any other party thereto, or terminates or expires by its terms, on or prior to such time as it is to be assumed by Purchaser as an Assigned Contract hereunder and is not continued or otherwise extended upon assumption or (ii) requires a Consent or Governmental Authorization (other than, and in addition to, that of the Bankruptcy Court) in order to permit the sale or transfer to Purchaser of the applicable Seller's rights under such Contract, and such Consent or Governmental Authorization has not been obtained prior to such time as it is to be assumed by Purchaser as an Assigned Contract hereunder. In addition, a Permit shall not be assigned to, or assumed by, Purchaser to the extent that such Permit requires a Consent or Governmental Authorization (other than, and in addition to, that of the Bankruptcy Court) in order to permit the sale or transfer to Purchaser of the applicable Seller's rights under such Permit, and no such Consent or Governmental Authorization has been obtained prior to the Closing. In the event that any Assigned Contract is deemed not to be assigned pursuant to clause (ii) of the first sentence of this Section 1.5(b), the Closing shall nonetheless take place subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and, thereafter, through the earlier of such time as such Consent or Governmental Authorization is obtained and six (6) months following the Closing (or the remaining term of such Contract or the closing of the Bankruptcy Case, if shorter), Sellers and Purchaser shall (A) use reasonable best efforts to secure such Consent or Governmental Authorization as promptly as practicable after the Closing and (B) cooperate in good faith in any lawful and commercially reasonable arrangement reasonably proposed by Purchaser, including subcontracting, licensing, or sublicensing to Purchaser any or all of any Seller's rights and obligations with respect to any such Assigned Contract, under which (1) Purchaser shall obtain (without infringing upon the legal rights of such third party or violating any Law) the economic rights and benefits (net of the amount of any related Tax costs imposed on Sellers or their respective Affiliates) under such Assigned Contract with respect to which the Consent and/or Governmental Authorization has not been obtained and (2) Purchaser shall assume any related burden and obligation (including performance) with respect to such Assigned Contract. Upon satisfying any requisite Consent or Governmental Authorization requirement applicable to such Assigned Contract after the Closing, such Assigned Contract shall promptly be transferred and assigned to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Plan, the Confirmation Order and the Bankruptcy Code.

ARTICLE II

CONSIDERATION; PAYMENT; CLOSING

2.1 Consideration; Payment.

- (a) The aggregate consideration (collectively, the "<u>Purchase Price</u>") to be paid by Purchaser for the purchase of the Acquired Assets shall be: (i) the assumption of Assumed Liabilities and (ii) a cash payment of \$[•] (the "Cash Payment").
- (b) At the Closing, Purchaser shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Company the Cash Payment <u>less</u> the Deposit (the "<u>Closing Date Payment</u>"). The Closing Date Payment and any payment required to be made pursuant to any other provision hereof shall be made in cash by wire transfer of immediately available funds to such bank account as shall be designated in writing by the applicable Party to (or for the benefit of) whom such payment is to be made at least two Business Days prior to the date such payment is to be made.

2.2 Deposit.

- (a) Purchaser has, on or prior to the date hereof, made an earnest money deposit with [SRS Acquiom, Inc.] (the "Escrow Agent") in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment (the "Deposit"), by wire transfer of immediately available funds for deposit into a separate escrow account (the "Deposit Escrow Account"), established pursuant to the escrow agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among the Company, Purchaser and the Escrow Agent, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit E (the "Escrow Agreement"). The Deposit shall not be subject to any lien, attachment, trustee process, or any other judicial process of any creditor of any of Sellers or Purchaser and shall be applied against payment of the Cash Payment on the Closing Date.
- (b) If this Agreement has been terminated by the Company pursuant to Section 8.1(f) or 8.1(h) (or by Purchaser pursuant to Section 8.1(b), 8.1(c), 8.1(d) or 8.1(e), in each case in circumstances where the Company would be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(f) or 8.1(h)), then the Company shall retain the Deposit together with all received investment income, if any.
- (c) If this Agreement has been terminated by any Party, other than as contemplated by <u>Section 2.2(b)</u>, then the Deposit, together with all received investment income, if any, shall be returned to Purchaser within five (5) Business Days after such termination.
- (d) The Parties agree that the Company's right to retain the Deposit, as set forth in <u>Section 2.2(b)</u>, is not a penalty, but rather is liquidated damages in a reasonable amount that will compensate Sellers for their respective efforts and resources expended and the opportunities foregone while negotiating this Agreement and in reliance on this Agreement and on the expectation of the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, which amount would otherwise be impossible to calculate with precision.
 - (e) If the Closing occurs, the Deposit shall be transferred to the Company.
- Closing. The closing of the purchase and sale of the Acquired Assets, the delivery of the Cash Payment, the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities and the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement (the "Closing") will take place by telephone conference and electronic exchange of documents (or, if the Parties agree to hold a physical closing, at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, located at 300 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60654) at 8:00 a.m. Chicago time on the second (2nd) Business Day following full satisfaction or due waiver (by the Party entitled to the benefit of such condition) of the closing conditions set forth in Article VII (other than conditions that by their terms or nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of those conditions), or at such other place and time as the Parties may agree. The date on which the Closing actually occurs is referred to herein as the "Closing Date."
- 2.4 <u>Closing Deliveries by Sellers</u>. At or prior to the Closing, Sellers shall deliver to Purchaser:
- (a) a bill of sale and assignment and assumption agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A (the "Assignment and Assumption Agreement") duly executed by Sellers;

- (b) each IP Assignment Agreement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, duly executed by the Sellers party thereto;
 - (c) a copy of the Confirmation Order, as entered by the Bankruptcy Court;
- (d) a duly executed IRS Form W-9 with respect to each Seller (or, in the case of any disregarded entity, the regarded parent entity of such Seller);
- (e) an officer's certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, executed by a duly authorized officer of the Company certifying that the conditions set forth in Sections 7.2(b) and 7.2(c) have been satisfied; and
- (f) a joint written instruction, duly executed by Sellers, instructing the Escrow Agent to release to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds, the Deposit.
- 2.5 <u>Closing Deliveries by Purchaser</u>. At the Closing, Purchaser shall deliver to (or at the direction of) the Company:
 - (a) the Closing Date Payment;
 - (b) the Assignment and Assumption Agreement, duly executed by Purchaser;
- (c) an officer's certificate, dated as of the Closing Date, executed by a duly authorized officer of Purchaser certifying that the conditions set forth in Sections 7.3(a), 7.3(b) and 7.3(c) have been satisfied; and
- (d) a joint written instruction, duly executed by Purchaser, instructing the Escrow Agent to release to the Company by wire transfer of immediately available funds, the Deposit.
- 2.6 <u>Withholding</u>. Purchaser shall not be entitled to deduct and withhold from any amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement, except to the extent resulting from Seller's failure to satisfy its obligations under Section 2.4(d).

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF SELLERS

Except as (i) disclosed in the forms, reports, schedules, statements, exhibits and other documents filed with (or furnished to) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company to the extent publicly available on the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System, (ii) disclosed in any forms, statements or other documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court or (iii) set forth in the Schedules delivered by the Company concurrently herewith and Sections 6.7(a) and 10.10, the Sellers represent and warrant to Purchaser as follows as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date.

3.1 <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries (a) is an entity duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the

jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, as applicable, (b) has all requisite power and authority to own and operate its properties and to carry on its businesses as now conducted, subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and (c) is qualified to do business and is in good standing (or its equivalent) in every jurisdiction in which its ownership of property or the conduct of its business as now conducted requires it to qualify, except where the failure to be so qualified would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Agreement by each Seller, and the consummation by such Seller of the transactions contemplated hereby, subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate or similar organizational action, and no other corporate or similar organizational proceedings on its part are necessary to authorize the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by such Seller. Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, this Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by such Seller, and, assuming this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of Purchaser, this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of such Seller, enforceable against such Seller in accordance with its terms, except as limited by the application of bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium, or other Laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights or general principles of equity (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) (the "Enforceability Exceptions").

3.3 Conflicts; Consents.

- (a) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.3(a) and assuming that (w) requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals are obtained, (x) the notices, authorizations, approvals, Orders, permits or consents set forth on Schedule 3.3(b) are made, given or obtained (as applicable), (y) the requirements of the HSR Act and any other applicable antitrust, competition or merger control Laws promulgated by any Governmental Body ("Foreign Competition Laws") are complied with, and (z) any filings required by any applicable federal or state securities or "blue sky" Laws are made, the execution, delivery and performance by Sellers of this Agreement and the consummation by Sellers of the transactions contemplated hereby, do not: (i) violate the certificate of formation, limited liability company agreement or equivalent organizational documents of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries; (ii) violate any Law applicable to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or by which any property or asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound; or (iii) result in any breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) under, create in any party thereto the right to terminate or cancel, or require any consent under, or result in the creation or imposition of any Encumbrance (other than a Permitted Encumbrance) on any property or asset of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under, any Lease or Contract listed on Schedule 3.8(a); except, in each case, for any such violations, breaches, defaults or other occurrences that are not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- (b) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.3(b)</u>, Sellers are not required to file, seek or obtain any notice, authorization, approval, Order, permit, or consent of or with any Governmental Body in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by Sellers of this Agreement or the consummation by Sellers of the transactions contemplated hereby, except (i) requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, (ii) any filings required to be made under the HSR Act

and any Foreign Competition Laws, (iii) such filings as may be required by any applicable federal or state securities or "blue sky" Laws, (iv) where failure to obtain such consent, approval, authorization or action, or to make such filing or notification, is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or (v) as may be necessary as a result of any facts or circumstances relating to Purchaser or any of its Affiliates.

- 3.4 <u>Financial Statements</u>. Attached to <u>Schedule 3.4</u> are: (a) the Company's unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of November 30, 2019 (the "<u>Latest Balance Sheet</u>"), and the related statements of income and cash flows for the six (6)-fiscal month period then ended, and (b) the Company's audited consolidated balance sheet as of, and the related statements of income and cash flows for the fiscal year ended, February 2, 2019 (collectively, the "<u>Financial Statements</u>"). Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.4</u>, the Financial Statements have been prepared, in each case, in conformity in all material respects with GAAP consistently applied and present fairly in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP consistently applied, the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the dates and for the periods referred to therein, except as may be indicated in the notes thereto and subject, in the case of the unaudited financial statements, to (y) the absence of footnote disclosures and other presentation items and (z) changes resulting from normal year-end adjustments (which are expected to be consistent with past practice).
- Absence of Certain Developments. Since the Latest Balance Sheet through the date of this Agreement except (a) for the execution of this Agreement and consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, and the discussions and negotiations with, presentations and provision of other diligence to and similar engagement with other potential bidders for the Acquired Assets, the negotiation and execution of this Agreement and (b) for the preparation and commencement of the Bankruptcy Case and Sellers' debtor-in-possession financing in the Bankruptcy Case, the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries has been carried on and conducted in all material respects in the Ordinary Course, and there has not been any Material Adverse Effect or any effect, change, event or occurrence that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

3.6 Title to Properties.

(a) <u>Schedule 3.6(a)</u> contains a list of all real property leased by the Company and its Subsidiaries (the "<u>Leased Real Property</u>") and the agreements pursuant to which such Leased Real Property is leased (the "<u>Leases</u>"), in each case as of the date hereof. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.6(a)</u>, subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, and assumption by the applicable Seller of the applicable Lease in accordance with applicable Law (including satisfaction of any applicable Cure Costs) and except as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case, the Company or its Subsidiaries have a valid leasehold estate in all of the Acquired Leased Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Permitted Encumbrances. The Company has made available to Purchaser a correct and complete copy of each of the Leases (including all amendments thereto) governing the Acquired Leased Real Property. Except as set forth in <u>Schedule 3.6(a)</u>, neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries has leased or otherwise granted to any Person rights to use or occupy any of the Acquired Leased Real Property that would reasonably be expected to materially impair the use or occupancy of the Acquired Leased Real Property in the operation of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

- (b) Except as set forth on Schedule 3.6(b) (the "Owned Real Property"), neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries owns any real property. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.6(b), (i) the Company or its Subsidiaries have fee title to all Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Permitted Encumbrances, (ii) neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has leased or otherwise granted to any Person rights to use or occupy the Owned Real Property that would reasonably be expected to materially impair the use or occupancy of the Owned Real Property in the operation of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, and (iii) there are no outstanding options, rights of first offer or rights of first refusal to purchase the Owned Real Property. Neither the Company nor its Subsidiaries is a party to any agreement or option to purchase any real property or interest therein.
- (c) Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, and assumption by the applicable Seller of the applicable Contract in accordance with applicable Law (including satisfaction of any applicable Cure Costs) and except as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case, the Company and its Subsidiaries own good title to, or hold a valid leasehold interest in, all of the material tangible property necessary in the conduct of their business as now conducted, free and clear of all Encumbrances, except for Permitted Encumbrances, other than any failure to own or hold such tangible property that is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- 3.7 <u>Insurance</u>. <u>Schedule 3.7</u> lists, as of the date hereof, each material insurance policy maintained by the Company and its Subsidiaries on their properties, assets, products, business or personnel. With respect to each such insurance policy the policy is legal, valid, binding, enforceable on the Company or its Subsidiaries, as applicable, and in full force and effect, and all premiums with respect thereto covering all periods up to and including the date hereof have been paid, and no notice of cancellation, termination or denial of coverage for any material claim has been received with respect to any such insurance policy.

3.8 <u>Contracts</u>.

- (a) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.8(a)</u>, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is a party to any (each a "<u>Material Contract</u>"):
 - (i) collective bargaining agreement with any labor union;
 - (ii) agreement for the employment of any officer, individual employee or other person on a full-time or consulting basis providing for base compensation in excess of \$250,000 per annum that is not terminable by the Company or such Subsidiary upon notice of sixty (60) days or less for a cost of \$250,000 or less;
 - (iii) agreement under which the Company or one of its Subsidiaries has borrowed any money or issued any note, indenture or other evidence of similar indebtedness or guaranteed such indebtedness of others (other than intercompany indebtedness among the Company and its Subsidiaries, guarantees of indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, endorsements for the purpose of collection or purchases of equipment or materials made under conditional sales agreements, in each case

in the Ordinary Course), in each case, having an outstanding principal amount in excess of \$1,500,000;

- (iv) material license of any material Intellectual Property that involves payments (by or to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries) in excess of \$500,000 per annum and is not terminable by the Company or such Subsidiary upon notice of sixty (60) days or less for a cost of \$500,000 or less (other than licenses of commercially available, off-the-shelf software and other than licenses entered into in the Ordinary Course);
- (v) lease or other agreement under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is lessee of, or holds or operates any personal property owned by any third party, for which the annual rental exceeds \$200,000 that is not terminable by the Company or such Subsidiary upon notice of sixty (60) days or less for a cost of \$200,000 or less;
- (vi) lease or other agreement under which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is lessor of or permits any third party to hold or operate any property, real or personal, for which the annual rental exceeds \$200,000 that is not terminable by the Company or such Subsidiary upon notice of sixty (60) days or less for a cost of \$200,000 or less:
- (vii) agreement or group of related agreements with the same party for the purchase of products or services, in either case, under which the aggregate undelivered balance of such products and services has a selling price in excess of \$1,000,000 and which is not terminable by the Company or such Subsidiary upon notice of sixty (60) days or less for a cost of \$1,000,000 or less (other than purchase orders entered into in the Ordinary Course);
- (viii) agreement that materially prohibits the Company or any of its Subsidiaries from freely engaging in business anywhere in the world;
- (ix) agreement relating to any acquisition or disposition by the Company of any business (whether by asset or stock purchase or otherwise) or any merger, consolidation or similar business combination transaction, in each case, pursuant to which the Company has an outstanding obligation to pay any purchase price thereunder or other material obligation;
- (x) agreement that involves any take-or-pay or requirements arrangement other than in the Ordinary Course;
 - (xi) agreement relating to any joint venture or partnership; or
 - (xii) agreement in writing to enter into any of the foregoing.
- (b) Subject to requisite Bankruptcy Court approvals, and assumption by the applicable Seller of the applicable Contract in accordance with applicable Law (including satisfaction of any applicable Cure Costs) and except as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case, each of the agreements listed on <u>Schedule 3.8(a)</u> and each of the Leases is in full force and effect and is a valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Company and its

Subsidiaries and, to the knowledge of the Company, each of the other parties thereto, except as may be limited by the Enforceability Exceptions. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.8(b), as a result of the commencement of the Bankruptcy Case or as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries, as applicable, is in material default, or is alleged in writing by the counterparty thereto to have materially breached or to be in material default, under any Lease or agreement listed on Schedule 3.8(a), and, to the knowledge of the Company, the other party to each Lease or each of the agreements listed on Schedule 3.8(a) is not in material default thereunder. The Company has made available to Purchaser complete and correct copies of all agreements required to be listed on Schedule 3.8(a) and all Leases, each as amended to the date hereof. None of the agreements listed on Schedule 3.8(a) or any of the Leases has been canceled or otherwise terminated, and neither the Company, nor its Subsidiaries, has received any written notice from any Person regarding any such cancellation or termination.

3.9 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.9</u> and other than the Bankruptcy Case, there are, and during the prior two (2) years there have been, no Actions pending against or by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, at law or in equity, or before or by any Governmental Body, other than any Action pursuant to which no injunctive or equitable relief is sought and where the monetary damages are covered by insurance or would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.9</u> and other than in connection with the Bankruptcy Case, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is, or during the prior two (2) years has been, subject to any outstanding Order, other than any such Order where no injunctive or equitable relief was granted and where the monetary damages were covered by insurance or were not be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole

3.10 Permits; Compliance with Laws. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.10:

- (a) Each of the Company and its Subsidiaries holds and is in compliance, in all material respects, with all permits, certificates, licenses, approvals, registrations and authorizations that are material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole and required in connection with the conduct of its business under Laws (the "Permits"). All of the Permits are valid and in full force and effect.
- (b) The Company and its Subsidiaries are, and have been during the prior two (2) years, in compliance, in all material respects, with all applicable Laws, and during the prior two (2) years neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice of any action or proceeding against it alleging any failure to comply in any material respect with any such Laws, except in each case as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. No investigation by any Governmental Body with respect to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened, and during the prior two (2) years neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice of any such investigation, except, in each case, for any such investigation that would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

3.11 Environmental Matters. Except as set forth on Schedule 3.11:

- (a) The Company and each of its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws, which compliance has included obtaining all permits, licenses and authorizations required under applicable Environmental Laws that are material to the operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole as currently conducted, except in each case as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (b) Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has during the prior two (2) years received written notice from any Governmental Body regarding any actual or alleged violation of or liability under Environmental Laws that is material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (c) To the knowledge of the Company, no Hazardous Substance has been released at any Owned Real Property or any Leased Real Property by the Company or its Subsidiaries in violation of, and in a manner that would result in liability for the Company or its Subsidiaries under, any Environmental Law, except as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (d) The Company has made available to Purchaser copies of all material environmental audits, assessments and reports in its possession relating to the Company, the Owned Real Property or the Leased Real Property prepared within the last three (3) years.
- (e) This <u>Section 3.11</u> contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of the Company with respect to any environmental, health or safety matters, including any arising under any Environmental Law or with respect to any Hazardous Substance.

3.12 Intellectual Property.

- (a) <u>Schedule 3.12(a)</u> sets forth a correct and complete list of all Intellectual Property that is registered, filed or issued under the authority of any Governmental Body, and all applications for Intellectual Property filed with any Governmental Body, in each case that is owned by the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries (collectively, "<u>Company Intellectual Property</u>"). Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.12(a)</u>, the Company or one or more of its Subsidiaries owns the Company Intellectual Property, free and clear of all Encumbrances, other than Permitted Encumbrances.
- (b) To the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company's nor any of its Subsidiaries' respective businesses infringes, misappropriates or otherwise violates any Intellectual Property of any other Person, except where such infringement, misappropriation or violation is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- (c) To the knowledge of the Company no third party infringes, misappropriates or otherwise violates any Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except where such infringement, misappropriation or violation is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. The Company and its Subsidiaries have used efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain the secrecy of their material trade secrets, except

where such failure to maintain such material trade secrets would not be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

- (d) To the knowledge of the Company, all of the issued patents and registered trademarks that constitute material Company Intellectual Property are valid, subsisting and enforceable. Except for office actions issued in the ordinary course of prosecution by the United States Patent and Trademark Office or analogous foreign Governmental Body, during the prior two (2) years, no claim by any third party contesting the validity or enforceability of any of the material Company Intellectual Property has been made or has been threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, in each case in writing.
- (e) This <u>Section 3.12</u> contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of the Company with respect to Intellectual Property.
- 3.13 <u>Data Security</u>. The Company and its Subsidiaries maintain commercially reasonable policies and procedures regarding data privacy, protection and security designed to protect any personally identifiable information from any individuals, including any customers, prospective customers, employees and/or other third parties (collectively "Personal Information") collected by it. To the knowledge of the Company, the Company and its Subsidiaries and the conduct of their business is in material compliance with, and at all times since December 31, 2017, have been in material compliance with, all applicable Privacy Laws and its applicable published privacy policies. To the knowledge of the Company, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in a breach of the Company's published privacy policies in effect as of the date hereof. This <u>Section 3.13</u> contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of the Company with respect to data privacy, protection, and security
- 3.14 <u>Tax Matters.</u> (a) All material Tax Returns required to be filed under applicable Law by Sellers with respect to the Acquired Assets have been filed and such Tax Returns are complete in all material respects, (b) all material Taxes payable by Sellers with respect to the Acquired Assets (whether or not shown to be due on such Tax Returns) have been paid, except to the extent nonpayment of which is permitted or required by the Bankruptcy Code, (c) no material claims have been asserted in writing with respect to any such Taxes and (d) there are no Encumbrances for Taxes (other than any Encumbrance for Taxes that is a Permitted Encumbrance) on any of the Acquired Assets. The representations and warranties in this <u>Section 3.14</u> and in <u>Sections 3.15(b)</u>, 3.15(d) and 3.15(f) are the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Sellers relating to Taxes. No representation or warranty is made in this Agreement with respect to (i) the amount, sufficiency or usability of any net operating loss, capital loss, Tax basis or other Tax attribute of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or otherwise (ii) Taxes or the availability of any Tax position in any taxable period (or portion thereof) beginning after the Closing Date.

3.15 Seller Plans.

(a) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.15(a)</u>, and other than the "multiemployer plans" (as defined in Section 3(37) of ERISA) (the "<u>Multiemployer Plans</u>") set forth on <u>Schedule 3.15(e)</u>, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries maintains or contributes to any (i) nonqualified deferred compensation or retirement plans, (ii) qualified "defined contribution plans" (as such term is defined under Section 3(34) of ERISA), (iii) qualified "defined benefit

plans" (as such term is defined under Section 3(35) of ERISA) (the plans set forth in (ii) and (iii) are collectively referred to herein as the "Pension Plans"), (iv) "welfare benefit plans" (as such term is defined under Section 3(1) of ERISA) (the "Welfare Plans") or (v) severance, incentive or bonus, stock purchase, stock option or equity incentive or any other material employee benefit plans, programs or arrangements (collectively, the "Seller Plans").

- (b) Each Pension Plan that is intended to meet the requirements of a "qualified plan" under Section 401(a) of the Code, has either (i) received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service that such Pension Plan is so qualified or has requested such a favorable determination letter within the remedial amendment period of Section 401(b) of the Code or (ii) may rely on a favorable opinion letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service.
- (c) The Seller Plans comply in form and in operation in all material respects with their terms and applicable Laws, including the requirements of the Code and ERISA, except as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- (d) With respect to the Seller Plans, (i) all material contributions required to be made by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries have been made or properly accrued, (ii) there are no Actions pending or, to the Company's knowledge, overtly threatened that are material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole other than routine claims for benefits, (iii) to the Company's knowledge, there have been no "prohibited transactions" (as that term is defined in Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code) and (iv) all material reports, returns and similar documents required to be filed with any Governmental Body or distributed to any Seller Plan participant have been timely filed or distributed in all material respects. The Company and its Subsidiaries have timely made the contributions required to be made by them with respect to employees located outside the United States to any plan that is sponsored by, or to which contributions are mandated by, a Governmental Body, except as would not reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- (e) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.15(e)</u>, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries contributes to any Multiemployer Plan that is material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.
- (f) None of the Welfare Plans obligates the Company or its Subsidiaries to provide a current or former employee (or any dependent thereof) any material life insurance or medical or health benefits after his or her termination of employment with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, other than as required under Part 6 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA, Section 4980B of the Code or any similar state or local Law.

3.16 <u>Employees</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.15(f)</u>:

(a) To the knowledge of the Company, the Company and its Subsidiaries are in compliance in all material respects with all applicable Laws relating to the employment of labor, including provisions thereof relating to wages, hours, equal opportunity, collective bargaining, layoffs and immigration compliance, except for such non-compliance that is not material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. There are no administrative charges or court

complaints pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any other Governmental Body concerning alleged employment discrimination or any other matters relating to the employment of labor, in each case, that would reasonably be expected to be material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

- (b) There is no unfair labor practice charge or complaint pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened against the Company before the National Labor Relations Board or any similar foreign, state or local body. To the knowledge of the Company, during the prior two (2) years, the Company has not experienced any union organizing or decertification activities, work stoppage, slowdowns or other material labor disputes, and, to the knowledge of the Company, no such activities or disputes are underway or threatened.
- (c) During the prior two (2) years, the Company has not implemented any employee layoffs that to the Company's knowledge would trigger a notice requirement under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act or any similar Law (collectively, the "WARN Act").
- 3.17 <u>Affiliate Transactions</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.17</u>, to the knowledge of the Company, no Affiliate of the Company (other than any Seller or any of their Subsidiaries), or any officer or director of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (a) is a party to any agreement or transaction with the Company or its Subsidiaries having a potential or actual value or a contingent or actual liability exceeding \$250,000, other than (i) loans and other extensions of credit to directors and officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries for travel, business or relocation expenses or other employment-related purposes in the Ordinary Course, (ii) employment arrangements in the Ordinary Course and (iii) the Seller Plans, (b) has any material ownership interest in any material property used by the Company or its Subsidiaries or (c) owns any material interest in, or is an officer, director, employee or consultant of, any Person which is, or is engaged in business as a material supplier or customer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.
- 3.18 <u>Brokers</u>. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 3.18</u>, there is no investment banker, broker, finder or other such intermediary that has been retained by, or has been authorized to act on behalf of, the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and is entitled to a fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement from the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PURCHASER

Purchaser represents and warrants to the Company as follows as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date.

4.1 <u>Organization and Qualification</u>. Purchaser (a) is an entity duly incorporated or organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, as applicable, (b) has all requisite power and authority to own and operate its properties and to carry on its businesses as now conducted, and (c) is qualified to do

business and is in good standing (or its equivalent) in every jurisdiction in which its ownership of property or the conduct of its business as now conducted requires it to qualify, except where the failure to be so qualified would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on Purchaser's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

4.2 <u>Authorization of Agreement</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by Purchaser, and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby, have been duly and validly authorized by all requisite corporate or similar organizational action, and no other corporate or similar organizational proceedings on its part are necessary to authorize the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement by Purchaser. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by Purchaser, and, assuming this Agreement is a valid and binding obligation of Sellers, this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of Purchaser, enforceable against Purchaser in accordance with its terms, except as limited by the Enforceability Exceptions.

4.3 Conflicts; Consents.

- (a) Except as set forth on Schedule 4.3(a) and assuming that (x) the notices, authorizations, approvals, Orders, permits or consents set forth on Schedule 4.3(b) are made, given or obtained (as applicable), (y) the requirements of the HSR Act are complied with and (z) any filings required by any applicable federal or state securities or "blue sky" Laws are made, the execution, delivery and performance by Purchaser of this Agreement and the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby, do not: (i) violate the certificate of formation, limited liability company agreement or equivalent organizational documents of Purchaser; (ii) violate any Law applicable to Purchaser or by which any property or asset of Purchaser is bound; or (iii) result in any breach of, constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) under, create in any party thereto the right to terminate or cancel, or require any consent under, or result in the creation or imposition of any Encumbrance on any property or asset of Purchaser under, any Lease or Contract; except, in each case, for any such violations, breaches, defaults or other occurrences that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay the ability of Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (b) Except as set forth on Schedule 4.3(a),⁵ Purchaser is not required to file, seek or obtain any notice, authorization, approval, Order, permit or consent of or with any Governmental Body in connection with the execution, delivery and performance by Purchaser of this Agreement or the consummation by Purchaser of the transactions contemplated hereby, except (i) any filings required to be made under the HSR Act, (ii) such filings as may be required by any applicable federal or state securities or "blue sky" Laws, or (iii) where failure to obtain such consent, approval, authorization or action, or to make such filing or notification, would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to prevent or materially delay the ability of Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

NTD: Purchaser to schedule any Foreign Competition Law requirements to which Purchaser is subject in connection with the transaction.

- 4.4 <u>Financing</u>.⁶ Purchaser has, and will have at the Closing, sufficient funds in an aggregate amount necessary to pay the Purchase Price, to perform the Assumed Liabilities as they become due in accordance with their terms and to consummate all of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the payment of the Purchase Price and all fees, expenses of, and other amounts required to be paid by, Purchaser in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Purchaser is and shall be capable of satisfying the conditions contained in sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Assigned Contracts and the related Assumed Liabilities.
- 4.5 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for [_____], all of whose fees and expenses will be borne solely by Purchaser, there is no investment banker, broker, finder, or other intermediary which has been retained by or is authorized to act on behalf of Purchaser that might be entitled to any fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 4.6 <u>No Litigation</u>. There are no Actions pending or, to Purchaser's knowledge, threatened against or affecting Purchaser that will adversely affect Purchaser's performance under this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 4.7 <u>Certain Arrangements</u>. As of the date hereof, there are no Contracts, undertakings, commitments, agreements or obligations, whether written or oral, between any member of the Purchaser Group, on the one hand, and any member of the management or board of directors (or applicable governing body) of the Company or its Subsidiaries, any holder of equity or debt securities of the Company or its Subsidiaries, or any lender or creditor of the Company or its Subsidiaries, on the other hand, (a) relating in any way to the acquisition of the Acquired Assets or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (b) that would be reasonably likely to prevent, restrict, impede or affect adversely the ability of the Company to entertain, negotiate or participate in any such transactions.
- 4.8 <u>No Additional Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this <u>Article IV</u>, each of Sellers acknowledges that neither Purchaser nor any other Person on behalf of Purchaser makes any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to Purchaser or with respect to any other information provided to any Seller by Purchaser.
- 4.9 <u>No Outside Reliance</u>. Notwithstanding anything contained in this <u>Article IV</u> or any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that the representations and warranties made by Sellers to Purchaser in <u>Article III</u> (as qualified by the Schedules and in accordance with the express terms and conditions (including limitations and exclusions) of this Agreement) (the "<u>Express Representations</u>") are the sole and exclusive representations, warranties and statements of any kind made to Purchaser or any member of the Purchaser Group and on which Purchaser and the Purchaser Group may rely in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that (other than solely to the extent expressly set forth in the Express Representations) all other

⁶ NTD: Purchaser to provide detail of its financing resources and commitments.

representations, warranties and statements of any kind or nature expressed or implied, whether in written, electronic or oral form, including (a) with respect to the completeness or accuracy of, or any omission to state or to disclose, any information, including in the Projections, the confidential information presentation prepared by Guggenheim Securities, LLC (the "Information Presentation"), in that certain datasite administered by [•] (the "Dataroom"), any Projections or in any meetings, calls or correspondence with management of the Company and its Subsidiaries or any other Person on behalf of the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates or Advisors and (b) the historical, current or future business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, liabilities, properties, contracts, or prospects of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or the quality, quantity or condition of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' assets, in each case, are specifically disclaimed by Sellers, and that neither Purchaser nor any member of the Purchaser Group has relied on any such representations, warranties or statements. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that it has conducted to its full satisfaction an independent investigation and verification of the business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, liabilities, properties, contracts and prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries, and, in making its determination to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Purchaser has relied solely on the results of the Purchaser Group's own independent investigation and verification, and has not relied on, is not relying on, and will not rely on, the Information Presentation, any Projections or any information, statements, disclosures, documents, projections, forecasts or other material made available to Purchaser or any of its Affiliates or Advisors in the Dataroom or otherwise, in each case, whether written or oral, made or provided by, or as part of, any of the foregoing or the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates or Advisors, or any failure of any of the foregoing to disclose or contain any information, except to the extent express set forth in the Express Representations (it being understood that Purchaser and the Purchaser Group have relied only on the Express Representations).

ARTICLE V

BANKRUPTCY COURT MATTERS

5.1 Bankruptcy Actions.

- (a) The bidding procedures to be utilized with respect to this Agreement shall be those approved in the Bidding Procedures Order. Purchaser agrees and acknowledges that Sellers, including through their representatives, are and may continue soliciting inquiries, proposals, or offers from third parties in connection with any Alternative Transaction pursuant to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order.
- (b) From the date hereof until the earlier of (i) the termination of this Agreement in accordance with <u>Article VIII</u> and (ii) the Closing Date, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Bidding Procedures Order and Confirmation Order.
- (c) The Parties shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to (i) obtain entry by the Bankruptcy Court of the Plan Solicitation Order, (ii) commence solicitation of the Plan, and (iii) (A) facilitate the solicitation, confirmation, and consummation of the Plan and

the transactions contemplated thereby and hereby, (B) obtain entry of the Confirmation Order, and (C) consummate the Plan and the transactions contemplated thereby as promptly as practicable and in any case prior to the Outside Date.

- (d) Purchaser shall promptly take all actions as are reasonably requested by the Company to assist in obtaining the Bankruptcy Court's entry of the Plan Solicitation Order, the Confirmation Order, and any other Order reasonably necessary in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as promptly as practicable, including furnishing affidavits, financial information, or other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court and making such employees and Advisors of Purchaser and its Affiliates available to testify before the Bankruptcy Court for the purposes of, among other things providing necessary assurances of performance by Purchaser under this Agreement and the Plan, and demonstrating that Purchaser is a "good faith" purchaser under section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, as well as demonstrating Purchaser's ability to pay and perform or otherwise satisfy any Assumed Liabilities following the Closing.
- (e) Each of the Company and Purchaser shall (i) appear formally or informally in the Bankruptcy Court if reasonably requested by the other Party or required by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Plan and (ii) keep the other reasonably apprised of the status of material matters related to the Plan (solely as the Plan relates to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement), including, upon reasonable request promptly furnishing the other with copies of notices or other communications received by any Seller from the Bankruptcy Court or any third party and/or any Governmental Body with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Plan.
- (f) If an Auction is conducted, and Purchaser is not the prevailing party at the conclusion of such Auction (such prevailing party, the "Successful Bidder") but is the next highest bidder at the Auction, Purchaser shall be required to serve as a back-up bidder (the "Backup Bidder") and keep Purchaser's bid to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (as the same may be revised in the Auction) open and irrevocable until this Agreement is otherwise terminated. If the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the applicable Alternative Transaction as a result of a breach or failure to perform on the part of such Successful Bidder, the Backup Bidder will be deemed to have the new prevailing bid, and the Company may consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement as such terms may have been improved upon in the Auction.
- (g) The Company and Purchaser acknowledge that this Agreement and the sale of the Acquired Assets are subject to higher and better bids and Bankruptcy Court approval. The Company and Purchaser acknowledge that Sellers must take reasonable steps to demonstrate that they have sought to obtain the highest or otherwise best price for the Acquired Assets, including giving notice thereof to the creditors of Sellers and other interested parties, providing information about the Company to prospective bidders, entertaining higher and better offers from such prospective bidders, and, in the event that additional qualified prospective bidders desire to bid for the Acquired Assets, conducting an Auction. The bidding procedures to be employed with respect to this Agreement and any Auction shall be those approved in the Bidding Procedures Order.

- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Purchaser acknowledges that Sellers and their Affiliates and Advisors are and may continue soliciting inquiries, proposals, or offers for the Acquired Assets in connection with any Alternative Transaction.
- (i) Purchaser shall provide adequate assurance of future performance as required under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code for the Assigned Contracts. Purchaser agrees that it will take all actions reasonably required to assist in obtaining a Bankruptcy Court finding that there has been an adequate demonstration of adequate assurance of future performance under the Assigned Contracts, such as furnishing affidavits, non-confidential financial information, and other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court and making Purchaser's Advisors available to testify before the Bankruptcy Court.
- (j) Nothing in this <u>Section 5.1</u> shall prevent Sellers from modifying the bidding procedures as necessary or appropriate to maximize value for Sellers' estates in accordance with each Seller's fiduciary obligations.
- 5.2 <u>Cure Costs</u>. Subject to entry of the Confirmation Order and consummation of the Plan, Purchaser shall, on or prior to the Closing (or, in the case of any Contract that is to be assigned following the Closing pursuant to <u>Section 1.5</u>, on or prior to the date of such assignment), pay the Cure Costs and cure any and all other defaults and breaches under the Transferred Contracts and Assumed Leases so that such Contracts may be assumed by the applicable Seller and assigned to Purchaser in accordance with the provisions of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and this Agreement.
- 5.3 Confirmation Order. Sellers will take all reasonable efforts to ensure that the Confirmation Order shall, among other things, (a) approve, pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, (i) the execution, delivery and performance by Sellers of this Agreement, (ii) the sale of the Acquired Assets to Purchaser on the terms set forth herein and free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than Encumbrances included in the Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances), and (iii) the performance by Sellers of their respective obligations under this Agreement; (b) authorize and empower Sellers to assume and assign to Purchaser the Assigned Contracts; (c) find that Purchaser is a "good faith" buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, find that Purchaser is not a successor to any Seller, and grant Purchaser the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) find that Purchaser shall have no Liability or responsibility for any Liability or other obligation of any Seller arising under or related to the Acquired Assets other than as expressly set forth in this Agreement, including successor or vicarious Liabilities of any kind or character, including any theory of antitrust, successor, or transferee Liability, labor law, de facto merger, or substantial continuity; (e) find that Purchaser has provided adequate assurance (as that term is used in section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) of future performance in connection with the assumption of the Assigned Contracts; and (f) find that Purchaser shall have no Liability for any Excluded Liability. Purchaser agrees that it will promptly take such actions as are reasonably requested by the Company to assist in obtaining Bankruptcy Court approval of the Confirmation Order, including furnishing affidavits or other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court for purposes, among others, of (x) demonstrating that Purchaser is a "good faith" purchaser under section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and

- (y) establishing adequate assurance of future performance within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 5.4 <u>Approval</u>. Sellers' obligations under this Agreement and in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby are subject to entry of and, to the extent entered, the terms of any Orders of the Bankruptcy Court (including entry of the Plan Solicitation Order and the Confirmation Order). Nothing in this Agreement shall require the Company or its Affiliates to give testimony to or submit a motion to the Bankruptcy Court that is untruthful or to violate any duty of candor or other fiduciary duty to the Bankruptcy Court or its stakeholders.

ARTICLE VI

COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 6.1 <u>Conduct of Business of Sellers</u>. Until the earlier of the termination of this Agreement and the Closing, except (w) for any limitations on operations imposed by the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code or the Sellers' debtor-in-possession financing, (x) as required by applicable Law, (y) as otherwise required by or reasonably necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement or as set forth on <u>Schedule 6.1</u> or (z) with the prior written consent of Purchaser (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), the Sellers shall conduct their business only in the Ordinary Course and shall not:
- (a) take any action to the extent that such action would, if such action had taken place after the date of the Latest Balance Sheet and prior to the date hereof, have resulted in disclosure being made pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 3.5</u>;
- (b) terminate (other than by expiration), or amend or modify (other than by automatic extension or renewal) in any material respect the terms of any Assigned Contract (other than any purchase orders);
- (c) issue any notes, bonds or other debt securities, or otherwise incur any indebtedness for borrowed money or otherwise become liable for any such indebtedness of any other Person, in each case, other than Excluded Liabilities;
- (d) settle or compromise any pending or threatened Action that could give rise to liabilities that are not Excluded Liabilities;
- (e) sell, assign, license, transfer, convey, lease, surrender, relinquish or otherwise dispose of any material portion of the Acquired Assets, other than (i) sales of Inventory in the Ordinary Course, (ii) licenses of Intellectual Property granted on a non-exclusive basis, (iii) the expiration of Intellectual Property at the end of the governing terms thereof, or (iv) pursuant to existing Contracts;
- (f) subject any portion of the Acquired Assets that is material to the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to any Encumbrance, except for Permitted Encumbrances;
- (g) change or modify any material accounting practice, policy or procedure, except as required by GAAP or applicable Law;

- (h) enter into any commitment for capital expenditures or otherwise make any capital expenditures in excess of \$[_____], except to the extent permitted under the terms of Sellers' debtor-in-possession financing;
- (i) authorize any of, or commit or agree, in writing or otherwise, to take any of, the foregoing actions.

Nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to give Purchaser or its Affiliates, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the business of the Sellers prior to the Closing.

6.2 Access to Information.

- From the date hereof until the Closing (or the earlier termination of this (a) Agreement pursuant to Article VIII), the Company (in its discretion) will provide Purchaser and its authorized Advisors with reasonable access and upon reasonable advance notice and during regular business hours to the books and records of the Company and its Subsidiaries, in order for Purchaser and its authorized Advisors to access such information regarding the Company and its Subsidiaries as Purchaser reasonably deems necessary in connection with effectuating the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; provided that (i) such access does not unreasonably interfere with the normal operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) such access will occur in such a manner as the Company reasonably determines to be appropriate to protect the confidentiality of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (iii) all requests for access will or such other Person(s) as the Company may designate in writing from time to time and (iv) nothing herein will require the Company to provide access to, or to disclose any information to, Purchaser if such access or disclosure (A) would cause significant competitive harm to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries if the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are not consummated, (B) would require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries to disclose any financial or proprietary information of or regarding the Affiliates of the Company (other than the Subsidiaries of the Company) or otherwise disclose information regarding the Affiliates of the Company (other than the Subsidiaries of the Company) that the Company deems to be commercially sensitive, (C) would waive any legal privilege or (D) would be in violation of applicable Laws (including the HSR Act and Foreign Competition Laws) or the provisions of any agreement to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound or would violate any fiduciary duty; provided that, in the event that the Company withholds access or information in reliance on the foregoing clause (C) or (D), the Company shall provide (to the extent possible without waiving or violating the applicable legal privilege or Law) notice to Purchaser that such access or information is being so withheld and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide such access or information in a way that would not risk waiver of such legal privilege or applicable Law.
- (b) The information provided pursuant to this <u>Section 6.2</u> will be used solely for the purpose of effecting the transactions contemplated hereby, and will be governed by all the terms and conditions of the Confidentiality Agreement, which Confidentiality Agreement shall not terminate upon the execution of this Agreement notwithstanding anything to the contrary therein. Purchaser will, and will cause its Advisors to, abide by the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement with respect to such access and any information furnished to Purchaser or any of its Advisors. Neither the Company nor any of Sellers makes any representation or warranty as to the accuracy

of any information, if any, provided pursuant to this <u>Section 6.2</u>, and Purchaser may not rely on the accuracy of any such information, in each case, other than the Express Representations.

- From and after the Closing for a period of three (3) years following the Closing Date (or, if later, the closing of the Bankruptcy Case), Purchaser will provide Sellers and their Advisors with reasonable access, during normal business hours, and upon reasonable advance notice, to the books and records, including work papers, schedules, memoranda, Tax Returns, Tax schedules, Tax rulings, and other documents (for the purpose of examining and copying) relating to the Acquired Assets, the Excluded Assets, the Assumed Liabilities or the Excluded Liabilities with respect to periods or occurrences prior to the Closing Date, and reasonable access, during normal business hours, and upon reasonable advance notice, to employees, officers, Advisors, accountants, offices and properties of Purchaser (including for the purpose of better understanding the books and records). Unless otherwise consented to in writing by the Company, Purchaser will not, for a period of three (3) years following the Closing Date, destroy, alter or otherwise dispose of any of the books and records without first offering to surrender to the Company such books and records or any portion thereof that Purchaser may intend to destroy, alter or dispose of. From and after the Closing, Purchaser will, and will cause its employees to, provide Sellers with reasonable assistance, support and cooperation with Sellers' wind-down and related activities (e.g., helping to locate documents or information related to preparation of Tax Returns or prosecution or processing of insurance/benefit claims).
- (d) Purchaser will not, and will not permit any member of the Purchaser Group to, contact any officer, manager, director, employee, customer, supplier, lessee, lessor, lender, licensee, licensor, distributor, noteholder or other material business relation of the Company or its Subsidiaries prior to the Closing with respect to the Company, its Subsidiaries, their business or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Company for each such contact.

6.3 Employee Matters.

Purchaser shall extend to all employees of Sellers (the "Employees") an (a) offer of employment in a position that is comparable to such Employee's position immediately prior to the Closing (including level of responsibility, primary location of employment, and authority) on the terms set forth in this Section 6.3 ("Transfer Offer") that, if accepted, shall become effective immediately after the Closing; provided, however, that to the extent any Employees are on leave or otherwise not actively employed as of the Closing Date, their employment with Purchaser shall become effective only upon their presenting themselves to Purchaser to commence active employment within 6 months of the Closing Date (or such later date with respect to which they have reemployment rights under Law). Employees who accept such Transfer Offers and begin active employment with Purchaser in accordance with this Section 6.3(a) shall be referred to herein as "Transferred Employees." Nothing herein shall be construed as a representation or guarantee by any Seller or any of their respective Affiliates that any or all of the Employees will accept the offer of employment from Purchaser or will continue in employment with Purchaser following the Closing. Purchaser shall carry out all actions necessary under applicable Law to effect the transfer of employment to it of each such Transferred Employee who has accepted that offer. Effective as of the Closing (or, with respect to employees who are on leave or otherwise not actively employed as of the Closing Date, as of such later date

that such employees begin their active employment with Purchaser as described above), each Transferred Employee shall cease to be an employee of Sellers or their Affiliates and shall cease to participate in any Seller Plan. The Sellers intend that for purposes of any Seller Plan providing severance or termination benefits, or any comparable plan, program, policy, agreement or arrangement of the Sellers, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall not constitute a termination of employment of any Transferred Employee prior to or upon the consummation of such transactions.

- (b) For a period of one year from and after the Closing Date, Purchaser shall provide each Transferred Employee with (i) base compensation/wage rate that is no lower than that provided to such Transferred Employees as of the date hereof; (ii) short-term cash bonus opportunity that is no less favorable than that provided to such Transferred Employee as of the date hereof; and (iii) other employee benefits (other than equity incentive, retention or change in control arrangements) that are substantially comparable in the aggregate to those provided by the Sellers to such Transferred Employees under the Seller Plans as of the date hereof. For purposes of eligibility and vesting (other than vesting of future equity awards) under the benefit plans and programs maintained by Purchaser to provide employee benefits to Transferred Employees after the Closing Date (the "Purchaser Plans"), each Transferred Employee shall be credited with his or her years of service with the Sellers before the Closing Date to the same extent as such Transferred Employee was entitled, before the Closing Date, to credit for such service under substantially similar Seller Plans in which such Transferred Employees participated before the Closing Date, except to the extent such credit would result in a duplication of benefits.
- (c) Without limiting the generality of any other provision of this Agreement, to the extent permitted under each applicable Purchaser Plan: (i) each Transferred Employee shall be immediately eligible to participate, without any waiting time, in any and all Purchaser Plans; (ii) for purposes of each Purchaser Plan providing medical, dental, hospital, pharmaceutical or vision benefits to any employee, Purchaser shall cause all pre-existing condition exclusions and actively-at-work requirements of such Purchaser Plan to be waived for such Transferred Employee and his or her covered dependents (unless such exclusions or requirements were applicable under comparable Seller Plans); and (iii) Purchaser shall cause any co-payments, deductible and other eligible expenses incurred by such Transferred Employee or his or her covered dependents during the plan year in which the Closing Date occurs to be credited for purposes of satisfying all deductible, coinsurance and maximum out-of-pocket requirements applicable to such Transferred Employee and his or her covered dependents for the applicable plan year of each comparable Purchaser Plan.
- (d) Without limiting the generality of any other provision of this Agreement, as soon as reasonably practicable on or after the Closing Date, Purchaser shall have in effect one or more defined contribution plans that include a qualified cash or deferred arrangement within the meaning of Section 401(k) of the Code (and a related trust exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code) (as applicable, the "Purchaser 401(k) Plan"). Each Transferred Employee who is eligible to participate in a 401(k) plan maintained by any Seller immediately prior to the Closing Date (a "Seller 401(k) Plan") shall be eligible to participate in Purchaser 401(k) Plan as soon as reasonably practicable following the Closing Date. Purchaser shall cause Purchaser 401(k) Plan to accept a "direct rollover" to such Purchaser 401(k) Plan of the account balances of each Transferred Employee (including promissory notes evidencing outstanding loans) under any Seller

- 401(k) Plan, if such direct rollover is elected in accordance with applicable Law by such Transferred Employee. The Sellers shall cause each Seller 401(k) Plan to permit rollovers of Transferred Employees' account balances (including promissory notes evidencing outstanding loans) and shall not place any Transferred Employees' plan loans into default until the end of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the Closing Date occurs.
- (e) Purchaser shall assume and honor all vacation days and other paid-time-off accrued or earned, but not yet taken, by each Transferred Employee as of the Closing Date.
- this Agreement and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended or shall be construed to confer upon or give any Person (including for the avoidance of doubt any Employees or Transferred Employees), other than the Parties and their respective permitted successors and assigns, any legal or equitable or other rights or remedies (with respect to the matters provided for in this Section 6.3 or under or by reason of any provision of this Agreement). Nothing contained herein, express or implied: (i) shall be construed to establish, amend, or modify any benefit plan, program, agreement or arrangement, (ii) shall alter or limit Purchaser's or the Sellers' ability to amend, modify or terminate any particular benefit plan, program, agreement or arrangement or (iii) is intended to confer upon any current or former employee any right to employment or continued employment for any period of time by reason of this Agreement, or any right to a particular term or condition of employment.
- (g) Purchaser will, or will cause its Affiliates to, provide any required notice under the WARN Act and to otherwise comply with the WARN Act with respect to any "plant closing" or "mass layoff" (as defined in the WARN Act) or group termination or similar event affecting Employees (including as a result of the consummation of transactions contemplated by this Agreement) occurring from and after the Closing. Purchaser will not, and will cause its affiliates not to, take any action on or after the Closing Date that would cause any termination of employment of any Employees by Sellers or their respective Affiliates occurring prior to the Closing to constitute a "plant closing," "mass layoff" or group termination or similar event under the WARN Act or any similar federal, state, local or foreign Law, or to create any liability or penalty to Sellers or any of their respective Affiliates for any employment terminations under Law.

6.4 Regulatory Approvals.

- (a) Subject to Section 6.5, the Company will (i) make or cause to be made all filings and submissions required to be made by the Company or its Subsidiaries under any applicable Laws for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement set forth on Schedule 6.4, (ii) cooperate with Purchaser in exchanging such information and providing such assistance as Purchaser may reasonably request in connection with the foregoing and (iii) (A) supply promptly any additional information and documentary material that may be requested in connection with such filings and (B) use reasonable best efforts to take all actions necessary to obtain all required clearances in connection with such filings.
- (b) Subject to Section 6.5, Purchaser will, and will cause its Affiliates and Advisors to, (i) make or cause to be made all filings and submissions required to be made by any member of the Purchaser Group under any applicable Laws for the consummation of the

transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (ii) cooperate with the Company in exchanging such information and providing such assistance as the Company may reasonably request in connection with all of the foregoing, and (iii) (A) supply promptly any additional information and documentary material that may be requested in connection with such filings and (B) use reasonable best efforts to take all actions necessary to obtain all required clearances.

6.5 Antitrust Notification.⁷

- (a) The Company and Purchaser will, as promptly as practicable and no later than ten (10) Business Days following the date hereof, (i) file with the United States Federal Trade Commission and the United States Department of Justice, the notification form required pursuant to the HSR Act for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, which form will specifically request early termination of the waiting period prescribed by the HSR Act and (ii) make all notifications, filings, registrations or other materials required or necessary under the Foreign Competition Laws set forth on Schedule 6.5(a). Each of the Company and Purchaser will (and shall cause their respective Affiliates to) furnish to each other's counsel such necessary information and reasonable assistance as the other may request in connection with its preparation of any filing or submission that is necessary under the HSR Act or such Foreign Competition Laws and will provide any supplemental information requested by any Governmental Body as promptly as practicable. Purchaser will use all reasonable best efforts to comply as promptly as practicable with any requests made for any additional information in connection with such filings. Purchaser will be responsible for all filing fees payable in connection with such filings.
- Subject to the immediately following sentence, the Company and Purchaser will use their reasonable best efforts to promptly obtain any clearance required under the HSR Act or such Foreign Competition Laws for the consummation of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and will keep each other apprised of the status of any communications with, and any inquiries or requests for additional information from, any Governmental Body and will comply promptly with any such inquiry or request. Purchaser will take, and will cause its Affiliates to take, any and all steps necessary to avoid or eliminate each and every impediment under any Law that may be asserted by any Governmental Body or any other Person so as to enable the Parties to expeditiously close the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including (i) opposing any motion or action for a temporary, preliminary or permanent injunction or Order against or preventing or delaying the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (ii) entering into a consent decree, consent agreement or other agreement or arrangement containing Purchaser's agreement to hold separate, license, sell or divest (pursuant to such terms as may be required by any Governmental Body) such assets or businesses of Purchaser and its Affiliates after the Closing (including entering into customary ancillary agreements relating to any such sale, divestiture, licensing or disposition of such assets or businesses), and (iii) agreeing to such limitations on conduct or actions of members of Purchaser and its Affiliates after the Closing as may be required in order to obtain satisfaction of the closing conditions set forth in Section 7.1(a) prior to the Outside Date.

NTD: Purchaser to confirm any Foreign Competition Laws filings and CFIUS.

- The Parties commit to instruct their respective counsel to cooperate with each other and use reasonable best efforts to facilitate and expedite the identification and resolution of any issues arising under the HSR Act or such Foreign Competition Laws at the earliest practicable dates. Such reasonable best efforts and cooperation include counsel's undertaking (i) to keep each other appropriately informed of communications from and to personnel of the reviewing Governmental Bodies and (ii) to confer with each other regarding appropriate contacts with and response to personnel of such Governmental Bodies and the content of any such contacts or presentations. Neither the Company nor Purchaser will participate in any meeting or discussion with any Governmental Body with respect of any such filings, applications, investigation or other inquiry without giving the other Party prior notice of the meeting or discussion and, to the extent permitted by the relevant Governmental Body, the opportunity to attend and participate in such meeting or discussion (which, at the request of either Purchaser or the Company, will be limited to outside antitrust counsel only). The Company will have the right to review (subject to appropriate redactions for confidentiality and attorney-client privilege concerns) and approve the content of any presentations, white papers or other written materials to be submitted to any Governmental Body in advance of any such submission.
- (d) Purchaser will not, and will not permit any member of the Purchaser Group or their respective Affiliates to, acquire or agree to acquire (by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing a substantial portion of the assets of or equity in, or by any other manner), any Person or portion thereof, or otherwise acquire or agree to acquire any assets, if the entering into a definitive agreement relating to, or the consummation of, such acquisition, merger or consolidation could reasonably be expected to (i) impose any delay in the obtaining of, or increase the risk of not obtaining, any permits, Orders or other approvals of any Governmental Body necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period, (ii) increase the risk of any Governmental Body entering an Order prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (iii) delay the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

6.6 Reasonable Efforts; Cooperation.

- (a) Subject to the other terms of this Agreement provisions hereof, each Party shall, and shall cause its Advisors to, use its reasonable best efforts to perform its obligations hereunder and to take, or cause to be taken, and do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper, advisable or permitted under applicable Law to cause the transactions contemplated herein to be effected as soon as practicable, but in any event on or prior to the Outside Date, in accordance with the terms hereof and to cooperate with each other Party and its Advisors in connection with any step required to be taken as a part of its obligations hereunder. The "reasonable best efforts" of the Company will not require the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, Affiliates or Advisors to expend any money, to remedy any breach of any representation or warranty, to commence any Action, to waive or surrender any right, to modify any Contract or to waive or forego any right, remedy or condition hereunder.
- (b) The obligations of the Company pursuant to this Agreement, including this Section 6.6, shall be subject to any Orders entered, or approvals or authorizations granted or required, by or under the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code (including in connection with the Bankruptcy Case), Sellers' debtor-in-possession financing, and each of Sellers' obligations as

a debtor-in-possession to comply with any Order of the Bankruptcy Court (including the Bidding Procedures Order and the Confirmation Order) and Sellers' duty to seek and obtain the highest or otherwise best price for the Acquired Assets as required by the Bankruptcy Code.

6.7 Notification of Certain Matters.

- (a) The Company will promptly notify Purchaser of: (i) any notice or other communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) any notice or other communication from any Governmental Body related to or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iii) promptly upon discovery thereof, any variances from, or the existence or occurrence of any event, fact or circumstance arising after the execution of this Agreement that would reasonably be expected to cause, any of the representations and warranties contained in Article III to be untrue or inaccurate such that the condition set forth in Section 7.2(b) not to be satisfied. If the subject matter of any such notification required by the previous sentence requires any change in the Schedules, the Company shall deliver to Purchaser prior to the Closing a supplement to such Schedule (the "Updated Schedules") with such change; provided that in no event will any Updated Schedule serve to amend, supplement or modify the Schedules for purposes of Section 7.2(b); provided further that if the Closing occurs, the Updated Schedules will be considered and deemed to be part of the Schedules for all purposes under this Agreement, and each reference in this Agreement to a particular Schedule will mean such Schedule in, or as updated by, the Updated Schedules.
- (b) Purchaser will promptly notify the Company of: (i) any notice or other communication from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (ii) any notice or other communication from any Governmental Body related to or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; (iii) any Actions relating to or involving or otherwise affecting Purchaser or its Affiliates that, if pending on the date of this Agreement, would have been required to have been disclosed pursuant to Section 4.6 or that relate to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (iv) any breach or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty contained in this Agreement at any time during the term hereof that could reasonably be expected to cause the conditions set forth in Article VII not to be satisfied; provided that the delivery of any notice pursuant to this Section 6.7(a) will not limit the remedies available to Sellers under or with respect to this Agreement.
- 6.8 <u>Further Assurances</u>. From time to time, as and when requested by any Party and at such requesting Party's expense, any other Party will execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, all such documents and instruments and will take, or cause to be taken, all such further or other actions as such requesting Party may reasonably deem necessary or desirable to evidence and effectuate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 6.9 <u>Insurance Matters</u>. Purchaser acknowledges that, upon Closing, all nontransferable insurance coverage provided in relation to Sellers and the Acquired Assets that is maintained by any Seller or its Affiliates (whether such policies are maintained with third party insurers or with such Seller or its Affiliates) shall cease to provide any coverage to Purchaser and the Acquired

Assets and no further coverage shall be available to Purchaser or the Acquired Assets under any such policies.

6.10 Receipt of Misdirected Assets. From and after the Closing, if any Seller or any of its respective Affiliates receives any right, property or asset that is an Acquired Asset, the applicable Seller shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such right, property or asset (and shall promptly endorse and deliver any such asset that is received in the form of cash, checks or other documents) to Purchaser, and such asset will be deemed the property of Purchaser held in trust by such Seller for Purchaser until so transferred. From and after the Closing, if Purchaser or any of its Affiliates receives any right, property or asset that is an Excluded Asset, Purchaser shall promptly transfer or cause such of its Affiliates to transfer such asset (and shall promptly endorse and deliver any such right, property or asset that is received in the form of cash, checks, or other documents) to the Company, and such right, property or asset will be deemed the property of the Company held in trust by Purchaser for the Company until so transferred.

6.11 Acknowledgment by Purchaser.

Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that it has conducted to its full satisfaction an independent investigation and verification of the business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, Liabilities, properties, Contracts and prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities, and, in making its determination to proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, Purchaser and the Purchaser Group have relied solely on the results of the Purchaser Group's own independent investigation and verification and have not relied on, are not relying on, and will not rely on, any information, statements, disclosures, documents, projections, forecasts or other material made available to Purchaser or any of its Affiliates or Advisors in the Dataroom, the Information Presentation, or the Projections or any information, statements, disclosures or materials, in each case, whether written or oral, made or provided by, or as part of, any of the foregoing or any other Seller Party, or any failure of any of the foregoing to disclose or contain any information, except to the extent expressly set forth in the Express Representations (it being understood that Purchaser and the Purchaser Group have relied only on the Express Representations). Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that (i) the Express Representations are the sole and exclusive representations, warranties and statements of any kind made to Purchaser or any member of the Purchaser Group and on which Purchaser or any member of the Purchaser Group may rely in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and (ii) (other than solely to the extent expressly set forth in the Express Representations) all other representations, warranties and statements of any kind or nature expressed or implied, whether in written, electronic or oral form, including (1) with respect to the completeness or accuracy of, or any omission to state or to disclose, any information including in the Dataroom, Information Presentation, Projections, meetings, calls or correspondence with management of the Company and its Subsidiaries, any of the Seller Parties or any other Person on behalf of the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of the Seller Parties or any of their respective Affiliates or Advisors and (2) the historical, current or future business, financial condition, results of operations, assets, Liabilities, properties, contracts, or prospects of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or the quality, quantity or condition of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' assets, in each case, are specifically disclaimed by the Company, on its behalf and on behalf of the Seller Parties, and each Seller. Purchaser, on its own behalf and

on behalf of the Purchaser Group: (x) disclaims reliance on the items in clause (ii) in the immediately preceding sentence and (y) acknowledges and agrees that it has relied on, is relying on and will rely on only the items in clause (i) in the immediately preceding sentence. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that neither the Company, nor any other Person (including the Seller Parties), has made, is making or is authorized to make, and Purchaser, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, hereby waives, all rights and claims it or they may have against any Seller Party with respect to the accuracy of, any omission or concealment of, or any misstatement with respect to, (A) any potentially material information regarding the Company, its Subsidiaries or any of their respective assets (including the Acquired Assets), Liabilities (including the Assumed Liabilities) or operations and (B) any warranty or representation (whether in written, electronic or oral form), express or implied, as to the quality, merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or condition of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' business, operations, assets, Liabilities, prospects or any portion thereof, except, in each case, solely to the extent expressly set forth in the Express Representations.

- (b) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in connection with the investigation by the Purchaser Group of the Company and its Subsidiaries, Purchaser and the members of the Purchaser Group, and the Advisors of each of the foregoing, have received or may receive, from or on behalf of the Company, certain projections, forward-looking statements and other forecasts (whether in written, electronic, or oral form, and including in the Information Presentation, Dataroom, management meetings, etc.) (collectively, "Projections"). Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that (i) such Projections are being provided solely for the convenience of Purchaser to facilitate its own independent investigation of the Company and its Subsidiaries, (ii) there are uncertainties inherent in attempting to make such Projections, (iii) Purchaser is familiar with such uncertainties, and (iv) Purchaser is taking full responsibility for making their own evaluation of the adequacy and accuracy of all Projections (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such Projections).
- (c) Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that it will not assert, institute, or maintain, and will cause each member of the Purchaser Group not to assert, institute or maintain, any Action that makes any claim contrary to the agreements and covenants set forth in this Section 6.11, including any such Action with respect to the distribution to Purchaser or any member of the Purchaser Group, or Purchaser's or any member of the Purchaser Group's use, of the information, statements, disclosures or materials in the Information Presentation, the Dataroom or Projections or any other information, statements, disclosures, or materials, in each case whether written or oral, provided by them or any other Seller Party or any failure of any of the foregoing to disclose any information.
- (d) Purchaser acknowledges and agrees, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group, that the covenants and agreements contained in this <u>Section 6.11</u> (i) require performance after the Closing to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law and will survive the Closing for five (5) years; and (ii) are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and that, without these agreements set forth in this <u>Section 6.11</u>, Sellers would not enter into this Agreement.

ARTICLE VII

CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

- 7.1 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Purchaser and Sellers</u>. The respective obligations of each Party to this Agreement to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by each of Sellers and Purchaser) on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) the waiting period (and any extension thereof), or any necessary approval, as applicable, related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement under the HSR Act or under the Foreign Competition Laws or other regulations set forth in <u>Schedule 7.1</u> shall have been received, terminated or shall have expired, as applicable;
- (b) no court or other Governmental Body has issued, enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced any Law or Order (that is final and non-appealable and that has not been vacated, withdrawn or overturned) restraining, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the transactions contemplated by this Agreement; and
- (c) the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order and the Plan shall become effective in accordance with its terms.
- 7.2 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of Purchaser</u>. The obligations of Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by Purchaser in its sole discretion), on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) Sellers shall have delivered to Purchaser a certified copy of the Confirmation Order;
- (b) the representations and warranties made by Sellers in Article III shall be true and correct as of the Closing Date (disregarding all qualifications or limitations as to "materiality" or "Material Adverse Effect" (other than the use of "Material Adverse Effect" in the first sentence of Section 3.5) and words of similar import set forth therein), as though such representations and warranties had been made on and as of the Closing Date (except that representations and warranties that are made as of a specified date need be true and correct only as of such date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect; provided that the representations set forth in Sections 3.1, 3.2, and 3.18 will be true and correct in all material respects;
- (c) Sellers shall have performed or caused to be performed, in all material respects, all of the obligations and covenants required by this Agreement to be performed by Sellers by the Closing; and
- (d) Sellers shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to Purchaser all of the items set forth in Section 2.4.

- 7.3 <u>Conditions Precedent to the Obligations of the Company</u>. The obligations of Sellers to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction (or to the extent permitted by Law, written waiver by Sellers in their sole discretion), on or prior to the Closing Date, of each of the following conditions:
- (a) the representations and warranties made by Purchaser in Article IV shall be true and correct in all material respects (without giving effect to any materiality or similar qualification contained therein), in each case as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date, with the same force and effect as though all such representations and warranties had been made as of the Closing Date (other than representations and warranties that by their terms address matters only as of another specified date, which shall be so true and correct only as of such other specified date), except where the failure of such representations or warranties to be so true and correct has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on Purchaser's ability to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (b) Purchaser shall have performed or caused to be performed, in all material respects, all of the obligations and covenants required by this Agreement to be performed by Purchaser by the Closing; and
- (c) Purchaser shall have delivered, or caused to be delivered, to Sellers all of the items set forth in Section 2.5.
- 7.4 <u>Waiver of Conditions</u>. Upon the occurrence of the Closing, any condition set forth in this <u>Article VII</u> that was not satisfied as of the Closing will be deemed to have been waived for all purposes by the Party having the benefit of such condition as of and after the Closing. None of Purchaser or Sellers may rely on the failure of any condition set forth in this <u>Article VII</u>, as applicable, to be satisfied if such failure was caused by such Party's failure to use, as required by this Agreement, its reasonable best efforts to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE VIII

TERMINATION

- 8.1 <u>Termination of Agreement</u>. This Agreement may be terminated only in accordance with this <u>Section 8.1</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Closing:
 - (a) by the mutual written consent of the Company and Purchaser;
- (b) by written notice of either Purchaser or the Company, upon the issuance by any Governmental Body of an Order restraining, enjoining, or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or declaring unlawful the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and such Order having become final, binding and non-appealable; <u>provided</u> that no termination may be made by a Party under this <u>Section 8.1(b)</u> if the issuance of such Order was caused by the breach or action or inaction of such Party;
- (c) by written notice of either Purchaser or the Company, if the Closing shall not have occurred on or before [•] (the "Outside Date"); provided that a Party shall not be

permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(c)</u> if the failure of the Closing to have occurred by the Outside Date was caused by the breach or action or inaction of such Party;

- (d) by written notice of either Purchaser or the Company, if the Bankruptcy Case is dismissed or converted to a case or cases under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or if a trustee or examiner with expanded powers to operate or manage the financial affairs or reorganization of the Company is appointed in the Bankruptcy Case;
- (e) by written notice from Purchaser to the Company, if Sellers announce any stand-alone plan of reorganization or liquidation (or support any such plan filed by any other party), other than the Plan or a wind-down plan of Sellers' estates post-Closing;
- (f) by written notice from the Company to Purchaser, upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of Purchaser, or if any representation or warranty of Purchaser will have become untrue, in each case, such that the conditions set forth in Section 7.3(a) or 7.3(b) would not be satisfied, including a breach of Purchaser's obligation to consummate the Closing; provided that (i) if such breach is curable by Purchaser then the Company may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(f) unless such breach has not been cured by the date which is the earlier of (A) two (2) Business Days prior to the Outside Date and (B) thirty (30) days after the Company notifies Purchaser of such breach and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(f) will not be available to the Company at any time that the Company is in material breach of, any covenant, representation or warranty hereunder;
- (g) by written notice from Purchaser to the Company, upon a breach of any covenant or agreement on the part of any Seller, or if any representation or warranty of any Seller will have become untrue, in each case, such that the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(b) or 7.2(c); provided that (i) if such breach is curable by such Seller then Purchaser may not terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.1(g) unless such breach has not been cured by the date which is the earlier of (A) two (2) Business Days prior to the Outside Date and (B) thirty (30) days after Purchaser notifies the Company of such breach and (ii) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(g) will not be available to Purchaser at any time that Purchaser is in material breach of, any covenant, representation or warranty hereunder;
- (h) by written notice from the Company to Purchaser, if all of the conditions set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 have been satisfied (other than conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or waiver of such conditions at the Closing) or waived and Purchaser fails to complete the Closing at the time required by Section 2.3;
- (i) by written notice from the Company to Purchaser, if any Seller or the board of directors (or similar governing body) of any Seller determines that proceeding with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or failing to terminate this Agreement would be inconsistent with its or such Person's or body's fiduciary duties;
- (j) by written notice of either Purchaser or the Company, if (i) any Seller enters into one or more Alternative Transactions with one or more Persons other than Purchaser or the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder at the Auction or (ii) the Bankruptcy Court approves an Alternative Transaction other than with the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder; or

- (k) by written notice from Purchaser to the Company, if Purchaser is not the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder at the Auction; <u>provided</u> that Purchaser shall not be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(k)</u> until after the twenty-fifth (25th) day following entry by the Bankruptcy Court of an Order authorizing and approving an Alternative Transaction with the Successful Bidder at the Auction (and, notwithstanding Purchaser not having been the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder at the Auction, until such time (if any) as Purchaser terminates this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(k)</u>, the obligations of Purchaser to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall remain unaffected by Purchaser's right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(k)</u>).
- 8.2 Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1, this Agreement shall forthwith become void and there shall be no liability on the part of any Party or any of its partners, officers, directors or shareholders; provided that Section 2.2, this Section 8.2, and Article X shall survive any such termination; provided further that no termination will relieve Purchaser from any Liability for damages (including damages based on the loss of the economic benefits of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Cash Payment, to Sellers), losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable legal fees and expenses) resulting from any willful breach of this Agreement prior to the date of such termination (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will be deemed to include any failure by Purchaser to consummate the Closing if and when it is obligated to do so hereunder).

ARTICLE IX

TAXES

- 9.1 <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. Any sales, use, purchase, transfer, franchise, deed, fixed asset, stamp, documentary stamp, use, or other Taxes and recording charges payable by reason of the sale of the Acquired Assets or the assumption of the Assumed Liabilities under this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (the "<u>Transfer Taxes</u>") shall be borne and timely paid by Purchaser, and Purchaser shall timely file all Tax Returns related to any Transfer Taxes. Sellers and Purchaser shall use commercially reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to exempt all such transactions from any Transfer Taxes.
- Allocation of Purchase Price. For U.S. federal and applicable state and local income Tax purposes, Purchaser, Sellers, and their respective Affiliates shall allocate the Purchase Price (and any Assumed Liabilities or other items treated as part of the purchase price for applicable income Tax purposes) among the Acquired Assets in accordance with the methodology set forth in Schedule 9.2 (the "Allocation Methodology"). As soon as commercially practicable, but no later than forty-five (45) days following the determination of the final Purchase Price, Purchaser shall provide a proposed allocation to Sellers setting forth the allocation of the Purchase Price (and other amounts treated as Purchase Price for U.S. federal income Tax purposes) among the Acquired Assets in accordance with the Allocation Methodology (the "Allocation"). If Sellers deliver a written objection within thirty (30) days after receipt of the draft Allocation proposed by Purchaser, then Purchaser and Sellers shall negotiate in good faith to resolve any such objection, and, if Sellers and Purchaser cannot resolve such dispute within thirty (30) days of Purchaser's receipt of Sellers' objection, then a nationally recognized accounting firm mutually acceptable to Purchaser and

Sellers shall resolve such dispute and the resolution of such dispute shall be final and binding on the Parties. The Parties and their respective Affiliates shall file all Tax Returns in accordance with such Allocation (as finally determined under this Section 9.2) and not take any Tax related action inconsistent with the Allocation, in each case, unless otherwise required by a "determination" within the meaning of Section 1313(a) of the Code.

9.3 <u>Cooperation</u>. Purchaser and Sellers shall reasonably cooperate, as and to the extent reasonably requested by the other Party, in connection with the filing of Tax Returns and any Action, audit, litigation, or other proceeding with respect to Taxes.

9.4 Preparation of Tax Returns and Payment of Taxes.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by <u>Section 9.1</u>, Sellers shall prepare and timely file (i) all Tax Returns for any Tax period ending on or before the date hereof and (ii) all income Tax Returns of Sellers. Except to the extent any Tax reflected on a return required to be prepared and filed by Sellers pursuant to this <u>Section 9.4</u> is otherwise reflected as an adjustment to Purchase Price or constitutes an Assumed Liability, Sellers shall be responsible for paying any Taxes reflected on any Tax Return that Sellers are obligated to prepare and file under this <u>Section 9.4(a)</u>.
- (b) Purchaser shall prepare and timely file all other Tax Returns with respect to the Acquired Assets that are not addressed by Section 9.4(a). With respect to any Straddle Period, Purchaser shall prepare such Tax Returns consistent with past practice, and shall provide Sellers with a draft of such Tax Returns at least thirty days prior to the filing of any such Tax Return. Purchaser shall incorporate any changes reasonably requested by Sellers with respect to such Tax Returns. Purchaser shall be responsible for paying any Taxes reflected on any Tax Return that Purchaser is obligated to prepare and file under this Section 9.4(b).
- (c) Purchaser shall not file any Tax Return, file an amendment to any previously-filed Tax Return, or otherwise take any Tax position that has the effect of increasing any Tax due for a Pre-Closing Tax Period or portion of a Straddle Period ending on the Closing, unless Purchaser receives an opinion from a nationally recognized accounting firm or law firm that there is no adequate "reporting position" with respect to any previously-asserted position with respect to Taxes. Upon such determination, Purchaser shall provide no less than forty-five (45) days' notice of such position before filing any such Tax Return. In the event Sellers disagree with such Tax position, and the dispute cannot be resolved between the Parties, such dispute shall be submitted to an independent national accounting firm or law firm for resolution, with the costs of such resolution to be evenly split by Purchaser, on the one hand, and Sellers, on the other hand. The determination of such independent national accounting firm or law firm shall be binding on all Parties and any Tax Return shall be filed consistently with such resolution.
- 9.5 <u>Wage Reporting</u>. Purchaser and Sellers agree to utilize, or cause their respective Affiliates to utilize, the "alternate procedure" set forth in Revenue Procedure 2004-53 with respect to wage reporting.

ARTICLE X

MISCELLANEOUS

- 10.1 Non-Survival of Representations and Warranties and Certain Covenants; Certain Waivers. Each of the representations and warranties and the covenants and agreements (to the extent such covenant or agreement contemplates or requires performance by such Party prior to the Closing) of the Parties set forth in this Agreement or in any other document contemplated hereby, or in any certificate delivered hereunder or thereunder, will terminate effective immediately as of the Closing such that no claim for breach of any such representation, warranty, covenant or agreement, detrimental reliance or other right or remedy (whether in Contract, in tort or at law or in equity) may be brought with respect thereto after the Closing. Each covenant and agreement that explicitly contemplates performance after the Closing, will, in each case and to such extent, expressly survive the Closing in accordance with its terms, and if no term is specified, then for five (5) years following the Closing Date, and nothing in this Section 10.1 will be deemed to limit any rights or remedies of any Person for breach of any such surviving covenant or agreement. Purchaser and Sellers Parties acknowledge and agree, on their own behalf and on behalf of the Purchaser Group or the Seller Parties, as the case may be, that the agreements contained in this Section 10.1 (a) require performance after the Closing to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law and will survive the Closing for five (5) years; and (b) are an integral part of the transactions contemplated hereby and that, without the agreements set forth in this Section 10.1, none of the Parties would enter into this Agreement. Purchaser Group, on its own behalf and on behalf of (after the Closing) the Company, hereby waives all rights and remedies with respect to any environmental, health or safety matters, including those arising under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, or any other Environmental Laws, relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby.
- 10.2 Expenses. Whether or not the Closing takes place, except as otherwise provided herein (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Section 8.2), all fees, costs and expenses (including fees, costs and expenses of Advisors) incurred in connection with the negotiation of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby, the performance of this Agreement and the other agreements contemplated hereby and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby will be paid by the Party incurring such fees, costs and expenses; it being acknowledged and agreed that (a) all fees and expenses in connection with any filing or submission that is necessary under the HSR Act and any Foreign Competition Laws will be allocated pursuant to Section 6.4, (b) all Transfer Taxes will be allocated pursuant to Section 9.1 and (c) all Cure Costs will be allocated pursuant to Section 5.2.
- 10.3 <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices, demands and other communications to be given or delivered under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement will be in writing and will be deemed to have been given (a) when personally delivered, (b) when transmitted by electronic mail, (c) the day following the day on which the same has been delivered prepaid to a reputable national overnight air courier service or (d) the third (3rd) Business Day following the day on which the same is sent by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, in each case, to the respective Party at the number, electronic mail address or street address, as applicable, set forth below, or at such other number, electronic mail address or street address as such Party may specify by written notice to the other Party.

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Notices to Sel	<u>lers</u> :
[] [] Attention: Email:	[] []
with a copy to	(which shall not constitute notice):
Kirkland & El 300 North Las Chicago, Illino Attention: Email:	Salle Street
and	
Kirkland & El 601 Lexingtor New York, NY Attention:	n Avenue Y 10022 Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. Emily E. Geier
Email:	jsussberg@kirkland.com emily.geier@kirkland.com

- Binding Effect; Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon Purchaser and, subject to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order (with respect to the matters covered thereby) and the entry and terms of the Confirmation Order and consummation of the Plan, Sellers, and shall inure to the benefit of and be so binding on the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, including any trustee or estate representative appointed in the Bankruptcy Case or any successor Chapter 7 case; provided that neither this Agreement nor any of the rights or obligations hereunder may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of Purchaser and the Company, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such prior written consent shall be null and void.
- 10.5 <u>Amendment and Waiver</u>. Any provision of this Agreement or the Schedules or exhibits hereto may be (a) amended only in a writing signed by Purchaser and the Company or (b) waived only in a writing executed by the Person against which enforcement of such waiver is sought. No waiver of any provision hereunder or any breach or default thereof will extend to or affect in any way any other provision or prior or subsequent breach or default.
- 10.6 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, nothing expressed or referred to in this Agreement will be construed to give any Person other than the Parties any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under or with respect to this Agreement or any provision of this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Non-Recourse</u>. This Agreement may only be enforced against, and any Action based upon, arising out of or related to this Agreement may only be brought against, the Persons that are expressly named as parties to this Agreement. Except to the extent named as a party to this Agreement, and then only to the extent of the specific obligations of such parties set forth in this Agreement, no past, present or future shareholder, member, partner, manager, director, officer, employee, Affiliate, agent or Advisor of any Party or any Subsidiary of Sellers will have any liability (whether in Contract, tort, equity or otherwise) for any of the representations, warranties, covenants, agreements or other obligations or Liabilities of any of the parties to this Agreement or for any Action based upon, arising out of or related to this Agreement.
- 10.8 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable Law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable Law in any jurisdiction, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity in such jurisdiction, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement or in any other jurisdiction.
- 10.9 <u>Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement will be deemed to be the language chosen by the Parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any Person. The headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and will in no way restrict or otherwise modify any of the terms or provisions hereof.
- 10.10 <u>Schedules</u>. The Schedules have been arranged for purposes of convenience in separately numbered sections corresponding to the sections of this Agreement; <u>however</u>, each section of the Schedules will be deemed to incorporate by reference all information disclosed in

any other section of the Schedules, and any disclosure in the Disclosure Statement will be deemed a disclosure against any representation or warranty set forth in this Agreement. Capitalized terms used in the Schedules and not otherwise defined therein have the meanings given to them in this Agreement. The specification of any dollar amount or the inclusion of any item in the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, the Schedules or the attached exhibits is not intended to imply that the amounts, or higher or lower amounts, or the items so included, or other items, are or are not required to be disclosed (including whether such amounts or items are required to be disclosed as material or threatened) or are within or outside of the Ordinary Course, and no Party will use the fact of the setting of the amounts or the fact of the inclusion of any item in this Agreement, the Schedules, Updated Schedules, or exhibits in any dispute or controversy between the Parties as to whether any obligation, item or matter not set forth or included in this Agreement, the Schedules or exhibits is or is not required to be disclosed (including whether the amount or items are required to be disclosed as material or threatened) or are within or outside of the Ordinary Course. In addition, matters reflected in the Schedules are not necessarily limited to matters required by this Agreement to be reflected in the Schedules. Such additional matters are set forth for informational purposes only and do not necessarily include other matters of a similar nature. No information set forth in the Schedules will be deemed to broaden in any way the scope of the parties' representations and warranties. Any description of any agreement, document, instrument, plan, arrangement or other item set forth on any Schedule is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by the terms of such agreement, document, instrument, plan, arrangement, or item which terms will be deemed disclosed for all purposes of this Agreement. The information contained in this Agreement, in the Schedules and exhibits hereto is disclosed solely for purposes of this Agreement, and no information contained herein or therein will be deemed to be an admission by any Party to any third party of any matter whatsoever, including any violation of Law or breach of Contract.

- Agreement and any other agreements expressly referred to herein or therein, contains the entire agreement of the parties respecting the sale and purchase of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements among the Parties respecting the sale and purchase of the Acquired Assets and the Assumed Liabilities and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises with respect to this Agreement, the terms and provisions of the execution version of this Agreement will control and prior drafts of this Agreement and the documents referenced herein will not be considered or analyzed for any purpose (including in support of parol evidence proffered by any Person in connection with this Agreement), will be deemed not to provide any evidence as to the meaning of the provisions hereof or the intent of the Parties with respect hereto and will be deemed joint work product of the Parties.
- 10.12 <u>Specific Performance</u>. The Parties agree that irreparable damage, for which monetary relief, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that any provision of this Agreement is not performed in accordance with its specific terms or is otherwise breached, including if any of the Parties fails to take any action required of it hereunder to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. It is accordingly agreed that (a) the Parties will be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance or other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof in the courts described in <u>Section 10.13</u> without proof of damages or otherwise,

this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled under this Agreement, and (b) the right of specific performance and other equitable relief is an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and without that right, neither Sellers nor Purchaser would have entered into this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge and agree that any Party pursuing an injunction or injunctions or other Order to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in accordance with this Section 10.12 will not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such Order. The remedies available to Sellers pursuant to this Section 10.12 will be in addition to any other remedy to which they were entitled at law or in equity, and the election to pursue an injunction or specific performance will not restrict, impair or otherwise limit any Seller from seeking to collect or collecting damages. If, prior to the Outside Date, any Party brings any action, in each case in accordance with Section 10.12, to enforce specifically the performance of the terms and provisions hereof by any other Party, the Outside Date will automatically be extended (y) for the period during which such action is pending, plus ten (10) Business Days or (z) by such other time period established by the court presiding over such action, as the case may be. In no event will this Section 10.12 be used, alone or together with any other provision of this Agreement, to require any Seller to remedy any breach of any representation or warranty of any Seller made herein.

10.13 Jurisdiction and Exclusive Venue. Each of the Parties irrevocably agrees that any Action that may be based upon, arising out of, or related to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby brought by any other Party or its successors or assigns will be brought and determined only in (a) the Bankruptcy Court and any federal court to which an appeal from the Bankruptcy Court may be validly taken or (b) if the Bankruptcy Court is unwilling or unable to hear such Action, in the Delaware Chancery Court and any state court sitting in the State of Delaware to which an appeal from the Delaware Chancery Court may be validly taken (or, if the Delaware Chancery Court declines to accept jurisdiction over a particular matter, any state or federal court within the state of Delaware) ((a) and (b), the "Chosen Courts"), and each of the Parties hereby irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts for itself and with respect to its property, generally and unconditionally, with regard to any such Action arising out of or relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby. Each of the Parties agrees not to commence any Action relating thereto except in the Chosen Courts, other than Actions in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce any Order, decree or award rendered by any Chosen Court, and no Party will file a motion to dismiss any Action filed in a Chosen Court on any jurisdictional or venue-related grounds, including the doctrine of forum non-conveniens. The Parties irrevocably agree that venue would be proper in any of the Chosen Courts, and hereby irrevocably waive any objection that any such court is an improper or inconvenient forum for the resolution of such Action. Each of the Parties further irrevocably and unconditionally consents to service of process in the manner provided for notices in Section 10.3. Nothing in this Agreement will affect the right of any Party to this agreement to serve process in any other manner permitted by Law.

10.14 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial.

(a) Except to the extent the mandatory provisions of the Bankruptcy Code apply, this Agreement, and any Action that may be based upon, arising out of or related to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal Laws of

the State of Delaware applicable to agreements executed and performed entirely within such State without regards to conflicts of law principles of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction that would cause the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware to apply.

- EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY (b) CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THE DOCUMENTS AGREEMENTS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES AND THEREFORE HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION BASED ON, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY DOCUMENT OR AGREEMENT CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES AGREES AND CONSENTS THAT ANY SUCH ACTION WILL BE DECIDED BY COURT TRIAL WITHOUT A JURY AND THAT THE PARTIES THIS AGREEMENT MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL COUNTERPART OF A COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT OF THE PARTIES TO THE IRREVOCABLE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY. EACH PARTY (I) CERTIFIES THAT NO ADVISOR OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (II) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.
- 10.15 No Right of Set-Off. Purchaser, on its own behalf and on behalf the Purchaser Group and its and their respective successors and permitted assigns, hereby waives any rights of set-off, netting, offset, recoupment, or similar rights that Purchaser, any member of the Purchaser Group or any of its or their respective successors and permitted assigns has or may have with respect to the payment of the Cash Payment or any other payments to be made by Purchaser pursuant to this Agreement or any other document or instrument delivered by Purchaser in connection herewith.
- 10.16 Counterparts and PDF. This Agreement and any other agreements referred to herein or therein, and any amendments hereto or thereto, may be executed in multiple counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signature of more than one party hereto or thereto, but all such counterparts taken together will constitute one and the same instrument. Any counterpart, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine, .PDF or other electronic transmission, will be treated in all manner and respects as an original Contract and will be considered to have the same binding legal effects as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. Minor variations in the form of the signature page to this Agreement or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, including footers from earlier versions of this Agreement or any such other document, will be disregarded in determining the effectiveness of such signature. At the request of any party or pursuant to any such Contract, each other party hereto or thereto will re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties. No party hereto or to any such Contract will raise the use of a facsimile machine, .PDF or other electronic transmission to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or Contract was transmitted or

communicated through the use of facsimile machine, .PDF or other electronic transmission as a defense to the formation of a Contract and each such party forever waives any such defense.

- 10.17 <u>Publicity</u>. Neither the Company nor Purchaser shall issue any press release or public announcement concerning this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby without obtaining the prior written approval of the other Party, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, unless, in the reasonable judgment of Purchaser or the Company, disclosure is otherwise required by applicable Law or by the Bankruptcy Court with respect to filings to be made with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with this Agreement or by the applicable rules of any stock exchange on which Purchaser or the Company lists securities, <u>provided</u> that the Party intending to make such release shall use its best efforts consistent with such applicable Law or Bankruptcy Court requirement to consult with the other Party with respect to the text thereof.
- 10.18 <u>Bulk Sales Laws</u>. The Parties intend that pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the transfer of the Acquired Assets shall be free and clear of any Encumbrances in the Acquired Assets including any liens or claims arising out of the bulk transfer laws except Permitted Encumbrances, and the parties shall take such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to so provide in the Confirmation Order and the Plan. In furtherance of the foregoing, each Party hereby waives compliance by the Parties with the "bulk sales," "bulk transfers" or similar Laws and all other similar Laws in all applicable jurisdictions in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 10.19 <u>Fiduciary Obligations</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, or any document related to the transactions contemplated hereby, will require any Seller or any of their respective directors, officers or members, in each case, in their capacity as such, to take any action, or to refrain from taking any action, to the extent inconsistent with their fiduciary obligations. For the avoidance of doubt, Sellers retain the right to pursue any transaction or restructuring strategy that, in Sellers' business judgment, will maximize the value of their estates.
- 10.20 No Solicitation. This Agreement, the Plan and the transactions contemplated herein and therein are the product of negotiations among the Parties. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this Agreement is not, and shall not be deemed to be, (a) a solicitation of votes for the acceptance of the Plan or any other plan of reorganization for the purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise or (b) an offer for the issuance, purchase, sale, exchange, hypothecation, or other transfer of securities or a solicitation of an offer to purchase or otherwise acquire securities for purposes of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and none of the Company, the other Sellers, nor their Subsidiaries will solicit acceptances of the Plan from any party until such party has been provided with copies of a Disclosure Statement containing adequate information as required by section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code.

ARTICLE XI8

ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETIVE MATTERS

11.1 Certain Definitions.

- (a) "Action" means any action, claim (including a counterclaim, cross-claim, or defense), complaint, grievance, summons, suit, litigation, arbitration, mediation, audit, proceeding (including any civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or appellate proceeding), prosecution, contest, hearing, inquiry, inquest, audit, examination or investigation, of any kind whatsoever, regardless of the legal theory under which such Liability or obligation may be sought to be imposed, whether sounding in Contract or tort, or whether at law or in equity, or otherwise under any legal or equitable theory, commenced, brought, conducted or heard by or before, or otherwise involving, any Governmental Body or arbitrator.
- (b) "<u>Advisors</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any directors, officers, employees, investment bankers, financial advisors, accountants, agents, attorneys, consultants, or other representatives of such Person.
- (c) "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person, and the term "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by Contract or otherwise.
- (d) "<u>Alternative Transaction</u>" means any transaction (or series of transaction), whether direct or indirect, concerning a sale, merger, acquisition, issuance, financing, recapitalization, reorganization, liquidation or disposition of any Seller or any portion of the equity interests or any material portion of the assets thereof (in any form of transaction, whether by merger, sale of assets or equity or otherwise); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not include sales of Inventory in the Ordinary Course.
- (e) "<u>Auction</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Bidding Procedures Order.
- (f) <u>Bidding Procedures Order</u>" means the *Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) (A) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (B) Authorizing the Sale of Assets, and (C) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, (V) Authorizing the Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. •] entered by the Bankruptcy Court.

⁸ NTD: Applicable definitions to be updated to conform to Plan, as necessary.

- (g) "<u>Business Day</u>" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which banks in New York City, New York are authorized or required by Law to be closed.
- (h) "<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>" means all of the Company's cash (including petty cash and checks received on the Closing Date), checking account balances, marketable securities, certificates of deposits, time deposits, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper, security entitlements, securities accounts, commodity Contracts, commodity accounts, government securities and any other cash equivalents, whether on hand, in transit, in banks or other financial institutions, or otherwise held.
 - (i) "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- (j) "<u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>" means that certain letter agreement, dated as of [_____], by and between the Company and [____].
- (k) "Confirmation Order" means an Order of the Bankruptcy Court reasonably acceptable to the Parties (i) pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code confirming the Plan in a form reasonably acceptable to Purchaser and the Company, as may have been amended, supplemented or otherwise modified with the consent of Purchaser (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or conditioned); (ii) approving this Agreement; and (iii) authorizing Sellers to undertake the transactions contemplated hereunder, including pursuant to sections 363, 365, 1123(a)(5)(B), and 1123(a)(5)(D) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (l) "Consent" means any approval, consent, ratification, permission, waiver or other authorization, or an Order of the Bankruptcy Court that deems or renders unnecessary the same.
- (m) "<u>Contract</u>" means any contract, purchase order, service order, sales order, indenture, note, bond, lease, sublease, mortgage, agreement, guarantee, purchase order, license or other agreement that is binding upon a Person or its property.
- (n) "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>" means the disclosure statement for the Plan approved by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the Plan Solicitation Order (including all exhibits and schedules thereto).
- (o) "<u>Documents</u>" means all of the Company's written files, documents, instruments, papers, books, reports, records, tapes, microfilms, photographs, letters, budgets, forecasts, plans, operating records, safety and environmental reports, data, studies, and documents, Tax Returns, ledgers, journals, title policies, customer lists, regulatory filings, operating data and plans, research material, technical documentation (design specifications, engineering information, test results, maintenance schedules, functional requirements, operating instructions, logic manuals, processes, flow charts, etc.), user documentation (installation guides, user manuals, training materials, release notes, working papers, etc.), marketing documentation (sales brochures, flyers, pamphlets, web pages, etc.), and other similar materials, in each case whether or not in electronic form.
- (p) "<u>Encumbrance</u>" means any lien (as defined in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code), encumbrance, claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code),

charge, mortgage, deed of trust, option, pledge, security interest or similar interests, hypothecations, easements, rights of way, encroachments, Orders and conditional sale or other title retention agreements.

- (q) "Environmental Laws" all applicable Laws concerning pollution or protection of the environment.
- (r) "<u>Equipment</u>" means any and all equipment, computers, furniture, furnishings, fixtures, office supplies, supply inventory, vehicles and all other fixed assets.
 - (s) "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.
- (t) "GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time.
- (u) "Governmental Authorization" means any permit, license, certificate, approval, consent, permission, clearance, designation, qualification or authorization issued, granted, given or otherwise made available by or under the authority of any Governmental Body or pursuant to any Law.
- (v) "Governmental Body" means any government, quasi governmental entity, or other governmental or regulatory body, agency or political subdivision thereof of any nature, whether foreign, federal, state or local, or any agency, branch, department, official, entity, instrumentality or authority thereof, or any court or arbitrator (public or private) of applicable jurisdiction.
- (w) "<u>Hazardous Substance</u>" means any toxic or hazardous material, substance or waste regulated under any Environmental Laws.
- (x) "HSR Act" means the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (y) "Intellectual Property" means all of the following: (i) patents, patent applications and patent disclosures; (ii) trademarks, service marks, trade dress and corporate names, registrations and applications for any of the foregoing, together with all goodwill associated with each of the foregoing; (iii) copyright registrations and copyright applications; (iv) Internet domain names; (v) trade secrets; (vi) rights in computer software; (vii) rights in drawings, schematics and other technical plans; (viii) right of publicity; and (ix) all other intellectual property arising under the laws of any jurisdiction.
- (z) "<u>International Seller Plan</u>" means each Seller Plan maintained with respect to any Non-Debtor Subsidiary.
- (aa) "<u>Inventory</u>" means all inventory (including finished goods, supplies, raw materials, work in progress, spare, replacement and component parts) maintained or held by, stored by or on behalf of, or in transit to, any of Sellers.

- (bb) "<u>Knowledge of the Company</u>", "<u>Company's Knowledge</u>" and words of similar import mean the actual knowledge of [
- (cc) "<u>Law</u>" means any federal, state, provincial, local, municipal, foreign or international, multinational or other law, statute, legislation, constitution, principle of common law, resolution, ordinance, code, edict, decree, proclamation, treaty, convention, rule, regulation, ruling, directive, pronouncement, determination, decision, opinion or requirement issued, enacted, adopted, promulgated, implemented or otherwise put into effect by or under the authority of any Governmental Body.
- (dd) "<u>Leasehold Improvements</u>" means all buildings, structures, improvements and fixtures which are owned by a Seller and located on any Leased Real Property, regardless of whether title to such buildings, structures, improvements or fixtures are subject to reversion to the landlord or other third party upon the expiration or termination of the lease for such Leased Real Property.
- (ee) "Liability" means, as to any Person, any debt, adverse claim, liability (including any liability that results from, relates to or arises out of tort or any other product liability claim), duty, responsibility, obligation, commitment, assessment, cost, expense, loss, expenditure, charge, fee, penalty, fine, contribution, or premium of any kind or nature whatsoever, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, absolute or contingent, direct or indirect, accrued or unaccrued, liquidated or unliquidated, or due or to become due, and regardless of when sustained, incurred or asserted or when the relevant events occurred or circumstances existed.
- "Material Adverse Effect" means any event, change, occurrence, or effect (ff) (each, an "Effect") that, individually or in the aggregate with all other Effects, has had, or would reasonably be expected to have, a material adverse effect on the Acquired Assets and Assumed Liabilities, taken as whole; provided that none of the following shall constitute, or be taken into account in determining whether or not there has been, a Material Adverse Effect: (i) Effects in, arising from or relating to general business or economic conditions affecting the industry in which the Company and its Subsidiaries operate, (ii) Effects in, arising from or relating to national or international political or social conditions, including the engagement by the United States in hostilities or the escalation thereof, whether or not pursuant to the declaration of a national emergency or war, or the occurrence or the escalation of any military, cyber or terrorist attack upon the United States, or any of its territories, possessions, or diplomatic or consular offices or upon any military installation, asset, Equipment or personnel of the United States, (iii) Effects in, arising from or relating to financial, banking, or securities markets (including (A) any disruption of any of the foregoing markets, (B) any change in currency exchange rates, (C) any decline or rise in the price of any security, commodity, Contract or index and (D) any increased cost, or decreased availability, of capital or pricing or terms related to any financing for the transactions contemplated by this Agreement), (iv) Effects in, arising from or relating to changes in, GAAP, (v) Effects in, arising from or relating to changes in, Laws or other binding directives or determinations issued or made by or agreements with or consents of any Governmental Body (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any such items related to Section 6.5), (vi) Effects in, arising from or relating to (A) the taking of any action permitted or contemplated by this Agreement or at the request of Purchaser or its Affiliates, (B) the failure to take any action if such action is prohibited by this Agreement, (C) Purchaser's failure to consent to any of the actions restricted in Section 6.1 or

- (D) the negotiation, announcement or pendency of this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby or the identity, nature or ownership of Purchaser, including the impact thereof on the relationships, contractual or otherwise, of the business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with employees, customers, lessors, suppliers, vendors or other commercial partners, (vii) Effects in, arising from or relating to any existing event, occurrence, or circumstance with respect to which Purchaser has knowledge as of the date hereof, including any matter set forth in the Schedules, (viii) Effects that arise from any seasonal fluctuations in the business, (ix) any failure, in and of itself, to achieve any budgets, projections, forecasts, estimates, plans, predictions, performance metrics or operating statistics or the inputs into such items (whether or not shared with Purchaser or its Affiliates or Advisors) (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not the underlying causes of any such failure to the extent such underlying cause is not otherwise excluded from the definition of Material Adverse Effect), (x) the effect of any action taken by Purchaser or its Affiliates with respect to the transactions completed by this Agreement or the financing thereof or any breach by Purchaser of the Agreement, (xi) the matters set forth on the Schedules and any changes or developments in, or effects or results arising from or relating to, matters expressly set forth on the Schedules, or (xii) (A) the commencement or pendency of the Bankruptcy Case; (B) any objections in the Bankruptcy Court to (1) this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (2) the reorganization of Sellers, the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, (3) the Bidding Procedures Order or (4) the assumption or rejection of any Assigned Contract; (C) any Order of the Bankruptcy Court or any actions or omissions of Sellers or their Subsidiaries in compliance therewith; except in the case of the clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), to the extent such Effects have a materially disproportionate impact on the Acquired Assets, as compared to other participants engaged in the industries and geographies in which Sellers operate.
- (gg) "Order" means any order, injunction, order, decree, ruling, writ, assessment or arbitration award of a Governmental Body, including any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court in the Bankruptcy Case (including the Confirmation Order).
- (hh) "Ordinary Course" means the ordinary and usual course of operations of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole consistent with past practice and taking into account the commencement and pendency of the Bankruptcy Case.
- "Permitted Encumbrances" means (i) Encumbrances for utilities and (ii) current Taxes not yet due and payable, being contested in good faith, or the nonpayment of which is permitted or required by the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) easements, rights of way, restrictive covenants, encroachments and similar non-monetary encumbrances or non-monetary impediments against any of the Acquired Assets which do not, individually or in the aggregate, adversely affect the operation of the Acquired Assets and, in the case of the Leased Real Property, which do not, individually or in the aggregate, adversely affect the use or occupancy of such Leased Real Property as it relates to the operation of the Acquired Assets, (iii) applicable zoning Laws, building codes, land use restrictions and other similar restrictions imposed by Law which are not violated by the current use or occupancy of such Leased Real Property, as applicable, (iv) materialmans', mechanics', artisans', shippers', warehousemans' or other similar common law or statutory liens incurred in the Ordinary Course for amounts not yet due and payable, (v) licenses granted on a non-exclusive basis, (vi) such other Encumbrances or title exceptions as Purchaser may approve in writing in its sole discretion or which do not, individually or in the aggregate, materially and adversely affect the operation of the Acquired Assets, (vii) any Encumbrances set forth on

<u>Schedule 11.1(ii)</u>, and (viii) any Encumbrances that will be removed or released by operation of the Confirmation Order or the Plan.

- (jj) "<u>Person</u>" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, unincorporated organization, labor union, estate, Governmental Body or other entity or group.
- (kk) "<u>Plan</u>" means the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Pier 1 Imports, Inc. and its Debtor Affiliates [Docket No. ____] in the chapter 11 cases captioned *In re Pier 1 Imports, Inc., et al.*, Case No. [_____] (including any plan supplement documents and any schedules and exhibits attached thereto), as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.
- (ll) "<u>Plan Solicitation Order</u>" means an Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court, which Order shall, among other things, approve (i) the Disclosure Statement; and (ii) the commencement of a solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan.
 - (mm) "Plan Supplement" has the meaning set forth in the Plan.
- (nn) "<u>Pre-Closing Tax Period</u>" means any Tax period ending on or before the Closing.
- (00) "Privacy Laws" means all applicable Laws concerning data protection, privacy, security or other similar applicable Laws.
- (pp) "<u>Purchaser Group</u>" means Purchaser, any Affiliate of Purchaser and each of their respective former, current or future Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, partners, members, managers, agents, Advisors, successors or permitted assigns.
 - (qq) "SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (rr) "<u>Seller Parties</u>" means Sellers and the Company's Subsidiaries and each of their respective former, current, or future Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, partners, members, equityholders, controlling or controlled Persons, managers, agents, Advisors, successors or permitted assigns.
- (ss) "Seller Plan" means each (i) employee welfare benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(1) of ERISA (whether or not subject to ERISA), (ii) employee pension benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(2) of ERISA (whether or not subject to ERISA), other than any plan which is a "multiemployer plan" (as defined in Section 3(37) or 4001(a)(3) of ERISA), (iii) stock option, stock purchase, stock appreciation right or other equity or equity-based agreement, program or plan, (iv) employment, individual consulting, severance, retention or other similar agreement or (v) bonus, incentive, deferred compensation, profit-sharing, retirement, post-termination health or welfare, vacation, severance or termination pay, fringe or other compensation or benefit plan, program, policy, Contract, agreement or other arrangement, in each case that is sponsored, maintained or contributed to by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries contributes or is obligated to contribute to or has any Liability, in all cases, other than any plan or arrangement sponsored or maintained by a Governmental Body.

- (tt) "<u>Straddle Period</u>" means any Tax period beginning before, and ending after, the Closing.
- (uu) "<u>Subsidiary</u>" or "<u>Subsidiaries</u>" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation of which a majority of the total voting power of shares of stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof or any partnership, association or other business entity of which a majority of the partnership or other similar ownership interest is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof.
- (vv) "<u>Tax</u>" or "<u>Taxes</u>" means any federal, state, local, foreign or other income, gross receipts, capital stock, franchise, profits, withholding, social security, unemployment, disability, real property, ad valorem/personal property, stamp, excise, occupation, sales, use, transfer, value added, import, export, alternative minimum or estimated tax, including any interest, penalty or addition thereto.
- (ww) "<u>Tax Return</u>" means any return, claim for refund, report, statement or information return relating to Taxes required to be filed with a Governmental Body, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendments thereof.
- (xx) "<u>United States Seller Plan</u>" means each Seller Plan maintained with respect to the Company and its Subsidiaries other than any Non-Debtor Subsidiary.

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- 11.3 <u>Rules of Interpretation</u>. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the following will apply to this Agreement, the Schedules and any other certificate, instrument, agreement or other document contemplated hereby or delivered hereunder.
- (a) Accounting terms which are not otherwise defined in this Agreement have the meanings given to them under GAAP consistently applied. To the extent that the definition of an accounting term defined in this Agreement is inconsistent with the meaning of such term under GAAP, the definition set forth in this Agreement will control.
- (b) The terms "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and terms of similar import are references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. Section, clause, schedule and exhibit references contained in this Agreement are references to sections, clauses, schedules and exhibits in or to this Agreement, unless otherwise specified. All Exhibits and Schedules annexed hereto or referred to herein are hereby incorporated in and made a part of this Agreement as if set forth in full herein. Any capitalized terms used in any Schedule or Exhibit but not otherwise defined therein shall be defined as set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) Whenever the words "include," "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they will be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." Where the context permits, the use of the term "or" will be equivalent to the use of the term "and/or."
 - (d) The words "to the extent" shall mean "the degree by which" and not "if."
- (e) When calculating the period of time before which, within which or following which any act is to be done or step taken pursuant to this Agreement, the date that is the reference date in calculating such period will be excluded. If the last day of such period is a day other than a Business Day, the period in question will end on the next succeeding Business Day.
- (f) Words denoting any gender will include all genders, including the neutral gender. Where a word is defined herein, references to the singular will include references to the plural and vice versa.
- (g) The word "will" will be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall". The words "shall," "will," or "agree(s)" are mandatory, and "may" is permissive.

- (h) All references to "\$" and dollars will be deemed to refer to United States currency unless otherwise specifically provided.
- (i) All references to a day or days will be deemed to refer to a calendar day or calendar days, as applicable, unless otherwise specifically provided.
- (j) Any document or item will be deemed "delivered," "provided" or "made available" by the Company, within the meaning of this Agreement if such document or item (a) is included in the Dataroom, (b) actually delivered or provided to Purchaser or any of Purchaser's Advisors or (c) made available upon request, including at the Company's or any of its Subsidiaries' offices.
- (k) Any reference to any agreement or Contract will be a reference to such agreement or Contract, as amended, modified, supplemented or waived.
- (l) Any reference to any particular Code section or any Law will be interpreted to include any amendment to, revision of or successor to that section or Law regardless of how it is numbered or classified; provided that, for the purposes of the representations and warranties set forth herein, with respect to any violation of or non-compliance with, or alleged violation of or non-compliance, with any Code section or Law, the reference to such Code section or Law means such Code section or Law as in effect at the time of such violation or non-compliance or alleged violation or non-compliance.
- (m) All references to a day or days shall be deemed to refer to a calendar day or calendar days, as applicable, unless otherwise specifically provided.
- (n) A reference to any Party to this Agreement or any other agreement or document shall include such Party's successors and permitted assigns.

[Signature page(s) follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

[PURCHASER]

By:		
Name:		
Title:		

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By:		
Name:		
Title:		
PIER 1	ASSETS, INC.	
By:		
Name:		
Title:		
PIER 1	LICENSING, INC.	
By:		
Name:		
Title:		
PIER 1	HOLDINGS, INC.	
Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		
PIER 1	IMPORTS (U.S.), INC.	
Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

PIER 1 SERVICES COMPANY

By:
Name:
Title:
PIR TRADING, INC.
By:
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Title:
PIER 1 VALUE SERVICES, LLC
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Exhibit 2

Auction Notice

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

H)
equested)

NOTICE OF AUCTION FOR THE SALE OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on [●], 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") entered the Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. [●]] (the "Order"),² authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to conduct an auction (the "Auction") to select the party or parties to purchase the Debtors' Assets. The Auction

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures Order or the Bidding Procedures, as applicable.

will be governed by the bidding procedures approved pursuant to the Order (attached to the Order as Exhibit 1, the "Bidding Procedures").

Copies of the Order, the Bidding Procedures, or other documents related thereto are available upon request to Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC by calling (866) 977-0883 (toll free) or (503) 520-4412 (international) or visiting the Debtors' restructuring website at https://dm.epiq.com/pier1/.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Bid Deadline is Monday, March 23, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), and that any person or entity who wishes to participate in the Auction must comply with the participation requirements, bid requirements, and other requirements set forth in the Bidding Procedures.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors intend to conduct the Auction, at which they will consider Bids submitted to the Debtors and their advisors, by and pursuant to the Bidding Procedures as set forth in the Order, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at [●] a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Opening Bidder's Proposed Agreement, a Qualified Bidder may provide for the assumption of the Employee Obligations, and in considering whether a bid is a Qualified Bid or a Successful Bid, the Debtors will take into consideration whether the Potential Bidder or Qualified Bidder proposes to assume the Employee Obligations.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtors reserve the right to modify the Bidding Procedures, in their reasonable business judgment in accordance with the Bidding Procedures.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that approval of the Sale of the Debtors' Assets to the Successful Bidder(s), and any objections thereto, will be heard in connection with confirmation of the Plan.

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Exhibit 3

Notice of Successful Bidder

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

)		
In re:) Chapter 11		
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., ³⁶) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)		
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)		

NOTICE OF SUCCESSFUL AND BACKUP BIDDER WITH RESPECT TO THE AUCTION OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

On [●], 2020 the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") entered the Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. [●]] (the "Order"), 37 by which the Court

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Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures Order or the Bidding Procedures Motion, as applicable.

approved procedures setting forth the process by which the Debtors are authorized to conduct an auction (the "Auction") for the sale of any portion, all, or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on <u>Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at [•]:00</u> <u>a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)</u>, pursuant to the Order, the Debtors conducted the Auction with respect to certain of the Assets at [the offices of Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, located at 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York, 10022].

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, at the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors, in consultation with their professionals, selected the following Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder with respect to the Debtors' Assets:

Asset(s)	Successful Bidder	Backup Bidder	Proposed Expense Reimbursement and/or Breakup Fee	Key Terms of Proposed Sale

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Sale/Confirmation Hearing to consider confirmation of a plan, including approval of the Sale of the Debtors' Assets to the Successful Bidder(s) at the Auction will be held before the Honorable Judge Keith L. Phillips, at the Court, 701 East Broad Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom No. 5100, Richmond, Virginia 23219, on Thursday, April 23, 2020, at [] a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that at the Sale/Confirmation Hearing, the Debtors will seek the Court's approval of the Successful Bids and the Backup Bids (if any). Unless the Court orders otherwise, the Sale/Confirmation Hearing shall be an evidentiary hearing on matters relating to the Sale and there will be no further bidding at the Sale/Confirmation Hearing. In the event that the Successful Bidder cannot or refuses to consummate the Sale following entry of a Sale Order because of the breach or failure on the part of the Successful Bidder, the Backup Bidder will be deemed the new Successful Bidder and the Debtors shall be authorized, but not required, to close with the Backup Bidder on the Backup Bid without further order of the Court.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Notice of Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder is subject to the terms and conditions of the Motion and the Order, with such Order controlling in the event of any conflict, and the Debtors encourage parties in interest to review such documents in their entirety. Parties interested in receiving more information regarding the sale or other disposition of the Assets may make a written request to: Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC ("Epiq") (the notice and claims agent retained in these chapter 11 cases) by calling (866) 977-0883 (toll free) or (503) 520-4412 (international).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Sale Procedures Motion, the Order, this Notice, and any other related documents are available: (a) upon request to Epiq by calling (866) 977 0883 (toll free) or (503) 520-4412 (international); (b) by visiting the website maintained in these chapter 11 cases at http://dm.epiq11.com/pier1; or (c) for a fee via PACER by visiting http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov.

Richmond, Virginia

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Exhibit 4

Plan Support Agreement

THIS PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS NOT AN OFFER OR ACCEPTANCE WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OF A CHAPTER 11 PLAN WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. ANY SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND/OR PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT SHALL BE AN ADMISSION OF FACT OR LIABILITY OR, UNTIL THE OCCURRENCE OF THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE ON THE TERMS DESCRIBED HEREIN, DEEMED BINDING ON ANY OF THE PARTIES HERETO.

PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

This PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT (including all exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto in accordance with Section 14.02, this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of February 16, 2020 (the "<u>Execution Date</u>"), by and among the following parties (each of the following described in sub-clauses (i) through (ii) of this preamble, collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>"):¹

- i. Pier 1 Imports, Inc. a company incorporated under the Laws of Delaware ("Pier 1"), and each of its direct subsidiaries listed on Exhibit A to this Agreement that have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement to counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders (the Entities in this clause (i), collectively, the "Company Parties"); and
- ii. the undersigned holders of Term Loan Claims that have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement, a Joinder, or a Transfer Agreement to counsel to the Company Parties (collectively, the "Consenting Term Lenders").

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined in the preamble and recitals to this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 1.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company Parties and the Consenting Term Lenders have negotiated certain transactions with respect to the Company Parties on the terms set forth in this Agreement and as will be specified in a chapter 11 plan to be negotiated as set forth herein (the "Plan"), and in the bidding procedures related to a potential sale of assets, attached as Exhibit B hereto (as may be amended, modified, waived, or supplemented in accordance herewith, the "Bidding Procedures," such transactions as described in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bidding Procedures the "Transactions");

- WHEREAS, the Company Parties intend to implement the Transactions, including through the commencement of voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court (the "Chapter 11 Cases"); and
- WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to take certain actions in support of the Transactions on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bidding Procedures;
- **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Party, intending to be legally bound hereby, agrees as follows:

AGREEMENT

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.

- 1.01. Definitions. The following terms shall have the following definitions:
- "Administrative Claims Cap" means the dollar amount of payments of Administrative and Priority Claims (as defined in the Plan) the Consenting Term Lenders will consent to be paid pursuant to the Plan.
- "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes all the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto in accordance with Section 14.02.
- "Agreement Effective Date" means the date on which the conditions set forth in Section 2 have been satisfied or waived by the appropriate Party or Parties in accordance with this Agreement.
- "Agreement Effective Period" means, with respect to a Party, the period from the Agreement Effective Date to the Termination Date applicable to that Party.
- "<u>Alternative Transaction</u>" means any transaction not described by this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bidding Procedures proposed to the Company related to a debt or operational restructuring of the Company by any party.

- "Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, as amended.
- "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" means the United States Bankruptcy Court in which the Chapter 11 Cases are commenced or another United States Bankruptcy Court with jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases.
 - "Bidding Procedures" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
- "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state of New York.
 - "Chapter 11 Cases" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
 - "Claim" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
 - "Company Parties" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
- "Confidentiality Agreement" means an executed confidentiality agreement or confidentiality agreement provided for in the Term Loan Credit Agreement, including with respect to the issuance of a "cleansing letter" or other public disclosure, or disclosure to the "Private Side" lender site, as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement, of material non-public information, in connection with any proposed Transactions.
 - "Confirmation Order" means the confirmation order with respect to the Plan.
- "Consenting Term Lenders" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
 - "Debtors" means the Company Parties that commence Chapter 11 Cases.
 - "Definitive Documents" means the documents listed in Section 3.01.
 - "Disclosure Statement" means the related disclosure statement with respect to the Plan.
- <u>"Disclosure Statement Motion"</u> means a motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking, among other relief, approval of (i) the Disclosure Statement, (ii) a schedule of hearings related to the Plan confirmation process, and (iii) certain notices related thereto, and granting related relief.
 - "Entity" shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- "<u>Equitization Restructuring</u>" means any Transaction whereby the New Pier 1 Interests are distributed to holders of existing Term Loan Claims pursuant to the Plan.
- "Equity Interests" means, collectively, the shares (or any class thereof), common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, and any other equity, ownership, or profits

interests of any Company Party, and options, warrants, rights, or other securities or agreements to acquire or subscribe for, or which are convertible into the shares (or any class thereof) of, common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or other equity, ownership, or profits interests of any Company Party (in each case whether or not arising under or in connection with any employment agreement).

- "Execution Date" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "<u>First Day Pleadings</u>" means the first-day pleadings that the Company Parties determine are necessary or desirable to file.
- "Interim Period DIP Budget" means that portion of the budget contemplated in the DIP Documents covering the period of time between the Petition Date and March 23, 2020.
- "<u>Law</u>" means any federal, state, local, or foreign law (including common law), statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, ruling, or judgment, in each case, that is validly adopted, promulgated, issued, or entered by a governmental authority of competent jurisdiction (including the Bankruptcy Court).
- "Lender Election" means, in the event the Company Parties do not receive Qualified Bids (as defined in the Bidding Procedures) greater than or equal in value to the Reserve Price, the Required Consenting Term Lenders' election to pursue (a) an Equitization Restructuring and cancellation of the Auction (as defined in the Bidding Procedures), or (b) an Auction as contemplated in Section 4 of this Agreement.
 - "New Pier 1 Interests" means equity interests in Reorganized Pier 1.
 - "Parties" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "<u>Permitted Transferee</u>" means each transferee of any Term Loan Claims who meets the requirements of Section 8.05.
- "Petition Date" means the first date any of the Company Parties commences a Chapter 11 Case.
 - "Plan" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.
- "Plan Effective Date" means the occurrence of the effective date of the Plan according to its terms.
- "Plan Supplement" means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan that will be filed by the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court.
- "Qualified Marketmaker" means an entity that (a) holds itself out to the public or the applicable private markets as standing ready in the ordinary course of business to purchase from customers and sell to customers Company Claims/Interests (or enter with customers into long and short positions in Term Loan Claims), in its capacity as a dealer or market maker in Term

Loan Claims and (b) is, in fact, regularly in the business of making a market in claims against issuers or borrowers (including debt securities or other debt).

- "Reorganized Pier 1" means the Company, as reorganized pursuant to and under the Plan, or any successor thereto.
- "Required Consenting Term Lenders" means, as of the relevant date, Consenting Term Lenders holding more than 50.00% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Term Loan Claims that are held by Consenting Term Lenders.
- "Reserve Price" means the value, taking into account the Claims Estimation, at which the Term Loan Lenders would receive a cash recovery of \$104.7 million² (*i.e.* 55 cents on the dollar) on account of the Term Loan Claims.
 - "Rules" means Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3), and (7) of the Securities Act.
- "Sale Transaction" means a sale of some or all of the Debtors' assets in accordance with the Bidding Procedures and Plan.
 - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
 - "Term Loan" means loans outstanding under the Term Loan Credit Agreement.
- "<u>Term Loan Agent</u>" means any administrative agent, collateral agent, or similar Entity under the Term Loan, including any successors thereto.
 - "Term Loan Claims" means any Claim on account of the Term Loan.
- "Term Loan Credit Agreement" means that certain Term Loan Credit Agreement, dated April 30, 2014, between Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc., as lead borrower, the other facility guarantors party thereto, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as successor administrative agent, and certain financial institutions, as lenders, as may be amended, supplemented, modified, refinanced, replaced, or extended.
- "<u>Term Loan Credit Documentation</u>" means collectively, the Term Loan Credit Agreement and the other documents and instruments related thereto (including, without limitation, the notes, guarantees, collateral documents, amendments, and fee letters entered into in connection therewith).
 - "Term Loan Lenders" means the lenders to the Term Loan Credit Agreement.
- "<u>Termination Date</u>" means the date on which termination of this Agreement as to a Party is effective in accordance with Sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, or 11.04.
 - "Transactions" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

Note to Draft: Subject to ongoing review and discussions among Guggenheim and FTI.

"<u>Transfer</u>" means to sell, resell, reallocate, use, pledge, assign, transfer, hypothecate, participate, donate or otherwise encumber or dispose of, directly or indirectly (including through derivatives, options, swaps, pledges, forward sales or other transactions).

"<u>Transfer Agreement</u>" means an executed form of the transfer agreement providing, among other things, that a transferee is bound by the terms of this Agreement and substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

"Wind-Down Budget" shall have the meaning set forth in the Plan and be reasonably acceptable to both the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders. For the avoidance of doubt, the Wind-Down Budget (and any provisions in this Agreement with respect thereto) shall (i) only be of any force and effect with respect to the actual costs associated with winding down the Company's chapter 11 estate, (2) shall be determined on the timeline set forth herein, and (c) once in place, shall replace any then-existing applicable 13-week cash forecast.

1.02. <u>Interpretation</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:

This Agreement is the product of negotiations among the Parties, and the enforcement or interpretation hereof is to be interpreted in a neutral manner, and any presumption with regard to interpretation for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted or caused to be drafted this Agreement or any portion hereof shall not be effective in regard to the interpretation hereof.

- (a) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender;
- (b) capitalized terms defined only in the plural or singular form shall nonetheless have their defined meanings when used in the opposite form;
- (c) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions;
- (d) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit shall mean such document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may have been or may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time; provided that any capitalized terms herein which are defined with reference to another agreement, are defined with reference to such other agreement as of the date of this Agreement, without giving effect to any termination of such other agreement or amendments to such capitalized terms in any such other agreement following the date hereof;
- (e) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to "Sections" are references to Sections of this Agreement;

- (f) the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereto" refer to this Agreement in its entirety rather than to any particular portion of this Agreement;
- (g) captions and headings to Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of this Agreement;
- (h) references to "shareholders," "directors," and/or "officers" shall also include "members" and/or "managers," as applicable, as such terms are defined under the applicable limited liability company Laws;
 - (i) the use of "include" or "including" is without limitation, whether stated or not;
- (j) the phrase "counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders" refers in this Agreement to each counsel specified in Section 14.10 other than counsel to the Company Parties; and
- (k) unless otherwise specified herein, the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply.
- **Section 2.** *Effectiveness of this Agreement.* This Agreement shall become effective and binding upon each of the Parties at 12:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Standard Time, on the Agreement Effective Date, which is the date on which all the following conditions have been satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement:
- (a) each of the Company Parties shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement to counsel to each of the Parties; and
- (b) holders of at least sixty-three point eight (63.8) percent of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Term Loans shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement.

Section 3. Definitive Documents.

- 3.01. The Definitive Documents governing the Transactions shall include the following: (a) the Plan; (b) the Confirmation Order; (c) the Disclosure Statement; (d) the order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement and the other Solicitation Materials; (e) the First Day Pleadings and all orders sought pursuant thereto; (f) the Plan Supplement, (g) any motion seeking approval of the Company Parties' incurrence of postpetition financing and all agreements, documents, budgets, interim and final orders, and/or amendments in connection therewith (collectively, the "DIP Documents" and the budget(s) provided in the DIP Documents (and all amendments thereto), the "DIP Budget"); (h) the Wind-Down Budget; and (i) any motion seeking approval of bidding procedures and/or a sale of some or all of the Company Parties' assets and all agreements, documents, orders, and/or amendments in connection therewith, including the Bidding Procedures, (collectively, the "Sale Documents").
- 3.02. The Definitive Documents not executed or in a form attached to this Agreement as of the Execution Date remain subject to negotiation and completion. Upon completion, the Definitive Documents and every other document, deed, agreement, filing, notification, letter or

instrument related to the Transactions, or any amendments thereto, shall contain terms, conditions, representations, warranties, and covenants consistent with the terms of this Agreement, as they may be modified, amended, or supplemented in accordance with Section 13. Further, the Definitive Documents not executed or in a form attached to this Agreement as of the Execution Date (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the DIP Documents and any and all updated budgets related thereto) shall otherwise be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders.

Section 4. *Milestones*³

On and after the Agreement Effective Date, the Company Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to implement the Transaction in accordance with the following milestones (the "<u>Milestones</u>"), as applicable, unless extended or waived in writing (which may be by electronic mail between applicable counsel) by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Milestones shall prevent the Debtors from exercising their respective fiduciary duties under applicable law:

- (a) no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on February 17, 2020, the Company Parties shall have commenced the Chapter 11 Cases in the Bankruptcy Court and shall have filed a motion for approval of the Bidding Procedures and assumption of this Agreement, consistent in all respects with this Agreement;
- (b) no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on February 18, 2020, the Debtors will have sought first day relief and the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered an order (i) providing interim approval of the applicable DIP Documents, (ii) approving the Bidding Procedure and (iii) approving assumption of this Agreement;
- (c) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than seven (7) days after the Petition Date, the Company Parties shall have filed the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, and the Disclosure Statement Motion, each in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Term Lenders;
- (d) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 13, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the final order approving the applicable DIP Documents;
- (e) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than three (3) Business Days prior to the first scheduled hearing on the Disclosure Statement Motion, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall agree to the Administrative Claims Cap⁴;

The date of each Milestone provided for in this <u>Section 4</u> shall be calculated in accordance with Rule 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Each Milestone may be extended or modified by agreement (which may be via e-mail) between counsel to the Company Parties and counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders.

⁴ For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement, the Debtors' professionals, and any professionals of the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, shall be required to file retention papers and fee applications with the Bankruptcy Court, and the Consenting Term Lenders reserve all rights to review and object to any such retentions or payments in accordance with applicable laws.

- (f) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 20, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Disclosure Statement Order;
- (g) the Bid Deadline in the Bidding Procedures shall be no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on March 23, 2020;
- (h) in the event that the Company Parties do not receive a Qualified Bid greater than or equal in value to the Reserve Price, then no later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on the date that is four (4) Business Days following the Bid Deadline, the Consenting Term Lenders shall notify the Company Parties (via electronic mail through applicable counsel) of their Lender Election;
- (i) if applicable, as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than March 31, 2020, the Auction shall have occurred;
- (j) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than five (5) Business Days following selection of a Successful Bidder, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall agree to a Wind-Down Budget reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Term Lenders;
- (k) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than April 23, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order;⁵ and
- (l) as soon as reasonably practicable, but in no event later than May 30, 2020, the Plan Effective Date shall have occurred.

Section 5. Commitments of the Consenting Term Lenders.

- 5.01. General Commitments, Forbearances, and Waivers.
- (a) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Term Lender agrees (severally and not jointly), in respect of all its Term Loan Claims, to:
- (i) use its commercially reasonable efforts to support the Transaction and to act in good faith and take all reasonable actions necessary to implement and consummate the Transaction in accordance with the terms, conditions, and applicable deadlines set forth in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bidding Procedures, as applicable;
- (ii) negotiate in good faith the applicable Definitive Documents and use its commercially reasonable efforts to agree to the form and substance of such Definitive Documents consistent with the terms of this Agreement;

⁵ As soon as reasonably practicable after closing the Auction, the Debtors shall finalize definitive documentation to implement the terms of the Successful Bid, and, as applicable, cause such definitive documentation to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

- (iii) support the Transactions and vote and exercise any powers or rights available to it (including in any board, shareholders', or creditors' meeting or in any process requiring voting or approval to which they are legally entitled to participate) in each case in favor of any matter requiring approval to the extent necessary to implement the Transactions;
- (iv) direct the Term Loan Agent (in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation) to take all actions in furtherance of such Consenting Term Lender's respective obligations under this Agreement, and if the Term Loan Agent takes any action inconsistent with a Party's obligations under this Agreement, such Party shall promptly direct such Term Loan Agent to cease and refrain from taking any such action;
- (v) to the extent any legal or structural impediment arises that would prevent, hinder, or delay the consummation of the Transactions contemplated herein, take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to address any such impediment; provided that this Section 5.01(a)(v) shall not require any Consenting Term Lender to take any action for which they will incur additional out of pocket or legal expenses unless reimbursed by the Company Parties;
- (vi) use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with and assist the Company Parties in obtaining additional support for the Transactions from the Company Parties' other stakeholders; provided that this Section 5.01(a)(vi) shall not require any Consenting Term Lender to take any action for which they will incur additional out of pocket or legal expenses unless reimbursed by the Company Parties;
- (vii) use commercially reasonable efforts to oppose any party or person from taking any actions contemplated in Section 5.02(b); provided that this Section 5.01(a)(vii) shall not require any Consenting Term Lender to take any action for which they will incur additional out of pocket or legal expenses unless reimbursed by the Company Parties;
- (viii) give any notice, order, instruction, or direction to the Term Loan Agent (in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation) necessary to give effect to the Transactions;
- (ix) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain sixty-six and two-thirds (66 2/3) percent of Term Loan Lenders to execute and deliver counterpart signature pages to this Agreement; and
- (x) negotiate in good faith and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and implement the Definitive Documents that are consistent with this Agreement to which it is required to be a party.
- (b) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Term Lender agrees (severally and not jointly), in respect of all its Term Loan Claims, that it shall not directly or indirectly:
- (i) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Transactions;

- (ii) direct the Term Loan Agent to take any action inconsistent with such Consenting Term Lender's respective obligations under this Agreement;
- (iii) file any motion, pleading, or other document with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement or the Plan;
- (iv) initiate, or have initiated on its behalf, any litigation or proceeding of any kind with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases, this Agreement, or the other Transactions contemplated herein against the Company Parties or the other Parties other than to enforce this Agreement or any Definitive Document or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement;
- (v) exercise, or direct any other person to exercise, any right or remedy for the enforcement, collection, or recovery of any of Claims against or Interests in the Company Parties
- (vi) exercise, or direct the Term Loan Agent to exercise, any rights pursuant to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code to credit bid an amount greater than the Reserve Price at any Auction; or
- (vii) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with the Company Parties' ownership and possession of their assets, wherever located, or interfere with the automatic stay arising under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5.02. Commitments with Respect to Chapter 11 Cases.

- (a) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Term Lender that is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan pursuant to its terms agrees that it shall, subject to receipt by such Consenting Term Lender, whether before or after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, of the Solicitation Materials:
- (i) vote each of its Term Loan Claims to accept the Plan by delivering its duly executed and completed ballot accepting the Plan on a timely basis following the commencement of the solicitation of the Plan and its actual receipt of the Solicitation Materials and the ballot;
- (ii) support all the debtor and third-party releases, injunctions, discharge, and exculpation provisions provided in the Plan;
- (iii) to the extent it is permitted to elect whether to opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan, elect not to opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan by timely delivering its duly executed and completed ballot(s) indicating such election; and
- (iv) not change, withdraw, amend, or revoke (or cause to be changed, withdrawn, amended, or revoked) any vote or election referred to in clauses (i) through (iii) above.
- (b) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Term Lender, in respect of each of its Term Loan Claims, will support, and will not directly or indirectly object to, delay,

impede, or take any other action to interfere with any motion or other pleading or document filed by a Company Party in the Bankruptcy Court that is contemplated by this Agreement.

- (c) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Term Lender (severally, and not jointly) agrees, in its own discretion, to support, and will not directly or indirectly object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with any action in furtherance of the Company Parties' ordinary course postpetition compensation and employee benefit, retention, or incentive programs as long as such program is approved by any interim of the Bankruptcy Court and the Company (i) complies with any caps set forth in such orders and (ii) complies with the Interim Period DIP Budget with respect to such programs. For the avoidance of doubt, any compensation and employee benefit, retention, or incentive programs not authorized by an interim order of the Bankruptcy Court shall not be implemented without the consent of the Required Consenting Term Lenders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).
- (d) During the Agreement Effective Period, each in its own discretion each Consenting Term Lender will support, and will not directly or indirectly object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with, nor will any Consenting Term Lender direct the Term Loan Agent to object to, delay, impede, or take any action to interfere with, any DIP Document filed by any Company Party in the Bankruptcy Court.

(e) During the Agreement Effective Period:

- If the Company Parties receive a Qualified Bid greater than or equal in value to the Reserve Price, then the Consenting Term Lenders agree (severally and not jointly), and agree to direct the Term Loan Agent (as applicable and in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation), with respect to any Qualified Bid selected as the Successful Bid (as defined in the Bidding Procedures) at Auction or with respect to another Transaction that constitutes the end of the Debtors' sale process, to (a) with respect to any and all liens, encumbrances, and interests in the assets of the Company Parties, including all Collateral (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement), including on account of the Term Loan Credit Documentation automatically release and discharge such liens, encumbrances, and interests upon the closing of the Transaction, without any further action of such Consenting Term Lender, provided that such liens, encumbrances, and interests continue to attach to the proceeds of such Transaction until such proceeds are distributed as provided for in the Plan; (b) consent to the Sale Transaction pursuant to the Auction and Plan, and (c) otherwise support, negotiate in good-faith, and implement such Sale Transaction. The Consenting Lenders agree to direct the Term Loan Agent (in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation) to promptly execute and deliver any instruments, documentation and agreement necessary or desirable or reasonably requested by the Company Parties to evidence and confirm the release of all such liens, encumbrances, interests and claims pursuant to the forgoing Section 5.02(e)(i)(a).
- (ii) If the Successful Bidder at the Auction is not a Consenting Term Lender, the Consenting Term Lenders agree (severally and not jointly), and agree to direct the Term Loan Agent (as applicable and in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation), to: (a) with respect to any and all liens, encumbrances, and interests in the assets of the Company Parties, including all Collateral (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement), including on

account of the Term Loan Credit Documentation automatically release and discharge, upon the closing of the Transaction, such liens, encumbrances, and interests without any further action of such Consenting Term Lender, provided that such liens, encumbrances, and interests continue to attach to the proceeds of such Transaction until such proceeds are distributed as provided for in the Plan; (b) consent to the Sale Transaction pursuant to the Auction and Plan; and (c) otherwise support, negotiate in good-faith, and implement such Sale Transaction. The Consenting Lenders agree to direct the Term Loan Agent (in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation) to promptly execute and deliver any instruments, documentation and agreement necessary or desirable or reasonably requested by the Company Parties to evidence and confirm the release of all such liens, encumbrances, interests and claims pursuant to the forgoing Section 5.02(e)(ii)(b).

- (iii) If the Consenting Term Lenders are the Successful Bidder at the Auction, the Consenting Term Lenders and the Company Parties shall agree to support and implement a Plan that, at the election of the Required Consenting Term Lenders, provides for either (a) the liquidation of the Company pursuant to the Plan or (b) an Equitization Restructuring. If a liquidation is pursued, , the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall use commercially reasonably efforts to promptly implement a value-maximizing liquidation. For the avoidance of doubt, in such a scenario, the store closings will be completed prior to the Plan Effective Date, but certain wind-down activities and asset sales may occur after the Plan Effective Date pursuant to any wind-down trust agreements, with proceeds and remaining cash to be distributed pursuant to the Plan.
- (iv) The Consenting Term Lenders agree (severally and not jointly) to not exercise, or direct the Term Loan Agent to exercise, any rights pursuant to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code to credit bid an amount greater than the value of the Reserve Price at any Auction.
- (v) Each Consenting Term Lender will support, and will direct the Term Loan Agent (in accordance with the Term Loan Credit Documentation) to support, the Company Parties' Transactions and will not object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with entry of any Sale Document and/or consummation of any Sale Transaction, *provided* that such Sale Transaction complies with the Plan, the Bidding Procedures, and this Agreement.
- (vi) In determining whether any Qualified Bid reaches the Reserve Price, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall work in good faith to reach an agreement on estimates of Claims and any and all other payments and obligations that are (i) required under the Plan or any other Definitive Document, including but not limited to the Wind-Down Budget and (ii) to be paid prior to the Term Loan Claims pursuant to the Plan, to the extent unknown and not already estimated as part of the Administrative Claims Cap, for the purpose of calculating the Reserve Price (collectively, the "Claims Estimation") and agree that such Claims Estimation shall be binding on the Parties so long as this Agreement remains in effect.
- (vii) To the extent that the Consenting Term Lenders do not agree with the Debtors' selection of the Successful Bidder at the Auction, the Consenting Term Lenders and the Company Parties agree to seek expedited relief from the Bankruptcy Court to resolve the dispute

with such relief to be heard by the Bankruptcy Court no later than five (5) days after the conclusion of the Auction; *provided* that the Consenting Term Lenders and Company Parties agree that any determination by the Bankruptcy Court shall be binding on the Parties and shall not result in or cause the termination of this Agreement or serve as a valid justification for breach of either Parties' rights and obligations under this Agreement.

5.03. Additional Provisions Regarding the Consenting Term Lenders' Commitments.

(i) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) affect the ability of any Consenting Term Lender to consult with any other Consenting Term Lender, the Company Parties, or any other party in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases (including any official committee and the United States Trustee), subject to all applicable Confidentiality Agreements; (b) impair or waive the rights of any Consenting Term Lender to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Transactions; and (c) prevent any Consenting Term Lender from enforcing this Agreement or contesting whether any matter, fact, or thing is a breach of, or is inconsistent with, this Agreement.

Section 6. Commitments of the Company Parties.

6.01. General Commitments, Forbearances, and Waivers.

- (a) Except as set forth in 6.03, during the Agreement Effective Period, the Company Parties agree to:
- (i) support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to consummate the Transactions in accordance with this Agreement including seeking Court approval of this Agreement pursuant to the motion to approve Bidding Procedures;
- (ii) to the extent any legal or structural impediment arises that would prevent, hinder, or delay the consummation of the Transactions contemplated herein, take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to address any such impediment;
- (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any and all required regulatory and/or third-party approvals for the Transactions;
- (iv) negotiate the Definitive Documents in good faith, provide counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders commercially reasonably time to review draft copies of all Definitive Documents before filing, and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and deliver the Definitive Documents and any other required agreements to effectuate and consummate the Transactions as contemplated by this Agreement;
- (v) use commercially reasonable efforts to seek additional support for the Transactions from their other material stakeholders to the extent reasonably prudent;
- (vi) to the extent the Company becomes aware of any Alternative Transaction, notify the Consenting Term Lenders within (1) Business Day.

- (vii) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders, upon reasonable advance notice to the Company Parties, timely and reasonable responses to all diligence requests; *provided* that the Company Parties shall not be required to distribute or share any documents that are or contain privileged materials, are otherwise subject to work-product or other attorney-client privilege, where applicable law restricts distribution, or is subject to confidentiality obligations of the Company Parties that prevent distribution; and
- (viii) timely file a formal objection to any motion, application, or adversary proceeding challenging the validity, enforceability, perfection, or priority of, or seeking avoidance or subordination of, any portion of the Term Loan Claims.
- (b) Negative Commitments. Except as set forth in 6.03, during the Agreement Effective Period, each of the Company Parties shall not directly or indirectly:
- (i) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Transactions;
- (ii) take any action that is inconsistent in any material respect with, or is intended to frustrate or impede approval, implementation and consummation of the Transactions described in, this Agreement or the Plan;
- (iii) modify the Plan, in whole or in part, in a manner that is not consistent with this Agreement in all material respects; or
- (iv) file any motion, pleading, or Definitive Documents with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement or the Plan.

6.02. Commitments with Respect to Chapter 11 Cases

- (i) in determining whether any Qualified Bid reaches the Reserve Price, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Term Lenders shall work in good faith to reach an agreement on the Claims Estimation for the purpose of calculating the Reserve Price and agree that such Claims Estimation shall be binding on the Parties so long as this Agreement remains in effect;
- (ii) to the extent that the Required Consenting Term Lenders do not agree with the Debtors' selection of the Successful Bidder at the Auction, the Consenting Term Lenders and the Company Parties agree to seek expedited relief from the Bankruptcy Court to resolve the dispute with such relief to be heard by the Bankruptcy Court no later than five (5) days after the conclusion of the Auction; *provided* that the Consenting Term Lenders and Company Parties agree that any determination by the Bankruptcy Court shall be binding on the Parties and shall not result in or cause the termination of this Agreement or serve as a valid justification for breach of either Parties' rights and obligations under this Agreement;
- (iii) the Company Parties shall (i) provide counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders a commercially reasonable opportunity to review draft copies of all First Day Pleadings

and, (ii) to the extent reasonably practicable, provide a commercially reasonable opportunity to counsel to any Consenting Term Lenders materially affected by such filing to review draft copies of other documents that the Company Parties intend to file with Bankruptcy Court, as applicable;

- (iv) <u>Financial Reporting</u>. During the Agreement Effective Period, the Company Parties agree to:
 - (A) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with any financial reporting provided to the DIP Lenders with regard to compliance with the DIP Budget (at the same time as such information is shared with the DIP Lenders);⁶
 - (B) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the second Business Day of each week, up to the Bid Deadline, regarding outreach to Potential Bidders (subject to applicable confidentiality provision);
 - (C) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the fourth Business Day of each week including a tracker of the status of going-out-of-business sales (with the understanding the reporting would cease if the going-out-of-business sales are completed);
 - (D) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the fourth Business Day of each week including mutually agreed key performance indicators (including a comparison to the then-current business plan);
 - (E) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the fourth Business Day of each week including mutually agreed information associated with inventory receipts outlook;
 - (F) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the fourth Business Day of each week including mutually agreed information on actual and forecasted accounts payable balances;
 - (G) provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email on the fourth Business Day of each week including a

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To the extent not included in the financial reporting to the DIP Lenders, provide counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders with an email each Thursday including a rolling thirteen (13) week budget ("Rolling Budget") including (i) a rolling weekly inventory roll forward in support of each Rolling Budget; (ii) a rolling accounts payable roll forward in support of each Rolling Budget; and (iii) estimated Administrative and Priority Claims, subject to satisfaction of covenants and reporting requirements in DIP Documents.

- report summarizing all new purchase orders issued postpetition reflecting amount and target delivery date; and
- (H) host a weekly call (whether hosted by the Company Parties or by the Company Parties' advisors) for counsel and advisors for the Consenting Term Lenders on the first Business Day of each week to discuss questions related to the foregoing, provided that any questions to be raised on the weekly call are submitted in writing to the Company Parties' advisors on the last business day of the week prior to the weekly call.

6.03. Additional Provisions Regarding Company Parties' Commitments.

- (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall require a Company Party or the board of directors, board of managers, or similar governing body of a Company Party, after consulting with counsel, to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to the Transactions to the extent taking or failing to take such action would be inconsistent with applicable Law or its fiduciary obligations under applicable Law, and any such action or inaction pursuant to this Section (i) shall not be deemed to constitute a breach of this Agreement.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement (but subject to Section (i)), each Company Party and their respective directors, officers, employees, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants, consultants, and other advisors or representatives shall have the rights to: (a) consider, respond to, and facilitate alternative proposals; (b) provide access to non-public information concerning any Company Party to any Entity or enter into Confidentiality Agreements or nondisclosure agreements with any Entity; (c) maintain or continue discussions or negotiations with respect to alternative proposals; (d) otherwise cooperate with, assist, participate in, or facilitate any inquiries, proposals, discussions, or negotiations of alternative proposals; and (e) enter into or continue discussions or negotiations with holders of Claims against or Equity Interests in a Company Party (including any Consenting Term Lender), any other party in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases (including any official committee and the United States Trustee), or any other Entity regarding the Transactions or alternative proposals.
- (iii) Nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) impair or waive the rights of any Company Party to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Transactions; or (b) prevent any Company Party from enforcing this Agreement or contesting whether any matter, fact, or thing is a breach of, or is inconsistent with, this Agreement.

Section 7. Cooperation and Support

Each Party hereby covenants and agrees to cooperate with the other Parties in good faith and shall coordinate their activities (to the extent practicable and subject to the terms hereof) with respect to, (i) all matters relating to their rights hereunder; (ii) all matters concerning the implementation of the Plan and the Transactions; and (iii) the pursuit, approval and support of the Transactions (including confirmation of the Plan). Furthermore, subject to the terms hereof,

each of the Parties shall take such action as may be reasonably necessary or reasonably requested by the other Parties to carry out the purposes and intent of this Agreement, or to effectuate the solicitation of the Plan and/or the Transactions, including making and filing any required regulatory filings, executing and delivering any other necessary agreements or instruments, and voting any claims against or interests in the Company Parties in favor of the Plan, and shall refrain from taking any action that would frustrate the purposes and intent of this Agreement.

Section 8. Transfer of Interests and Securities.

- 8.01. During the Agreement Effective Period, no Consenting Term Lender shall Transfer any ownership (including any beneficial ownership as defined in the Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in any Term Loan Claims to any person, including any affiliated or unaffiliated person in which it may hold a direct or indirect beneficial interest, unless the transferee either (i) executes and delivers to counsel to the Company Parties, at or before the time of the proposed Transfer, a Transfer Agreement or (ii) the transferee is a Consenting Term Lender and the transferee provides notice of such Transfer (including the amount and type of Company Claim/Interest Transferred) to counsel to the Company Parties at or before the time of the proposed Transfer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, compliance with this Section 10.01 shall not be required with respect to the acquisition of an indirect beneficial interest in a Consenting Term Lender's Term Loan Claims by an affiliate of such Consenting Term Lender.
- 8.02. Upon compliance with the requirements of Section 8.01, the transferor shall be deemed to relinquish its rights (and be released from its obligations) under this Agreement to the extent of the rights and obligations in respect of such transferred Term Loan Claims. Any Transfer in violation of Section 8.01 shall be void *ab initio*.
- 8.03. This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude the Consenting Term Lenders from acquiring additional Term Loan Claims; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (a) such additional Term Loan Claims shall automatically and immediately upon acquisition by a Consenting Term Lender be deemed subject to the terms of this Agreement (regardless of when or whether notice of such acquisition is given to counsel to the Company Parties or counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders) and (b) such Consenting Term Lender must provide notice of such acquisition (including the amount and type of Company Claim/Interest acquired) to counsel to the Company Parties promptly and, in any event, within five (5) Business Days of such acquisition.
- 8.04. This Section 10 shall not impose any obligation on any Company Party to issue any "cleansing letter" or otherwise publicly disclose information for the purpose of enabling a Consenting Term Lender to Transfer any of its Term Loan Claims. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent a Company Party and another Party have entered into a Confidentiality Agreement, the terms of such Confidentiality Agreement shall continue to apply and remain in full force and effect according to its terms, and this Agreement does not supersede any rights or obligations otherwise arising under such Confidentiality Agreements.

- 8.05. Notwithstanding Section 8.01, a Qualified Marketmaker that acquires any Term Loan Claims with the purpose and intent of acting as a Qualified Marketmaker for such Term Loan Claims shall not be required to execute and deliver a Transfer Agreement in respect of such Term Loan Claims if (a) such Qualified Marketmaker subsequently transfers such Term Loan Claims (by purchase, sale assignment, participation, or otherwise) within five (5) Business Days of its acquisition to a transferee that is an entity that is not an affiliate, affiliated fund, or affiliated entity with a common investment advisor; (b) the transferee otherwise is a Permitted Transfere under Section 8.01; and (c) the Transfer otherwise is a Permitted Transfer under Section 8.01. To the extent that a Consenting Term Lender is acting in its capacity as a Qualified Marketmaker, it may Transfer (by purchase, sale, assignment, participation, or otherwise) any right, title or interests in Term Loan Claims that the Qualified Marketmaker acquires from a holder of the Term Loan Claims who is not a Consenting Term Lender without the requirement that the transferee be a Permitted Transferee.
- 8.06. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 10, the restrictions on Transfer set forth in this Section 10 shall not apply to the grant of any liens or encumbrances on any claims and interests in favor of a bank or broker-dealer holding custody of such claims and interests in the ordinary course of business and which lien or encumbrance is released upon the Transfer of such claims and interests.
- Section 9. Representations and Warranties of Consenting Term Lenders. Each Consenting Term Lender severally, and not jointly, represents and warrants that, as of the date such Consenting Term Lender executes and delivers this Agreement and as of the Plan Effective Date:
- (a) it is the beneficial or record owner of the face amount of the Term Loan Claims or is the nominee, investment manager, or advisor for beneficial holders of the Term Loan Claims reflected in, and, having made reasonable inquiry, is not the beneficial or record owner of any Term Loan Claims other than those reflected in, such Consenting Term Lender's signature page to this Agreement or a Transfer Agreement, as applicable (as may be updated pursuant to Section 7);
- (b) it has the full power and authority to act on behalf of, vote and consent to matters concerning, such Term Loan Claims;
- (c) such Term Loan Claims are free and clear of any pledge, lien, security interest, charge, claim, equity, option, proxy, voting restriction, right of first refusal, right of participation, or other limitation on disposition, transfer, or encumbrances of any kind, that would adversely affect in any way such Consenting Term Lender's ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement at the time such obligations are required to be performed; and
- (d) it has the full power to vote, approve changes to, and transfer all of its Term Loan Claims referable to it as contemplated by this Agreement subject to applicable Law.
- **Section 10.** *Mutual Representations, Warranties, and Covenants*. Each of the Parties represents, warrants, and covenants to each other Party, as of the date such Party executed and delivers this Agreement, on the Plan Effective Date:

- (a) it is validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the state of its organization, and this Agreement is a legal, valid, and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable Laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating to enforceability;
- (b) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bankruptcy Code, no consent or approval is required by any other person or entity in order for it to effectuate the Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement;
- (c) the entry into and performance by it of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement do not, and will not, conflict in any material respect with any Law or regulation applicable to it or with any of its articles of association, memorandum of association or other constitutional documents;
- (d) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, it has (or will have, at the relevant time) all requisite corporate or other power and authority to enter into, execute, and deliver this Agreement and to effectuate the Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement; and
- (e) except as expressly provided by this Agreement, it is not party to any restructuring or similar agreements or arrangements regarding the Company Parties with the other Parties to this Agreement that have not been disclosed to all Parties to this Agreement.

Section 11. Termination Events.

- 11.01. <u>Consenting Term Lender Termination Events</u>. This Agreement may be terminated with respect to the Consenting Term Lenders, by the Required Consenting Term Lenders, in each case, by the delivery to the Company Parties of a written notice in accordance with Section 14.10 hereof upon the occurrence of the following events:
- (a) the breach in any material respect by a Company Party of any of the representations, warranties, or covenants of the Company Parties set forth in this Agreement that (i) is adverse to the Consenting Term Lenders seeking termination pursuant to this provision and (ii) remains uncured for one (1) business day after such terminating Consenting Term Lenders transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 14.10 hereof detailing any such breach;
- (b) the issuance by any governmental authority, including any regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction, of any final, non-appealable ruling or order that (i) enjoins the consummation of a material portion of the Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for twenty (20) Business Days after such terminating Consenting Term Lenders transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 14.10 hereof detailing any such issuance; <u>provided</u> that this termination right may not be exercised by any Party that sought or requested such ruling or order in contravention of any obligation set out in this Agreement;

- (c) the Milestones set forth in Section 4 have not been achieved, extended, or waived within one (1) Business Day after the date identified for completion of such Milestone (as such date may be extended or waived);⁷
- (d) the Company Parties fail to abide by the Wind-Down Budget unless waived by the Required Consenting Term Lenders by written notice in accordance with Section 16.10 hereof; provided however that for the purposes of this section, the Company Parties shall be entitled to a variance of [_]% from the Wind-Down Budget with respect to disbursements thereunder;
- (e) the Company Parties seek approval of DIP Documents to which the Consenting Term Lenders have not consented;
- (f) the Company Parties enter into or seek approval of exit financing to which the Consenting Term Lenders have not consented;
- (g) the Company Parties make any payments with respect to the Company Parties' compensation programs not contemplated by this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Consenting Term Lenders;
- (h) the Company Parties enter into a material executory contract, lease, or other arrangement outside of the ordinary course of business without the prior written consent of the Consenting Term Lenders;
- (i) there is a default under any debtor-in-possession financing governed by the DIP Documents;
- (j) the Company Parties withdraw the Plan or Disclosure Statement, file, propose, or otherwise support any plan of reorganization or liquidation other than the Plan, file any motion or pleading with the Bankruptcy Court that is not consistent with this Agreement and such motion or pleading has not been withdrawn prior to the earlier of (i) two (2) Business Days after the Company Parties receive written notice in accordance with Section 16.10 hereof from the Consenting Term Lenders that such motion or pleading is inconsistent with this Agreement and (ii) entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving such motion or pleading;
- (k) the Bankruptcy Court grants relief that is inconsistent with this Agreement in any materially adverse respect;
- (l) the Bankruptcy Court enters an order denying confirmation of the Plan and the Company Parties are unable to obtain approval of the Plan within 15 Business Days; or
- (m) the entry of an order by the Bankruptcy Court, or the filing of a motion or application by any Company Party seeking an order (without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Term Lenders, not to be unreasonably withheld), (i) converting one or

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more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) appointing an examiner with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code or a trustee in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party, or (iii) rejecting this Agreement.

- 11.02. <u>Company Party Termination Events</u>. Any Company Party may terminate this Agreement as to all Parties upon prior written notice to all Parties in accordance with Section 14.10 hereof upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) the breach in any material respect by one or more of the Consenting Term Lenders of any provision set forth in this Agreement that remains uncured for a period of one (1) Business Day after the receipt by the Consenting Term Lenders of notice of such breach, including:
- (i) Any direct or indirect objection, delay, impediment, or other action taken by a Consenting Term Lender against any action in furtherance of the Company Parties' employee compensation programs that are otherwise consistent with this Agreement;
- (ii) Any direct or indirect objection, delay, impediment, or other action taken by a Consenting Term Lender or Term Loan Agent against any DIP Document filed by any Company Party in the Bankruptcy Court;
- (iii) Any direct or indirect objection, delay, impediment, or other action taken by a Consenting Term Lender or Term Loan Agent opposing entry of any Sale Document and/or consummation of any Sale Transaction, <u>provided</u> that such Sale Transaction complies with this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bidding Procedures; or
- (iv) The failure of the Consenting Term Lenders to negotiate in good faith, support, and implement a Sale Transaction if the Reserve Price is triggered or such Sale Transaction is occurring pursuant to the Lender Election.
- (b) the Milestones set forth in Section 4 have not been achieved, extended, or waived within one (1) Business Days after the date identified for completion of such Milestone (as such date may be extended or waived);⁸
- (c) the board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body of any Company Party determines, after consulting with counsel, (i) that proceeding with any of the Transactions would be inconsistent with the exercise of its fiduciary duties or applicable Law or (ii) in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, to pursue an Alternative Transaction;
- (d) the issuance by any governmental authority, including any regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction, of any final, non-appealable ruling or order that (i) enjoins the consummation of a material portion of the Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for thirty (30) Business Days after such terminating Company Party transmits a written notice in accordance

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with Section 14.10 hereof detailing any such issuance; <u>provided</u> that this termination right shall not apply to or be exercised by any Company Party that sought or requested such ruling or order in contravention of any obligation or restriction set out in this Agreement; or

- (e) the Bankruptcy Court enters an order denying confirmation of the Plan.
- 11.03. <u>Mutual Termination</u>. This Agreement, and the obligations of all Parties hereunder, may be terminated by mutual written agreement among all the following: (a) the Required Consenting Term Lenders; and (b) each Company Party.
- 11.04. <u>Automatic Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate automatically without any further required action or notice immediately after the Plan Effective Date.
- 11.05. Effect of Termination. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Date as to a Party, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect as to such Party and each Party subject to such termination shall be released from its commitments, undertakings, and agreements under or related to this Agreement and shall have the rights and remedies that it would have had, had it not entered into this Agreement, and shall be entitled to take all actions, whether with respect to the Transactions or otherwise, that it would have been entitled to take had it not entered into this Agreement, including with respect to any and all Claims or causes of action. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Date prior to the Confirmation Order being entered by a Bankruptcy Court, any and all consents or ballots tendered by the Parties subject to such termination before a Termination Date shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be null and void from the first instance and shall not be considered or otherwise used in any manner by the Parties in connection with the Transactions and this Agreement or otherwise; provided, however, that any Consenting Term Lender withdrawing or changing its vote pursuant to this Section 11.05 shall promptly provide written notice of such withdrawal or change to each other Party to this Agreement and, if such withdrawal or change occurs on or after the Petition Date, file notice of such withdrawal or change with the Bankruptcy Court. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting a Company Party or any of the Consenting Term Lenders from contesting whether any such termination is in accordance with its terms or to seek enforcement of any rights under this Agreement that arose or existed before a Termination Date. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, nothing herein is intended to, or does, in any manner waive, limit, impair, or restrict (a) any right of any Company Party or the ability of any Company Party to protect and reserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including its claims against any Consenting Term Lender, and (b) any right of any Consenting Term Lender, or the ability of any Consenting Term Lender, to protect and preserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including its claims against any Company Party or Consenting Term Lender. No purported termination of this Agreement shall be effective under this Section 11.05 or otherwise if the Party seeking to terminate this Agreement is in material breach of this Agreement, except a termination pursuant to Section 11.02(c) or Section 11.02(e). Nothing in this Section 11.05 shall restrict any Company Party's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 11.02(c).

Section 12. *Fees and Expenses.* For as long as the Agreement is in full force and effect and the Consenting Term Lenders are not in default pursuant to its terms, and in accordance with and

subject to the DIP Documents (which orders shall provide for the payment of all of the fees and expenses described in this Agreement), the Company Parties shall pay or reimburse when due all reasonable and documented fees (incurred prior to or after the Petition Date) of the following: Brown Rudnick LLP ("Brown Rudnick") as primary counsel, one local counsel, and FTI Consulting ("FTI") as financial advisor, for all Consenting Term Lenders; in addition to the fees and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of the Term Loan Agent. The Company Parties' payment of fees and expenses owing to Brown Rudnick and FTI shall be in accordance with all applicable engagement letters executed between the Parties.

Section 13. Amendments and Waivers.

- (a) This Agreement may not be modified, amended, or supplemented, and no condition or requirement of this Agreement may be waived, in any manner except in accordance with this Section 13.
- (b) This Agreement may be modified, amended, or supplemented, or a condition or requirement of this Agreement may be waived, in a writing signed by: (i) each Company Party and (ii) the Required Consenting Term Lenders, solely with respect to any modification, amendment, waiver or supplement that materially and adversely affects the rights of such Parties and unless otherwise specified in this Agreement; provided, however, that any waiver, modification, amendment, or supplement that materially adversely affects the economic recoveries or treatment of any Consenting Term Lender may not be made without the prior written consent of each such adversely affected Consenting Term Lender.
- (c) Any proposed modification, amendment, waiver or supplement that does not comply with this Section 13 shall be ineffective and void *ab initio*.
- (d) The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a further or continuing waiver of such breach or as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. No failure on the part of any Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any such right, power or remedy or any provision of this Agreement, nor shall any single or partial exercise of such right, power or remedy by such Party preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or remedy or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. All remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by Law.

Section 14. Miscellaneous.

14.01. Acknowledgement. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be an offer with respect to any securities or solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. Any such offer or solicitation will be made only in compliance with all applicable securities Laws, provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and/or other applicable Law.

- 14.02. Exhibits Incorporated by Reference; Conflicts. Each of the exhibits, annexes, signatures pages, and schedules attached hereto is expressly incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement, and all references to this Agreement shall include such exhibits, annexes, and schedules. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto, this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules thereto) shall govern.
- 14.03. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the other terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, or as may be required by order of the Bankruptcy Court, from time to time, to effectuate the Transactions, as applicable.
- 14.04. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise explicitly provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, among the Parties with respect thereto, other than any Confidentiality Agreement.
- 14.05. GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION; SELECTION OF FORUM. THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. Each Party hereto agrees that it shall bring any action or proceeding in respect of any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, to the extent possible, in the Bankruptcy Court (and if the Chapter 11 Cases are not filed, in the courts of New York State), and solely in connection with claims arising under this Agreement: (a) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action or proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court; and (c) waives any objection that the Bankruptcy Court is an inconvenient forum or does not have jurisdiction over any Party hereto.
- 14.06. TRIAL BY JURY WAIVER. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.
- 14.07. Execution of Agreement. This Agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts and by way of electronic signature and delivery, each such counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.
- 14.08. <u>Rules of Construction</u>. This Agreement is the product of negotiations among the Company Parties and the Consenting Term Lenders, and in the enforcement or interpretation hereof, is to be interpreted in a neutral manner, and any presumption with regard to interpretation

for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted or caused to be drafted this Agreement, or any portion hereof, shall not be effective in regard to the interpretation hereof. The Company Parties and the Consenting Term Lenders were each represented by counsel during the negotiations and drafting of this Agreement and continue to be represented by counsel.

- 14.09. <u>Successors and Assigns; Third Parties</u>. This Agreement is intended to bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, as applicable. There are no third party beneficiaries under this Agreement, and the rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may not be assigned, delegated, or transferred to any other person or entity.
- 14.10. <u>Notices</u>. All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, by electronic mail, courier, or registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the following addresses (or at such other addresses as shall be specified by like notice):
 - (a) if to a Company Party, to:

Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

Attention: Ray McKown

E-mail address: grmckown@pier1.com

with copies to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 601 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022

Attention: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. and Emily Geier E-mail address: joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com

emily.geier@kirkland.com

and

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 655 Fifteenth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: AnnElyse Scarlett Gains

E-mail address: annelyse.gains@kirkland.com

and

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Chicago, Illinois 60611 Attention: Joshua Altman

E-mail address: josh.altman@kirkland.com

(b) if to a Consenting Term Lender, to:

Brown Rudnick LLP 7 Times Square New York, New York 10036 Attention: Robert J. Stark

E-mail address: rstark@brownrudnick.com

and

Brown Rudnick LLP
One Financial Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Attention: Sharon I. Dwoskin

E-mail address: sdwoskin@brownrudnick.com

Any notice given by delivery, mail, or courier shall be effective when received.

- 14.11. <u>Independent Due Diligence and Decision Making</u>. Each Consenting Term Lender hereby confirms that its decision to execute this Agreement has been based upon its independent investigation of the operations, businesses, financial and other conditions, and prospects of the Company Parties.
- 14.12. Enforceability of Agreement. Each of the Parties to the extent enforceable waives any right to assert that the exercise of termination rights under this Agreement is subject to the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and expressly stipulates and consents hereunder to the prospective modification of the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code for purposes of exercising termination rights under this Agreement, to the extent the Bankruptcy Court determines that such relief is required.
- 14.13. <u>Waiver</u>. If the Transactions are not consummated, or if this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the Parties fully reserve any and all their rights. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any other applicable rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating hereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce its terms or the payment of damages to which a Party may be entitled under this Agreement.
- 14.14. Specific Performance. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that money damages may be an insufficient remedy for any breach of this Agreement by any Party, and each non-breaching Party shall be entitled to specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief (without the posting of any bond and without proof of actual damages) as a remedy of any such breach, including an order of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction requiring any Party to comply promptly with any of its obligations hereunder.

- 14.15. <u>Several, Not Joint, Claims</u>. Except where otherwise specified, the agreements, representations, warranties, and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement are, in all respects, several and not joint.
- 14.16. <u>Severability and Construction</u>. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect if essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each Party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.
- 14.17. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights, powers, and remedies provided under this Agreement or otherwise available in respect hereof at Law or in equity shall be cumulative and not alternative, and the exercise of any right, power, or remedy thereof by any Party shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise of any other such right, power, or remedy by such Party.
- 14.18. <u>Capacities of Consenting Term Lenders</u>. Each Consenting Term Lender has entered into this agreement on account of all Term Loan Claims that it holds (directly or through discretionary accounts that it manages or advises) and, except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, shall take or refrain from taking all actions that it is obligated to take or refrain from taking under this Agreement with respect to all such Term Loan Claims.
- 14.19. <u>Email Consents</u>. Where a written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver is required pursuant to or contemplated by this Agreement, pursuant to Section 3.02, Section 13, or otherwise, including a written approval by the Company Parties or the Required Consenting Term Lenders, such written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver shall be deemed to have occurred if, by agreement between counsel to the Parties submitting and receiving such consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver, it is conveyed in writing (including electronic mail) between each such counsel without representations or warranties of any kind on behalf of such counsel.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

Company Parties' Signature Page to the Plan Support Agreement

PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC.

PIER 1 IMPORTS (U.S.), INC.

PIER 1 HOLDINGS, INC.

PIER 1 ASSETS, INC.

PIER 1 LICENSING, INC.

PIER 1 SERVICES COMPANY

PIER 1 VALUE SERVICES, LLC

PIR TRADING, INC.

By: Name: Robert J. Riesbeck

Authorized Signatory

Consenting Term Lender Signature Page to the Plan Support Agreement

[CONSENTING TERM LENDER]

Signature: Name: Title:				
Address:				
E-mail address(es):				
Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on Account of:				
Term Loan				
Revolving Loan				
Equity Interests				

EXHIBIT A

Company Parties

Pier 1 Imports, Inc.

Pier 1 Assets, Inc.

Pier 1 Licensing, Inc.

Pier 1 Imports Holdings, Inc.

Pier 1 Services Company

Pier 1 Imports (U.S.), Inc.

Pier 1 Value Services, LLC

PIR Trading, Inc.

EXHIBIT B

Bidding Procedures

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re:)	Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al., 1)	Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
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BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THE DEBTORS' ASSETS

On [•], the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia entered the Order (I) Establishing Bidding Procedures, (II) Scheduling the Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (V) Authorizing Assumption of the Plan Support Agreement, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. [•]] (the "Order"), by which the Court approved procedures setting forth the process by which the Debtors are authorized to solicit bids for and conduct an auction (the "Auction") for a sale or disposition (collectively, the "Sale," and each, a "Sale Transaction") of all or substantially all of the Debtors' Assets (as defined herein) or any portion thereof, either as a going-concern or as a liquidation (the "Bidding Procedures").

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSETS.

The Debtors are seeking to sell all of their assets, or any portion thereof, either as a going-concern or as a liquidation. These assets include, but are not limited to, the Debtors' going-concern business, unexpired leases, executory contracts, equipment, inventory, supplies, intellectual property, insurance proceeds, receivables, prepaid expenses and deposits, and books and records, in each case, free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, or other encumbrances (collectively, the "Assets").

II. SOLICITATION PROCESS; DISTRIBUTION OF BIDDING PROCEDURES

For any sale of the Assets in these chapter 11 cases (the "Bankruptcy Case"), the Debtors and/or any agent of the Debtors shall, at the Debtors' direction, distribute these Bidding Procedures to any potential interested bidders. The Debtors, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment may elect to exclude any Assets from these Bidding Procedures and sell such

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures Order.

Assets at either a private or public sale, subject to Court approval of any alternative sale method. Furthermore, the Debtors may determine in their discretion (upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement, defined below) and the DIP Agents (as defined in the *Declaration of Robert J. Riesbeck, Chief Executive Officer, of Pier I Imports, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions*, the "First Day Declaration")), whether to proceed with a sale of any Asset pursuant to these Bidding Procedures.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, all consultation, notification, or other rights of the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents are subject to, and expressly qualified by, any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders (as defined herein).

III. PLAN SUPPORT AGREEMENT

In connection with approval of these Bidding Procedures, the Debtors are also seeking Court approval of that certain plan support agreement (the "Plan Support Agreement") entered into on February 16, 2020 by and between the Debtors and Consenting Term Lenders. The Plan Support Agreement provides, among other items, that the Consenting Term Lenders have consented to the sale of Assets as outlined herein.

IV. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. Potential Bidders.

To participate in the bidding process or otherwise be considered for any purpose hereunder, a person or entity interested in the Assets or part of the Assets (a "<u>Potential Bidder</u>") must deliver to each of the Debtors' advisors the following documents and information (unless the Debtors, in their business judgment, choose to waive any of the following requirements for any Potential Bidder):

- 1. an executed confidentiality agreement to the extent the Potential Bidder has not already executed a confidentiality agreement on terms acceptable to the Debtors (a "Confidentiality Agreement");
- 2. identification of the Potential Bidder and any principals and representatives thereof who are authorized to appear and act on its behalf for all purposes regarding the contemplated Sale Transaction(s); and
- 3. proof by the Potential Bidder of its financial capacity to close a proposed Sale Transaction(s), which may include financial statements of, or verified financial commitments obtained by, the Potential Bidder (or, if the Potential Bidder is an entity formed for the purpose of acquiring the desired Assets, the party that will bear liability for a breach), the adequacy of which will be assessed by the Debtors (including in consultation with their advisors).

The Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, will determine and notify each Potential Bidder whether such Potential Bidder has submitted adequate documents so that such Potential Bidder may proceed to conduct due diligence and submit a bid (such Potential Bidder, an "Acceptable Bidder"). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors, reserve the right to work with a Potential Bidders to aggregate bids into a consolidated Qualified Bid prior to the Bid Deadline (each as defined below).

B. Obtaining Due Diligence.

The Debtors, with their advisors, shall establish an electronic data room (the "<u>Data Room</u>") that provides standard and customary diligence materials, including the necessary information to allow Acceptable Bidders to submit a Qualified Bid (as defined below) and to seek and obtain commitments for debt financing.

Only Acceptable Bidders shall be eligible to receive diligence materials and access to the Debtors' Data Room and to additional non-public information regarding the Debtors and the Assets. The Debtors (with the assistance of their advisors) shall coordinate all reasonable requests from Acceptable Bidders for additional information and due diligence access; *provided* that (i) the Debtors shall have the right to reasonably limit the information and due diligence provided to competitors and (ii) the Debtors may decline to provide such information to Acceptable Bidders who, at such time and in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment, have not established, or who have raised doubt, that such Acceptable Bidder intends in good faith to, or has the capacity to, consummate a proposed Sale Transaction. The due diligence period will end on the Bid Deadline and subsequent to the Bid Deadline the Debtors shall have no obligation to furnish any due diligence information. Additional due diligence will not be provided after the Bid Deadline, unless otherwise deemed reasonably appropriate by the Debtors. The Debtors, their representatives and advisors are not responsible for, and will bear no liability with respect to, any information obtained by any Acceptable Bidder in connection with any Sale or Sale Transaction.

C. Non-Binding Indications of Interest.

Any Potential Bidder interested in a Transaction (regardless of whether such party has been determined to be an Acceptable Bidder) shall submit a non-binding indication of interest (an "Indication of Interest") by [February 28], 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (as may be extended without notice or hearing by the Debtors, the "Indication of Interest Deadline"). The indication of interest should (i) identify whether the party is interested in acquiring some or all of the Assets (and which Assets with reasonable specificity), (ii) set forth a proposed purchase price for the proposed Transaction, including by identifying separately any cash and non-cash components of the proposed Transaction consideration, including, for example, certain liabilities to be assumed, and (iii) identify any proposed conditions to closing the Transaction.

Indications of Interest should be submitted to the Debtors' advisors by the Indication of Interest Deadline:

- (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Joshua Sussberg Attn: (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and AnnElvse Scarlett Gains (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com);
- proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite (ii) 1000, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, Attn: Michael Condyles Barrett (michael.condyles@kutakrock.com), Peter (peter.barrett@kutakrock.com), Williams Jeremy (jeremy.williams@kutakrock.com), Richardson and Brian (brian.richardson@kutakrock.com); and
- the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com), Adam Rifkin (adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com), and Hend Abdallah (hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com).

The Debtors will provide copies of all Indications of Interest via electronic mail as soon as reasonably practicable to counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders and to counsel for the DIP Agents subject to any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders.

Note that submitting an indication of interest by the Indication of Interest Deadline does not obligate the Potential Bidder to submit a formal bid or to participate in the sale process and does not exempt the Potential Bidder from also having to submit a Qualified Bid by the Bid Deadline to participate in the Auction (each as defined below). For the avoidance of doubt, the submission of an Indication of Interest by the Indication of Interest Deadline is not a prerequisite for Potential Bidders to submit a Qualified Bid.

D. Bid Deadline.

An Acceptable Bidder that desires to make a bid must transmit via email (in .pdf or similar format) <u>or</u> deliver written copies of its bid to the following parties so as to be received not later than <u>5:00 p.m.</u> (prevailing Eastern Time) on [Monday, March 23], 2020 (the "<u>Bid Deadline</u>"):

- proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, (i) New Joshua New York, York 10022, Attn: Sussberg (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and AnnElyse (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) Scarlett Gains Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com); and
- (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite 1000, Richmond, Virginia, 23219, Attn: Michael Condyles

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the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com), Adam Rifkin (adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com), and Hend Abdallah (hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com).

The Debtors will provide copies of all Bids via electronic mail as soon as reasonably practicable to the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") and to counsel for the Consenting Term Lenders and to counsel for the DIP Agents subject to any confidentiality obligation or agreement entered with the Potential Bidders.

V. QUALIFIED BIDS.

A. Requirements for Qualified Bids.

Any proposal, solicitation, or offer (each, a "Bid") will be considered a qualified bid only if the Bid is submitted in writing by an Acceptable Bidder, by the Bid Deadline, and is deemed to comply with all of the following in the Debtors' business judgment (a "Qualified Bid" and such bidder a "Qualified Bidder"):

- 1. Assets. The Bid must clearly identify the following: (a) the particular Assets, or the portion thereof identified with reasonable specificity, to be purchased and/or liquidated or otherwise disposed of; (b) the liabilities and obligations to be assumed, including any debt to be assumed; and (c) whether the Acceptable Bidder intends to operate the Debtors' business as a going concern, or to liquidate the business.
- 2. Purchase Price. The Bid must (a) clearly set forth the purchase price to be paid (the "Purchase Price"), (b) identify separately the cash and non-cash components of the Purchase Price, (c) use commercially reasonable efforts to indicate the allocation of the Purchase Price between ABL Priority Collateral and Term Priority Collateral (each as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), and (d) with respect to the Purchase Price attributable to the sale of the ABL Priority Collateral, include a cash component in an amount sufficient to pay in full in cash all outstanding obligations owed by the Debtors under the DIP Documents (as defined in the DIP Orders) and all obligations under the Prepetition ABL Documents (as defined in the DIP Order), to the extent that any Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Order) are still outstanding.
- 3. **Deposit.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a cash deposit in the amount equal to 10 percent of the aggregate Purchase Price of the Bid to be held in an interest-bearing escrow account to be identified and established by the

Debtors (the "<u>Deposit</u>"), *provided* that if a Qualified Bidder increases its Bid at the Auction and is the Successful Bidder or Backup Bidder (each as defined herein), such bidder must increase its Qualified Bidder Deposit to match the proposed Purchase Price submitted at the Auction within three (3) business days after the Auction.

- 4. Bid Documents. Each Bid must include duly executed, non-contingent effectuate the transactions documents necessary to contemplated in the Bid (the "Bid Documents"). The Bid Documents (a) a clearly marked version of the form purchase shall include: agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Form Purchase Agreement") showing all changes requested by the Acceptable Bidder, (b) a schedule of Assumed Contracts to the extent applicable to the Bid, (c) any other material documents integral to such Bid, and (d) a statement from the Acceptable Bidder that: (y) it is prepared to enter into and consummate the Transactions contemplated in the Form Purchase Agreement no later than fifteen (15) business days after the conclusion of the Auction (or, if no Auction is held, the Bid Deadline) and (z) the Qualified Bid will be irrevocable (whether or not such Qualified Bid is selected as the Successful Bid or the Backup Bid) until the consummation of the Sale Transaction.
- 5. *Legal Capacity*. Each Bid must demonstrate to the Debtors' satisfaction that the Acceptable Bidder has the legal capacity to consummate the transaction it is proposing.
- 6. Committed Financing. To the extent that a Bid is not accompanied by evidence of the Acceptable Bidder's capacity to consummate the proposed transactions set forth in its Bid with cash on hand, each Bid must include committed financing documented to the satisfaction of the Debtors (upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) that demonstrates that the Acceptable Bidder has received sufficient unconditional debt and/or equity funding commitments to satisfy the Acceptable Bidder's Purchase Price and other obligations under its Bid, including providing adequate assurance of future performance under all contracts proposed to be Assumed Contracts by such Bid. Such funding commitments or other financing must be unconditional and must not be subject to any internal approvals, syndication requirements, diligence, or credit committee approvals, and shall have covenants and conditions acceptable to the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors, and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents.
- 7. *Contingencies*. The Bid must not contain any contingencies as to the validity, effectiveness, and/or binding nature of the Bid, including, without limitation, contingencies for due diligence and inspection or financing of any kind (including any conditions pertaining to financial performance,

- conditions, or prospects) and all diligence must be completed before the Bid Deadline.
- 8. *Identity*. The Bid must fully disclose the legal identity of each person or entity bidding or otherwise participating in connection with such Bid (including each equity holder or financial backer of the Acceptable Bidder if such Acceptable Bidder is an entity formed for the purpose of consummating the proposed transaction(s) contemplated by such Bid), and the complete terms of any such participation, and must also disclose any connections or agreements with the Debtors, any other known Potential Bidder, Acceptable Bidder, or Qualified Bidder, and/or any officer or director of the foregoing. Under no circumstances will any undisclosed principals, equity holders, or financial backers be associated with any Bid.
- 9. Irrevocable. ALL BIDS SHALL BE DEEMED IRREVOCABLE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONDITIONS LISTED IN THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENT. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ACCEPTABLE BIDDER SEEKS TO REVOKE SUCH BID, THE DEBTORS SHALL BE ENTITLED TO KEEP SUCH BIDDER'S DEPOSIT AND PURSUE ALL OTHER CONTRACTUAL REMEDIES UNDER LAW OR EQUITY.
- 10. *Backup Bidder*. By submitting a Bid, each Acceptable Bidder agrees to be a Backup Bidder, should the Bid be so selected.
- 11. As-Is, Where-Is. The Bid must include the following representations and warranties (or the Acceptable Bidder otherwise agrees that such representations and warranties may be incorporated into the applicable Bid Documents should the Bid be selected as the Successful Bid): (a) expressly state that the Acceptable Bidder has had an opportunity to conduct any and all due diligence regarding the Debtors' businesses and the Assets prior to submitting its Bid; and (b) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation, and/or inspection of any relevant documents and the Assets in making its Bid and did not rely on any of the Debtors' or any of their advisors' written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties, or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, by operation of law or otherwise, regarding the Debtors' businesses or the Assets or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except (with respect to the Debtors only) as expressly stated in the representations and warranties contained in the Acceptable Bidder's Form Purchase Agreement ultimately accepted and executed by the Debtors.
- 12. *Authorization*. The Bid must include evidence that the Acceptable Bidder has obtained authorization or approval from its board of directors (or comparable governing body) acceptable to the Debtors with respect to the submission, execution, and delivery of its Bid, participation in the

Auction, and closing of the proposed transaction(s) contemplated in such Bid. The Bid shall further state that any necessary filings under applicable regulatory, antitrust, and other laws will be made in a timely manner and that payment of the fees associated therewith shall be made by the Acceptable Bidder.

- 13. **Disclaimer of Fees.** Each Bid must disclaim any right to receive a fee analogous to a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation. For the avoidance of doubt, no Qualified Bidder will be permitted to request, nor be granted by the Debtors, at any time, whether as part of the Auction or otherwise, a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation, and by submitting its Bid is agreeing to refrain from and waive any assertion or request for reimbursement on any basis, including under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Adherence to Bid Procedures. Each Bid must include (a) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has acted in good faith consistent with section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) that the Bid constitutes a bona fide offer to consummate the proposed transactions, and agrees to be bound by these Bidding Procedures.
- 15. No Collusion. The Acceptable Bidder must acknowledge in writing that (a) in connection with submitting its Bid, it has not engaged in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids or the Sale, specifying that it did not agree with any Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders or Qualified Bidders to control price; and (b) it agrees not to engage in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids, the Auction, or the Sale.
- 16. *Other Information*. The Bid contains such other information as may be reasonably requested by the Debtors.

B. Rejection of "Qualified Bid" Status for Non-Conforming Bids.

The Debtors shall determine in their discretion (including in consultation with their advisors and with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) which bids qualify as Qualified Bids and which bids shall be rejected as non-confirming bids. In addition, the Debtors shall have the right to negotiate with any Acceptable Bidder with respect to clarification of any Bid.

C. No Representation; Qualified Bidder's Duty to Review.

Neither the Debtors nor any of their advisors are making or have at any time made any warranties or representations of any kind or character, express or implied, with respect to the Assets, including, but not limited to, any warranties or representations as to operating history or projections, valuation, governmental approvals, the compliance of the Assets with governmental

laws, the truth, accuracy, or completeness of any documents related to the Assets, or any other information provided by or on behalf of the Debtors to a bidder, or any other matter or thing regarding the Assets. All bidders must acknowledge and agree that upon closing the Debtors shall sell and transfer to the Successful Bidder and the Successful Bidder shall accept the Assets, except to the extent expressly provided in the Bankruptcy Court's order approving the Sale. Neither the Debtors nor any of their advisors will be liable for or bound by any express or implied warranties, guaranties, statements, representations, or information pertaining to the Assets or relating thereto that the Debtors, any advisor, or agent representing or purporting to represent the Debtors to whomever might have made or furnished, directly or indirectly, orally or in writing, unless (with respect to the Debtors only) specifically set forth in the Bankruptcy Court's order approving the Sale.

VI. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS.

No later than 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is four (4) business days following the Bid Deadline, the Debtors shall notify each Acceptable Bidder whether such party is a Qualified Bidder.

If any Bid is determined by the Debtors (after consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) not to be a Qualified Bid, the Debtors will refund such Acceptable Bidder's Deposit on or before the date that is five (5) business days after the Bid Deadline.

The Debtors may, in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, accept as a single Qualified Bid, multiple Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets such that, when taken together in the aggregate, such Bids would otherwise meet the standards for a single Qualified Bid. The Debtors may permit otherwise Qualified Bidders who submitted Bids by the Bid Deadline for less than a substantial (but nevertheless a material) portion of the Assets but who were not identified as a component of a single Qualified Bid consisting of such multiple Bids, to participate in the Auction and to submit higher or otherwise better Bids that in subsequent rounds of bidding may be considered, together with other Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets, as part of such a single Qualified Bid for Overbid (as defined herein) purposes.

Between the date that the Debtors notify an Acceptable Bidder that it is a Qualified Bidder and the Auction, the Debtors may discuss, negotiate, or seek clarification of any Qualified Bid from a Qualified Bidder. Without the prior written consent of the Debtors (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents), a Qualified Bidder may not modify, amend, or withdraw its Qualified Bid, except for proposed amendments to increase the consideration contemplated by, or otherwise improve the terms of, the Qualified Bid, during the period that such Qualified Bid remains binding as specified in these Bidding Procedures; provided that any Qualified Bid may be improved at the Auction as set forth herein. Any improved Qualified Bid must continue to comply with the requirements for Qualified Bids set forth in these Bidding Procedures.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors reserve the right (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) to work with (a) Acceptable Bidders to aggregate two or more Bids into a single consolidated Qualified Bid prior to the Bid

Deadline or (b) Qualified Bidders to aggregate two or more Qualified Bids into a single Qualifying Bid prior to the conclusion of the Auction. The Debtors reserve the right to cooperate with any Acceptable Bidder in advance of the Auction to cure any deficiencies in a Bid that is not initially deemed to be a Qualified Bid. The Debtors may accept a single Qualified Bid or multiple Bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Assets such that, if the multiple Bids were taken together in the aggregate, they would otherwise meet the standards for a single Qualified Bid (in which event those multiple Acceptable Bidders shall be treated as a single Qualified Bidder for purposes of the Auction).

Each Qualified Bidder shall comply with all reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access requested by the Debtors or their advisors regarding the ability of such Qualified Bidder to consummate its contemplated transaction. Failure by a Qualified Bidder to comply with such reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access may be a basis for the Debtors to determine that such Acceptable Bidder is no longer a Qualified Bidder or that a Bid made by such Acceptable Bidder is not a Qualified Bid.

VII. RIGHT TO CREDIT BID.

Any Qualified Bidder who has a valid and perfected lien on any Assets of the Debtors' estates (a "Secured Creditor") shall have the right to credit bid all or a portion of the value of such Secured Creditor's claims within the meaning of section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that a Secured Creditor shall have the right to credit bid its claim only with respect to the collateral by which such Secured Creditor is secured.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Term Agent or its designee, the DIP Administrative Agent, and the Prepetition ABL Administrative Agent (each as defined in the First Day Declaration), on behalf of those Term Loan Lenders, DIP Lenders, and Prepetition ABL Lenders (each as defined in the First Day Declaration), shall be deemed to be a Qualified Bidder and, subject to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, may submit a credit bid of all or any portion of the aggregate amount of such Term Loan Lenders', DIP Lenders', or Prepetition ABL Lenders' secured claims pursuant to section 363(k) at any time during the Auction and any such credit bid will be considered a Qualified Bid, unless otherwise ordered by the Court for cause; *provided* that in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement, the Consenting Term Lenders shall not submit a bid that exceeds the value of the Reserve Price (as defined in the Plan Support Agreement) in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement.

Any credit bid submitted by a Secured Creditor shall be subject in each case to the rights and duties of the parties under the Intercreditor Agreement and Prepetition Documents (as defined in the DIP Orders) and to the provision of consideration sufficient to pay in full in cash all claims for which there are any senior liens on the collateral Assets included in such Bid that are senior in priority to those of the party seeking to credit bid (unless such senior lien holder consents to alternative treatment)that is subject to the credit bid.

VIII. STALKING HORSE BID AND BID PROTECTIONS.

Upon entry of the Order, at any time until two (2) business days prior to the Auction, the Debtors shall be authorized, but not obligated, in an exercise of their business judgment, and in

consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, to (a) select one or more Acceptable Bidders to act as a stalking horse bidder in connection with the Auction (the "<u>Stalking Horse Bidder</u>") and (b) in connection with any stalking horse agreement with a Stalking Horse Bidder, (x) provide a breakup fee, (y) agree to reimburse the reasonable and documented out of pocket fees and expenses and/or (z) agree to pay a "work fee" or other similar cash fee ((x)-(z) collectively, the "<u>Bid Protections</u>"); *provided*, however, that any Bid Protections are reasonably acceptable to the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents.³ Any such stalking horse Bid Protections are authorized pursuant to the Order.

IX. THE AUCTION.

If the Debtors receive more than one Qualified Bid for any particular Asset or portion of Assets, the Debtors shall conduct the Auction to determine the Successful Bidder with respect to such Assets or portion of Assets. If the Debtors do not receive a Qualified Bid for any particular Asset, the Debtors will not conduct the Auction with respect to such Asset in accordance with the Plan Support Agreement.

Absent the Debtors selection of a stalking horse bid pursuant to Section VIII above, no later than two days prior to the Auction, the Debtors will notify all Qualified Bidders of the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid, as determined in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment and in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents (the "Baseline Bid"), and provide copies of the Bid Documents supporting the Baseline Bid to all Qualified Bidders. The determination of which Qualified Bid constitutes the Baseline Bid shall take into account any factors the Debtors reasonably deem relevant to the value of the Qualified Bid to the Debtors' estates, including, but not limited to, among other things: (a) the number, type, and nature of any changes to the Form Purchase Agreement requested by the Qualified Bidder, including the type and portion of the Assets sought and Assumed Obligations to be assumed in the Qualified Bid; (b) the amount and nature of the total consideration; (c) the net economic effect of any changes to the value to be received by the Debtors' estates from the transactions contemplated by the Bid Documents; (d) the tax consequences of such Qualified Bid; and (e) the ability and likelihood to close the transaction contemplated by the Qualified Bid (collectively, the "Bid Assessment Criteria").

D. Auction Participation

1. Time, Date and Location of Auction; Adjournment of Auction; Appearance of Qualified Bidders at Auction. The Auction shall take place at [●] a/p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on [Tuesday, March 31], 2020, at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or such later date, time, and location as designated by the Debtors, after providing notice to the Notice Parties and Qualified Bidders and posting notice of such change on the Debtors' case website: https://dm.epiq11.com/pier1. The Debtors shall have the right to conduct

Prior to giving Bid Protections to Stalking Horse Bidder, the Debtors shall consult with the U.S. Trustee, as well as counsel for an official committee of unsecured creditors should one be appointed in these chapter 11 cases, one (1) day prior to providing Bid Protections pursuant to the Order.

any number of Auctions on that date to accommodate multiple bids that comprise a single Qualified Bid, if the Debtors determine, in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, that conducting such auctions would be in the best interests of the Debtors' estates.

2. Participants and Attendees.⁴ Only Qualified Bidders are eligible to participate in the Auction, subject to other limitations as may be reasonably imposed by the Debtors in accordance with these Bidding Procedures. Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction must appear in person at the Auction, or through a duly authorized representative. The Auction will be conducted openly and all creditors may be permitted to attend; provided that the Debtors may, in their sole and exclusive discretion, establish a reasonable limit on the number of representatives and/or professional advisors that may appear on behalf of or accompany each Qualified Bidder or creditor at the Auction. Any creditor wishing to attend the Auction may do so by contacting, no later than three (3) business days prior to the start of the Auction, the Debtors' advisors.

E. Auction Procedures.

The Debtors (in consultation with their advisors) shall direct and preside over the Auction. At the start of the Auction, the Debtors shall describe the terms of the Baseline Bid. All incremental Bids made thereafter shall be Overbids (as defined below) and shall be made and received on an open basis in the presence of all other Qualified Bidders, and all material terms of each Overbid shall be fully disclosed to all other Qualified Bidders. All Qualified Bidders shall have the right to submit additional bids and make modifications to any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid at the Auction to improve their bids; *provided* that any Overbid made by a Qualified Bidder (including with respect to any Backup Bid (as defined below) must remain open and binding on the Qualified Bidder until and unless the Debtors accept a higher or otherwise better Qualified Bid as the Leading Bid. The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment, negotiate with any and all Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction. The Debtors shall maintain a written transcript of the Auction and of all Bids made and announced at the Auction, including the Baseline Bid, all Overbids, and the Successful Bid (as defined below).

The Auction shall be governed by the following procedures, subject to the Debtors' right to modify such procedures in their reasonable business judgment:

Permitted Attendees. Unless the Bankruptcy Court orders or directs otherwise, only the Debtors' representatives, any other parties that the Debtors have invited specifically, and any Qualified Bidders and the professionals for each of the foregoing shall be entitled to attend the Auction; *provided* that only Qualified Bidders shall be entitled to bid at the Auction. Any permitted attendee may attend the Auction telephonically; provided, further, that such permitted attendee must provide actual notice to Guggenheim, in its capacity as the Debtors' proposed investment banker, that it will make a telephonic appearance at least three (3) business day prior to the Auction. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the Consenting Term Lenders, the DIP Agents, and their professionals shall be entitled to attend the Auction.

- 1. **Baseline Bid as Price Floor**. Bidding shall commence at the amount of the Baseline Bid.
- 2. *Minimum Overbid*. Qualified Bidders may submit successive Bids higher than the previous Bid, based on and increased from the Baseline Bid for the relevant Assets (each such Bid, an "Overbid"). Any Qualified Bidder's initial Overbid and each subsequent Overbid shall be at least a 2% increase in cash, cash equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent, over the previous price (the "Minimum Overbid"). The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment, announce increases or reductions to the Minimum Overbid at any time during the Auction. For the avoidance of doubt, each successive Bid that a Qualified Bidder may submit at the Auction must contain a Purchase Price in cash, cash equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent that exceeds the then existing highest Bid by at least the Minimum Overbid Amount.
- 3. Announcement of Rules. At commencement of the Auction, the Debtors may announce procedural and related rules governing the Auction, including time periods available to all Qualified Bidders to submit successive bid(s).
- 4. *Overbid Alterations*. An Overbid may contain alterations, modifications, additions, or deletions of any terms of the Bid no less favorable to the Debtors' estates than any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid, as determined in the Debtors' business judgment, but shall otherwise comply with the terms of these Bidding Procedures.
- 5. *Highest or Best Offer*. After the first round of bidding and between each subsequent round of bidding, the Debtors shall announce the Bid that they believe in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with their advisors and the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents to be the highest or otherwise best offer for the relevant Assets (the "Leading Bid"). Each round of bidding will conclude after each participating Qualified Bidder has had the opportunity to submit a subsequent Bid with full knowledge of the Leading Bid.
- 6. **Rejection of Bids**. The Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment may reject, at any time before entry of an order of the Court approving a Successful Bid, any Bid that the Debtors determine is (i) inadequate or insufficient, (ii) not in conformity with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bidding Procedures, or the terms and conditions of the Sale, or (iii) contrary to the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other stakeholders.
- 7. Additional Information. The Debtors have the right to request any additional information that will allow the Debtors to make a reasonable

determination as to a Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transactions contemplated by their proposal and any further information that the Debtors believe is reasonably necessary to clarify and evaluate any Bid made by a Qualified Bidder during the Auction.

- 8. *Modification of Procedures*. The Debtors may (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) announce at the Auction modified or additional procedures for conducting the Auction or otherwise modify these Bidding Procedures.
- 9. *No Collusion*. Each Qualified Bidder participating at the Auction will be required to confirm on the record at the Auction that (i) it has not engaged in any collusion with respect to the bidding and (ii) its Qualified Bid is a good-faith *bona fide* offer and it intends to consummate the proposed transaction if selected as the Successful Bidder.

F. Adjournment of the Auction.

The Debtors reserve the right, in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, to adjourn the Auction one or more times to, among other things (i) facilitate discussions between the Debtors and Qualified Bidders, (ii) allow Qualified Bidders to consider how they wish to proceed, and (iii) provide Qualified Bidders the opportunity to provide the Debtors with such additional evidence as the Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment, may require, that the Qualified Bidder has sufficient internal resources or has received sufficient non-contingent debt or equity funding commitments to consummate the proposed Sale Transaction(s) at the prevailing Bid amount.

G. Successful Bidder.

Immediately prior to the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors shall (i) determine, consistent with these Bidding Procedures and upon consultation with their advisors and the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents, which Bid constitutes the highest or otherwise best bid(s) for the applicable Assets (each such Bid, a "Successful Bid") using the Bid Assessment Criteria; and (ii) notify all Qualified Bidders at the Auction for the applicable Assets of the identity of the Qualified Bidder that submitted the Successful Bid (each such Qualified Bidder, the "Successful Bidder") and the amount of the Purchase Price and other material terms of the Successful Bid. The terms of the Successful Bid shall be acceptable to the DIP Agents and shall, among other things, provide for cash proceeds in an amount sufficient to repay in full in cash the outstanding DIP Obligations under the DIP Documents (each as defined in the DIP Orders) and all of the Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Orders), to the extent any Prepetition ABL Obligations are still outstanding; provided that if more than one Bid provides for payment in full in cash of the outstanding DIP Obligations, then the Debtors shall not be required to consult with the DIP Agents in selecting the Successful Bid.

The Debtors shall file a notice identifying the Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder (if selected) by 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is one business day following the date the Auction is closed.

H. Backup Bidder.

Notwithstanding anything in these Bidding Procedures to the contrary, if an Auction is conducted, the Qualified Bidder with the next-highest or otherwise second-best Qualified Bid at the Auction for the Assets, as determined by the Debtors in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (the "Backup Bid"), shall be required to serve as a backup bidder and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents (the "Backup Bidder"), and each Qualified Bidder shall agree and be deemed to agree to be the Backup Bidder if so designated. The terms of the Backup Bid shall be acceptable to the DIP Agents and shall, among other things, provide for cash proceeds in an amount sufficient to repay in full in cash the outstanding DIP Obligations under the DIP Documents (each as defined in the DIP Orders) and all of the Prepetition ABL Obligations (as defined in the DIP Orders), to the extent any Prepetition ABL Obligations are still outstanding.

The identity of the Backup Bidder and the amount and material terms of the Qualified Bid of the Backup Bidder shall be announced by the Debtors at the conclusion of the Auction at the same time the Debtors announce the identity of the Successful Bidder.

If a Successful Bidder fails to consummate the approved transactions contemplated by its Successful Bid, the Debtors may select the Backup Bidder as the Successful Bidder, and such Backup Bidder shall be deemed a Successful Bidder for all purposes. The Debtors will be authorized, but not required, to consummate all transactions contemplated by the Bid of such Backup Bidder without further order of the Court or notice to any party.

X. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL BID.

The Debtors' presentation of a particular Successful Bid to the Court for approval does not constitute the Debtors' acceptance of such Qualified Bid. The Debtors will be deemed to have accepted a Bid only when the Bid has been approved by the Court at the Sale/Confirmation Hearing (as defined below) and in accordance with the Plan. The Debtors shall seek approval by the Court to consummate the Backup Bid, solely in the event the Successful Bidder fails to close the transaction as required and with all rights reserved against the Successful Bidder.

XI. FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY AND ALL ENCUMBRANCES.

Except as provided for in a Successful Bidder's Form Purchase Agreement, all rights, titles and interests in and to the Assets subject thereto shall be sold free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances (collectively, the "Encumbrances"), subject only to the Assumed Liabilities (as defined in the Successful Bidder's purchase agreement), if any, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 363(f), with such Encumbrances to attach to the net proceeds (if any) received by the Debtors from the Sale of the Assets in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, applicable non-bankruptcy law and any prior orders of the Court.

XII. DIP ORDERS.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Bidding Procedures or otherwise: (i) the right of the DIP Agents to consent to the sale of any portion of their collateral, including, without limitation, any Assets, on terms and conditions acceptable to the DIP Agents, are hereby expressly reserved and not modified, waived or impaired in any way by these Bidding Procedures; (ii) unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all cash proceeds generated from the sale of any Assets shall be paid to the DIP Administrative Agent upon the closing of such sale for permanent application against the obligations owing by the Debtors under the DIP Documents in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP Order and the DIP Documents and thereafter, against the obligations owing by the Debtors under the Prepetition ABL Documents (to the extent any such obligations are still outstanding), in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Prepetition ABL Documents, until such time as all DIP Obligations and Prepetition ABL Obligations have been paid in full in cash in accordance with the terms and conditions of the DIP Documents, the DIP Order and the Prepetition ABL Documents, as applicable; and (iii) nothing in these Bidding Procedures shall amend, modify, or impair any provision of the DIP Order, or the rights of the Debtors or the DIP Agents or DIP Lenders thereunder.

XIII. COMMISSIONS.

The Debtors shall be under no obligation to pay commission to any agent(s), advisor(s), or broker(s), except, with respect to Guggenheim Securities, LLC ("Guggenheim"), as investment banker. All commissions, fees, or expenses for agents, other than Guggenheim, may be paid by bidders at such bidder's discretion. In no case shall any commissions, fees, or expenses be deducted from any proceeds derived from the Sale of the Assets or the agreed Successful Bid other than to the extent set forth in the Order.

XIV. NOTICE PARTIES.

The term "Notice Parties" as used in these Bidding Procedures shall mean:

- (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, York, New York 10022, Attn: Joshua Sussberg New (joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com), Emily Geier (emily.geier@kirkland.com), and (annelyse.gains@kirkland.com) AnnElyse Scarlett Gains and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Joshua M. Altman (josh.altman@kirkland.com);
- (ii) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kutak Rock LLP, 901 East Byrd Street, Suite Condyles 1000. Richmond. Virginia, 23219. Attn: Michael (michael.condyles@kutakrock.com), Peter Barrett (peter.barrett@kutakrock.com), Williams Jeremy (jeremy.williams@kutakrock.com), and Brian Richardson (brian.richardson@kutakrock.com);
- (iii) the Debtors' proposed investment banker, Guggenheim Securities, LLC, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Durc Savini

- (durc.savini@guggenheimpartners.com),AdamRifkin(adam.rifkin@guggenheimpartners.com),StuartErickson(stuart.erickson@guggenheimpartners.com),and HendAbdallah(hend.abdallah@guggenheimpartners.com);
- (iv) co-counsel to the DIP Agents, Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attn: Marjorie S. Crider (Marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com);
- (v) co-counsel to the DIP Agents, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Attn: Tyler P. Brown (tpbrown@huntonAK.com) and Justin Paget (jpaget@huntonAK.com);
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- counsel to the Consenting Term Lenders, Brown Rudnick LLP, Seven Times (vii) Square, York, New York 10036, Robert Stark Attn: (rstark@brownrudnick.com), and Brown Rudnick LLP, One Financial Center, Boston. Massachusetts 02111. Sharon Dwoskin Attn: (sdwoskin@brownrudnick.com); and
- (viii) the U.S. Trustee.

XV. SALE/CONFIRMATION HEARING.

A hearing to consider confirmation of a plan, including approval of the sale of the Debtors' Assets to the Successful Bidder(s), or Backup Bidder(s) (if applicable) (the "Sale/Confirmation Hearing") is currently scheduled to take place on **Thursday**, **April 23**, **2020**, at [●], (prevailing Eastern Time), before the Honorable [●], at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division, 701 East Broad Street, Suite 4000, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or such other date and time that the Court may later direct and as agreed upon by the Debtors.

The Sale/Confirmation Hearing may be continued to a later date by the Debtors (in consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents) by sending notice prior to, or making an announcement at, the Sale/Confirmation Hearing. No further notice of any such continuance will be required to be provided to any party.

XVI. RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

The Deposit of the Successful Bidder shall be applied to the Purchase Price of such transaction at closing. The Deposits for each Qualified Bidder shall be held in one or more accounts on terms acceptable to the Debtors in their sole discretion and shall be returned (other than with respect to the Successful Bidder and the Backup Bidder) on or before the date that is five business days after the Auction.

The Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be held in escrow until the closing of the Sale with the Successful Bidder. In the event the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the Sale Transaction(s) set forth in the Successful Bid and the Debtors opt to close on the Sale Transaction(s) set forth in the Backup Bid, the Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be applied to the Purchase Price of such transaction(s) at closing. In the event of a breach or failure to consummate a Sale by the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder, as applicable, the defaulting Successful Bidder's Deposit or Backup Bidder's Deposit, as applicable, shall be forfeited to the Debtors, and the Debtors specifically reserve the right to seek all available remedies against the defaulting Successful Bidder or Backup Bidder, as applicable.

XVII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

The Debtors reserve their rights to modify these Bidding Procedures in their reasonable business judgment and upon consultation with the Consenting Term Lenders and the DIP Agents in any manner that will best promote the goals of the bidding process, or impose, at or prior to the conclusion of the Auction, additional customary terms and conditions on the sale of the Assets, including, without limitation: (a) extending the deadlines set forth in these Bidding Procedures; (b) adjourning the Auction at the Auction and/or adjourning the Sale/Confirmation Hearing without further notice; (c) adding procedural rules that are reasonably necessary or advisable under the circumstances for conducting the Auction; (d) canceling the Auction; and (e) rejecting any or all Bids or Qualified Bids.

XVIII. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.

All Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders, and Qualified Bidders shall be deemed to have consented to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court and waived any right to a jury trial in connection with any disputes relating to the Auction, the construction and enforcement of these Bidding Procedures, and/or the Bid Documents, as applicable.

XIX. FIDUCIARY OUT.

Nothing in these Bidding Procedures shall require the Debtors' (or any other debtors') management or board of directors to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to these Bidding Procedures when the Debtors' management or board of directors (or other debtors' management or board of directors) determine, based on the advice of their counsel, that taking such action or refraining from taking such action, as applicable, is required to comply with applicable law or their fiduciary obligations under applicable law.

Exhibit 1

Form Purchase Agreement

(Affixed to **Exhibit 1** to the Proposed Order)

Exhibit C

Provision for Transfer Agreement

The undersigned (" Transferee ") hereby acknowled the Plan Support Agreement, dated as of (the "Imports, Inc. and its affiliates and subsidiaries bound thereto including the transferor to the Transferee of any Term Lou" Transferor "), and agrees to be bound by the terms and Transferor was thereby bound, and shall be deemed a "Cotterms of the Agreement.	Agreement"), 1 by and among Pier 1 o and the Consenting Term Lenders, oan Claims (each such transferor, a conditions thereof to the extent the	
The Transferee specifically agrees to be bound be Agreement and makes all representations and warranties con Transfer, including the agreement to be bound by the vote of before the effectiveness of the Transfer discussed herein.	ntained therein as of the date of the	
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Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on Account of:		
Term Loan		
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¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall having the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

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THIS IS EXHIBIT "BB" REFERRED TO IN THE AFFIDAVIT OF GRAEME ROTRAND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS $18^{\rm TH}$ DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC., et al.,1) Case No. 20-30805 (KRH)
Debtors.) (Joint Administration Requested)

ORDER AUTHORIZING PIER 1 IMPORTS, INC. TO ACT AS FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE ON BEHALF OF THE DEBTORS' ESTATES

Upon the motion (the "<u>Motion</u>")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>"): (a) authorizing Pier 1 Imports, Inc. ("<u>Pier 1</u>") to act as a Foreign Representative on behalf of the Debtors' estates in the Canadian Proceedings; (b) authorizing Pier 1 to seek recognition by the Canadian Court of these chapter 11

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief* filed contemporaneously herewith. The location of the Debtors' service address is 100 Pier 1 Place, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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cases and the orders made by the Court in these chapter 11 cases; (c) requesting that the Canadian Court lend assistance to this Court; (d) granting any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that Pier 1 deems just and proper in the furtherance of the protection of the Debtors' estates; and (e) obtaining related relief; all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, dated August 15, 1984; and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections to the Motion or the relief requested therein, if any, that have not been made, withdrawn, waived, or settled, and all reservations of rights included therein, hereby are overruled on the merits.

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- 3. Notice of the Motion was proper, timely, adequate and sufficient under the particular circumstances.
- 4. Debtor Pier 1 is hereby authorized to (a) act as the Foreign Representative of the Debtors; (b) seek recognition of these chapter 11 cases in the Canadian Proceeding; (c) request that the Canadian Court lend assistance to this Court in protecting the property of the estates; and (d) seek any other appropriate relief from the Canadian Court that Pier 1 deems just and proper in the furtherance of the protection of the Debtors' estates.
- 5. This Court requests the aid and assistance of the Canadian Court to recognize these chapter 11 cases as a "foreign main proceeding" and Pier 1 as a "foreign representative" pursuant to the CCAA, and to recognize and give full force and effect in all provinces and territories of Canada to this Order.
- 6. For the purposes of communicating with the Canadian Court (should it be necessary), this Court may utilize the *Guidelines for Communications and Cooperation between Courts in Cross-Border Insolvency Matters* issued by the Judicial Insolvency Network as this Court determines is just and proper.
- 7. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall constitute, nor is it intended to constitute, an admission as to the validity or priority of any claim or lien against the Debtors, a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim or lien, or the assumption or adoption of any agreement, contract, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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9. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate

the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

10. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice

of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Bankruptcy Rules

are satisfied by such notice.

Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order 11.

are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief

granted in this Order.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or

related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: Feb 18 2020

/s/ Kevin R. Huennekens

Richmond, Virginia

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Entered on Docket: Feb 18 2020

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<u>CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT</u> <u>UNDER LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 9022-1(C)</u>

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

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